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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT: Conversations with Department of State on
18 October 1951 - Current Status of BGFIEND

1. Since the last discussion of the BGFIEND operation with interested officials in the Department of State on September 6, the following changes have occurred:

INFILTRATION

10 additional agents have been infiltrated into the country. We now have three teams in Albania that are known to be operative. Each of these teams includes a W/T operator. For the first time in BGFIEND operations, W/T contact with agents is possible. A fourth team, dropped into Albania last summer, may still be active although we have received no communication from it since its infiltration.

PROPAGANDA

The BGFIEND clandestine radio, Voice of Free Albania went on the air 18 September 1951. Preliminary reports indicate that the broadcasts are being heard and well received by the Albanian populace.

LEAFLET DROP

The OPC covert plane dropped miniature editions of the NCFA newspaper Shqiperia over Albania on 17 September 1951. The feature article in this edition of the paper was a reply to the Yugoslav Prizren League leaflet dropped over Albania earlier in the summer. The Yugoslav leaflet had cast dispersions on the motivation of the NCFA. On 28/29 September, an unmarked British aircraft dropped leaflets over Albania.

PROPAGANDA SUPPLY CAMPAIGN

On 13 September, Hasan Dosti, Chairman of the NCFA, sent a commercial cable to Enver Hoxha offering aid to oppressed Albanians in the form of food, clothing and medicines, provided Hoxha would agree to the disposition of this aid by an impartial international group. In anticipation of Hoxha's ignoring this cable or refusing the assistance, 30,000 bags of white flour are being prepared to be dropped by plane over Albania prior to the end of the year. Leaflets with the NCFA symbol, which will be included in the bags of flour, warn against contamination by Albanian authorities and quote the

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text of the Dosti cable to explain the drop. Additional propaganda supply drops are now in the planning stages. Small chutes and containers have been tested and are now in production for these drops. The containers will be packed with tin cans filled with such things as thread, needles, knives and other items which are now scarce in Albania. Another phase of the program underway is preparation of a leaflet which will have a package of needles attached as a token of NCFA support of the people. The text of this leaflet will also feature the Dosti telegram and reiterate the determination of NCFA to bring aid to Albania despite the fact Hoxha ignored the generous offer of NCFA.

2. Questions to be Asked the Department of State:

a. Is active consideration being given to the feasibility of requesting the Greek Government to issue a statement regarding the territorial integrity of the Greek-Albanian frontier, or a statement to the effect that the Greek Government will abide by the result of an U.N. inquiry into this thorny problem?

b. Does the Department of State anticipate requesting Tito to make a public statement subscribing to the territorial integrity of Albania?

3. Special Points for Discussion:

a. Appropriate State Department officials should be advised of current British thinking regarding their VALUABLE project. Recent cables indicate that the British believe that 1952 is the last year that their operation can continue at its present pace. Following next years activities, the operation must be either sharply curtailed or expanded into a full-fledged effort to overthrow the Hoxha regime. This subject will shortly come under consideration in London when the CIA Deputy Director (Plans) discusses the Albanian operation with British SIS officials and will also be on the agenda on the forthcoming BGFRIEND/VALUABLE operational meeting scheduled to be held in Rome on October 22. OPC's present position is contrary to the British view. This office does not feel the time is ripe for an examination of the project beyond 1952 and until BGFRIEND has accomplished its present objectives. It is anticipated our activities will progress at a slightly accelerated pace in 1952 to enable BGFRIEND to attain its objective of establishing 50 agents inside Albania. Our experience has shown that we can expect British policy reviews of a theoretical nature on an annual basis. To date these reviews have proven to be academic and have not resulted in alteration of the objectives of the VALUABLE operation.



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