

**MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT  
FOR MONTH OF  
November 1951**

1. CRYPTONYM <b>BOFIEND</b>		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <b>EE-I</b>	3. COUNTRY(S) <b>Albania</b>	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION	
				PERCENT	DATE
5. PLAN					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	POLITICAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	ECONOMIC	<input checked="" 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 BALANCE	
				<b>minus</b>	
9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE	
		<b>2105-K</b>	<b>67A-2</b>		
1. COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)					

**DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007**

**A. OPERATIONS**

**1. Infiltration**

No agents have been infiltrated during the month of November.

**2. Exfiltration**

Three members of the five-man Chestnut Tree Team parachuted near the town of Peshkopeja in Northeastern Albania arrived in Greece on 31 October. They reported that two members of their team had been separated from them in a running gun battle with security forces and that they did not know the fate of these two men. In a radio Tirana broadcast on 24 October 1951 it was reported that Eysen Salka, parachuted into Albania by the "United States Espionage Services", had been killed by the state security forces. Salka was the Chestnut Tree Team leader. Because the three exfiltrates were only in Albania for three days, their mission yielded little material of intelligence value.

**3. Supply drops**

Because of adverse weather conditions in Albania, and w/T instructions from the Pine Tree Team, no supply drops have been made during the month of November.

**4. Training**

Six Albanians are undergoing w/T training in Germany.

**5. Recruiting**

No recruiting activities have been reported during the month of November.

**6. Status of Operation**

a. There may now be two OPC teams in Albania. One, the three-man Walnut Tr

**SECRET**

- 2 -

**SECURITY INFORMATION**

Team dropped at the mouth of the Shkumbi River in central Albania on 14 October with a W/T set, has not yet been heard from. The other, the four-man Pine Tree Team operating in the area of Kukes in Northeastern Albania, made W/T contact with headquarters on the 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 14th of November. The team advised that half the supplies dropped to them on the 15th of October fell into the hands of the security forces, and stated that one Mator Jabique was captured by the Communists. (Jabique presumably was a local follower of the team). Their messages further indicated that their location was unfit for drops due to the wet snow and fog. They cabled they were moving to lower ground, and requested more schmeisers, food and winter clothing. They asked not to be dropped more than seven containers because they could not now distribute the supplies among their friends. Three unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact the Pine Tree Team by radio since 14 November.

**B. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE**

**1. Clandestine Radio Station**

The OPC transmitter located near Athens is making daily broadcasts as "The Voice of Free Albania". The Voice of Free Albania broadcasted a special program on 28 November in recognition of "Dite Flamurit", Albanian Independence Day. (See paragraph E below).

**2. Publications**

a. Shqipëria - Issues of the National Committee for a Free Albania newspaper Shqipëria were published on the 1st, 15th and 28th of this month. The publication of 28 November was a special issue observing National Independence Day. (See paragraph E below).

b. NCPA Newsletter. The first issue of the NCPA English language monthly newsletter was published in Rome on the 28th of November in conjunction with the Albanian celebration of National Independence Day there. (See paragraph E below). This publication is part of the current BOFIEND publicity program to marshall increasing support for the NCPA among Albanian exile groups. It is designed to acquaint the Western world with the overt activities of the NCPA and to provide news items from behind the iron curtain.

**3. Propaganda Supply Drop**

Although the flight plan for the first of a series of BOFIEND propaganda supply drops scheduled for this month has been approved, the operation was postponed due to adverse weather conditions. The drop will consist of one-pound bags of flour designed for free-fall air dropping. Each bag will contain a propaganda leaflet exploiting the NCPA's unanswered offer of material aid to the ~~Albanian government~~. transmitted by cable to the Tirana Government in late September. It is anticipated that this drop will be made in early December.

**4. Leaflet Drops**

500,000 leaflets entitled "Our Reply to the Communist Terror" that were to have been dropped by a British aircraft, were dropped by the OPC covert plane on

**SECRET**

**SECRET**

- 3 -

**SECURITY INFORMATION**

7 November as the British were unable to make the necessary operational arrangements. This leaflet cautions against premature overt actions in defiance of the communist regime and requests the populace to assist NCFPA agents.

**C. INTELLIGENCE**

1. Radio Tirana has announced the sentences of the four OPC agents recently tried in Tirana. Two of the four received the death sentence which was commuted to life imprisonment, the other two received 20-year sentences.

2. Several reports have been received indicating that the Yugoslavs are intensifying their Albanian agent recruiting program in the Near East.

**D. ADMINISTRATION**

Intelligence Officer. GS-7. departed this month for his assignment as an assistant to OPC Propaganda Officer. [redacted] has replaced [redacted] as administrative officer and cut-out for BOFIEND operations in Rome.

**E. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS**

The National Committee for a Free Albania observed Dite Flamurit, National Independence Day on 28 November 1951. Every attempt was made to exploit this observance from the publicity standpoint to enhance the stature of the Committee and confirm its position as the most powerful organization of Albanian exiles. The BOFIEND clandestine radio station, Voice of Free Albania, broadcast a special program commemorating Independence Day. 166 guests including 17 press representatives assembled at a reception given by the NCFPA in Rome to hear this broadcast. Radio Free Albania, the Albanian language section of Radio Free Europe, broadcast two programs on the 28th of November. One of these broadcasts featured speeches by members of the National Committee in Rome, the other broadcast highlighted talks by Messrs. Dosti and Pali and Dr. Kotta, members of the executive committee of the NCFPA currently in New York. The Voice of America made mention of the National Committee's observance of Independence Day. Officials of the United States and British Embassies in Rome attended the committee reception there. This reception was highlighted by the release of the first NCFPA newsletter.

Hasan Dosti, Nucci Kotta and Zef Pali, members of the executive committee of the NCFPA, were hosts at a small reception in New York City for executives of the NCFE and members of the Albanian colony in New York.

For publicity purposes, telegrams of greeting were sent by the NCFPA to the following people:

Anthony Eden  
Dean Acheson  
Governor Dever of Massachusetts  
Governor Dewey of New York  
Governor Williams of Michigan  
Mayor Impellitteri of N.Y.C.  
General Douglas MacArthur

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer  
General George C. Marshall  
Senator Conally  
Senator McMahon  
Senator Lodge  
Senator Robert A. Taft  
Senator Irving Ives

**SECRET**

**SECRET**  
- 4 -  
**SECURITY INFORMATION**

General Lucius D. Clay  
General Carl Spaatz  
William Green  
Walter Reuther

Senator Herbert Lehman

Telegrams of invitation were sent to the following press organizations:

New York Times  
New York Herald Tribune  
Philadelphia Bulletin  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
Boston Herald  
Boston Globe  
Boston Post

Christian Science Monitor  
Detroit Free Press  
Life Magazine  
Associated Press  
United Press  
International News Service

A presshandout was prepared for distribution at the reception and some newspaper recognition of the event was secured.

In a telegram to the NCFAs headquarters in New York, James E. Webb, Under Secretary of State, acknowledged the NCFAs greeting to Acheson on behalf of the Secretary of State. Anthony Eden, presently in Rome, sent a letter of congratulations to the NCFAs headquarters there. This high-level recognition of the Committee will be publicized by our NCFAs propaganda media.

**SECRET**