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SECURITY INFORMATION

SYNOPSIS OF BGFIEND FOR BRIEFING OF  
GENERAL ROBERTS

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One of the OPC activities centered in Greece is the operation against Albania, BGFIEND, which is designed to render Albania useless to the Soviet Union.

Utilizing the National Committee for Free Albania as a cover for the majority of its activities in this project, OPC pursues a closely coordinated program of political and psychological warfare to accomplish its objectives. This program presently follows ~~two~~<sup>4</sup> distinct lines.

a. The establishment and maintenance of 50 agents inside the country whose present mission is to develop a cohesive effective resistance network with the primary objective of maintaining and broadening the present state of unrest inside Albania. To accomplish this objective, these agents who enter Albania by infiltration across the Greek-Albanian frontier or by parachute from the OPC covert plane which is based in Greece are instructed to contact known resistance elements, recruit potential resistance leaders, locate drop zones for receipt of additional men and supplies, establish safe houses and escape and evasion routes. Prior to infiltration from Greece, these agents have completed a training course at the BGFIEND covert school in Germany. Candidates for BGFIEND operations are recruited by NCFAs from various European refugee centers after screening by a CIA assessment team and then are sent to a Guard Company in Germany prior to movement to the training facilities. At present two separate agent teams are operating in the northern part in Albania. One of these has been established since May of 1951, and reports receiving widespread support from the local population.

b. The establishment and exploitation of propaganda media. The well rounded P/W campaign includes a shortwave radio broadcasting program which began operations in September, 1951 in the name of the National Committee, bi-monthly publication of the committee newspaper Shqipëria, and air drops of propaganda leaflets by covert OPC aircraft based in Greece. In addition, a letter writing campaign is part of the P/W program, and air drops of scarce consumer goods such as food stuffs and medicine, are being planned.

C. ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF NCFAs  
AS A COVER FOR OPC OPERATIONS AND AS  
A PROPAGANDA SYMBOL AROUND WHICH THE  
ALBANIA PARTIES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR  
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