

MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
August, 1951

1. CRYPTONYM BGFIND		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH EE-1		3. COUNTRY(S) Albania		4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION	
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5. PLAN							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC		<input type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY		<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT	
6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT		<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY		<input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY		<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF SERVICES	
7. PHASE							
<input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL		<input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING		<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED	
8. FUNDING							
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE		OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH		FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE		UNOBLIGATED BAL	
9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE		
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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

OPERATIONS

a. Infiltration:

(1) One six man team entered Albania on foot during the night of 9-10 August 1951. The guide who led them through the border area returned and reported that the infiltration had been successful.

(2) Two sources have reported that a four man team parachuted into southern Albania from the OPC covert aircraft on 22-23 July was ambushed on 27 July by Albanian security forces. Both sources reported that one agent was killed, two committed suicide and one escaped the ambush. This team is said to have been betrayed by a shepherd.

(3) Another four man team parachuted into Albania on the night of 22-23 July, infiltrated over the Greek border intact on the 15th of August. This team had lost all the containers dropped with it, and was forced to leave Albania because of lack of food. The members of the team will be reinfilitrated during the month of September, depending on their morale (currently good) at that time.

(4) As of the end of August, a total of twelve agents are in Albania, a two man team and a four man team in the north, and a six man team in the south.

b. Supply Drops:

(1) An attempt to resupply a four man team in southern Albania on 11 August was unsuccessful due to weather conditions. A second attempt on 12 August was also unsuccessful as no reception lights were sighted. During the course of this mission enemy antiaircraft fire was encountered and a hostile aircraft sighted in the vicinity of the drop zone. A third attempt to resupply this team, planned for the following night, was cancelled due to the enemy activity previously encountered.

(2) On 16-17 August a resupply mission was flown to the two teams in northern Albania. Ten containers were dropped to the two man team after prearranged signals on the ground had been recognized. Because no signals were seen at the sites for the four man team drop zones, no drop was made to this team.

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3. An attempted resupply drop by the OPC covert plane to an OSO team in south central Albania on the night of 22-23 August was unsuccessful because no recognition signals were sighted.

4. An attempt to drop supplies to the six man team operating in Southern Albania on the night of 25-26 September was unsuccessful. Although there is little information available on this mission, it is assumed that recognition signals were not detected.

5. To recapitulate, of five supply missions flown during the month of August, one was unsuccessful due to weather, one due to hostile counteraction, and two because no recognition signals were sighted. A mission on 16-17 August successfully dropped supplies to one team, but failed to detect signals at the drop zones for the other.

Training:

1. An operational training course at the BCFIEND covert school commenced on the 13th of August. The trainees in this course will be ready for infiltration by the middle of September. Among these trainees are W/T operators trained by BCFIEND. One W/T operator will be dropped with each of the teams to be infiltrated in September, and one operator will be dropped to each of two teams already in the field. Recent reports suggest that there is some question as to whether or not these W/T operators are thoroughly trained. If it is determined that more training is required for them, the infiltration of these operators will be postponed until October.

Propaganda:

1. Shqipëria, the semi-monthly newspaper of the National Committee for a Free Albania, was published on schedule during the month of August.

2. A leaflet, in the form of a miniature Shqipëria, has been approved for air drop over Albania. The feature article on this leaflet is an answer to a leaflet distributed by the Yugoslav controlled League of Albanian Political Refugees in early June.

3. The first phase of the BCFIEND propaganda supply drop campaign has been approved. Action is underway to procure 30,000 sacks, each containing 1 lb. of white flour, to be dropped over Albania from OPC covert planes. Each bag will contain a propaganda leaflet. Test drops of these bags have been successfully completed.

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1. It is anticipated that the assignment of W/T operators to the agent teams now in Albania and those soon to be infiltrated will substantially increase the usefulness of these teams. The voice radio sets supplied to our teams in the past have been proven totally inadequate and communications between our teams and their field station has been limited to carriers. As soon as W/T operators are established in the field, the number of unsuccessful supply drops should decrease considerably because [redacted] can be advised when teams are unable to meet supply drop schedules. Hoisting devices are also being sent to the field in an effort to minimize the number of unsuccessful drops.

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