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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ROBERT P. JOYCE  
POLICY PLANNING STAFF  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Destruction of OPC Agents by Albanian Security Forces.

REFERENCE: Dept. of State Telegram #563 from Belgrade dated 26 October 1951.

1. It is assumed that the source of reference is a Radio Tirana broadcast. This broadcast of 24 October 1951 reported the "annihilation of 13 ..... spies dropped by parachute on Albanian territory by United States Espionage Services." Eight of the thirteen spies were mentioned by name. Seven of the eight mentioned have been identified as OPC agents. The attached map depicts all OPC teams in Albania at the time of the report and the location of those agents reported killed.

2. The successful counteraction of Albanian Security forces may be attributed to one or a combination of the following:

a. A penetration of the NOFA, the Athens field station, or the OPC training facilities in Germany.

b. A more effective Albanian security force than has been indicated in intelligence reports to date. (This possibility is strengthened by the recently reported apprehension in Albania of over forty agents of other nations.)

c. A need for more thorough agent training.

d. A need for higher calibre agents.

3. The following decisions have been made to date in an attempt to prevent future OPC agent casualties:

a. The covert training site for agents will be moved.

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b. No element of

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b. No element of the National Committee for a Free Albania will be consulted concerning recruitment or planning for 1952 operations.

c. No men will be selected from the Albanian guard company in Germany for agent training. This guard company has been the chief source of OPC agents in the past.

d. Those agents already trained but not yet infiltrated will be disposed of.

4. The field has been asked to report on the feasibility of giving lie detector tests to all agent selections prior to their movement to the covert training school.

5. More detailed plans for future infiltration operations will be available after consultation with [redacted] Chief EE-1 upon his return from a current field trip.

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Deputy Assistant Director  
for Policy Coordination

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