

7 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF SE DIVISION

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities of SE/PC/1

1. The activities of SE-^{pc} during this past month have been handicapped in the field of agent infiltration and resupply by the Balkan winter, which has rendered operations into Albania all but impracticable. Several attempts were made to infiltrate a four-man team into the southeastern quadrant of the country to determine the reaction to a December propaganda supply drop, but none was successful, and it has been decided to postpone this type of operation until the cold weather breaks. One air penetration of the country was successful, however, and a thousand packages of propaganda supplies and more than 200,000 leaflets were dropped into Tirana and northern Albania on the 21st of January.

2. On the political front, Radio Free Albania continued daily broadcasts, the semi-monthly newspaper Shqipëria continued to publish -- but now from Rome, instead of New York. The change in location, it is believed, has already resulted in higher quality and a fresher outlook from an editorial point of view. Within the National Committee itself, our pressure for a broadening of the political base of this association continued, as did the resistance to this reform of the largest political party, which opposes any possibility of a dilution of its influence. The Committee, however, continues to function as a viable base for our propaganda offensive against this satellite.

3. The branch continued to press for a final liquidation of Project BGSPEED, and prospective customers for the project's main physical asset, the M/V Juanita, are being contacted. It will be late spring, however, before this matter is finally disposed of.

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MONTHLY REPORT - BOFIEND

Accomplishments.

(1) Paramilitary

a. Enumeration.

1. Several attempts to infiltrate a four-man team into the area of Korca in Southeastern Albania were unsuccessful due to heavy snows in the area. The mission of this team was to determine the reaction to the first BOFIEND propaganda supply drop at Korca on 19 December 1951. It was decided to postpone the infiltration of this team until early spring and the advent of favorable weather conditions.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Teams	0	0	6
Infiltrates	0	0	39
Exfiltrates	0	4	7
Defected to Yugo.	0	0	6
Captured	0	0	4
Killed	0	0	6
Status Unknown	3	3	3

2. Exfiltration. A secret ink letter has recently been received from the four-man team that has been operating in the area of Kukës in northern Albania during the summer and fall of 1951. The letter advises that all four members of the team are wintering in Prizren, Yugoslavia and intend to reenter Albania in the spring. They requested, and are being sent, food parcels

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and money to sustain them during the remainder of their stay in Yugoslavia. Because of weather conditions it will be impossible to send a contact mission to this team until spring.

3. One three-man team dropped in West Central Albania last October has not yet been heard from.

4. No supply drops were attempted during the month of January.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Supply missions	0	0	13
Supply missions successful	0	0	4
Total Weight	0	0	4 tons.

(2) Political

a. Enumeration.

1. Psychological Warfare. The Voice of Free Albania, the BOFIEND clandestine radio station near Athens, is continuing to pursue its daily broadcasting schedule.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current No.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Broadcast Days	31	31	135

2. Publications. The first edition of the NCFAs semi-monthly newspaper Shqiperia to be printed in Rome was published on the first of January.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Shqiperia (issues)	2	2	33

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3. The third issue of the NCPA newsletter, published on the fifth of January, contained a plea to Greece, Yugoslavia, and Italy to pledge their agreement in principle to an independent Albania. This item received considerable attention in the Western press. The newsletter is published irregularly in English, French and Italian.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Newsletter	1	1	3

4. The second propaganda supply drop was effective on the night of 21 January over northern Albania. The towns of Scutari, Kukes, Butkë, and Tirana were among the targets. Supplies included nine hundred cans of scarce consumer goods and 250 bags containing one pound of flour each.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Prop/Supply Cans	900	800	1700
Flour bags	250	500	750

5. A leaflet drop mission scheduled for this month was combined with the Propaganda Supply drop discussed in Paragraph 5 above due to poor weather conditions over the target country during this month. 208,000 double cartoon leaflets and 5,000 copies of Shqipëria were distributed. An additional joint Propaganda Supply and Leaflet drop is planned for the southern part of Albania as soon as weather permits.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Leaflet	213,000	0	3,713,000

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6. Political Developments. Ishan Toptoni, a member of the General Committee of the NCFPA attended a meeting of the European movement which convened on the 20th of January in London.

7. Intelligence. The League of Albanian Political Exiles in Yugoslavia formed at Prishtine on 10 May 1951 is reported to have begun dissemination of a new Publication, "Flag of Freedom" which has the apparent policy of supporting the Albanian people in their struggle against the tyranny of the Hoxha government.

8. During the month BOFIEND field officers reported differences with British were increasing. Indications exist that suggest the British are pursuing a policy of unilateral action in respect to the National Committee for a Free Albania.

(3) Economic.

No report.

(4) Support.

a. Enumeration

1. Training. The assignment of Ibrahim Kelmendi and Adem Selini to the ZRELOPE school in the United States was cancelled at the last minute. The cancellation resulted from the inability of the members of the NCFPA to agree on the final selection of these two individuals.

2. Recruiting. A

a. An Albanian border guide has been recruited as a support agent for future overland infiltrations.

b. The British Service has offered to provide BOFIEND with three W/T students whose training is said to be three-

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quarters completed. Action is under way to test the physical and mental capabilities of the three British trainees. If it is determined they are properly qualified, the British offer will be accepted and training will be completed at the covert W/T training school in Germany.

g. The ZRELOPE recruitment staff has been advised of BGFRIEND's 1952 requirements and is providing necessary support to the project.

3. Disposal. Twenty Albanian graduates of the covert training school that were being held in Athens were returned to the Guard Company on 16 January. This disposal action was taken in an effort to increase the security of future FRIEND infiltration operations.

4. Administration. [] present BGFRIEND Deputy Project Chief [] is now in Washington for reassignment to BGCORVOY as Project Chief []

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