

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD <b>June 1953</b>			
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED	
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base	a. Program	b. Project
	<b>BQFIEND</b>	<b>SE-1</b>		<b>Albania</b>			<b>22 June 194</b>
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER		
			<b>1311-J</b>	<b>8366</b>			
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT							
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING							
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	
U.S. -----		<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>				
FOREIGN NAT'L -----		<b>63</b>	<b>2</b>				
TOTAL		<b>85</b>	<b>17</b>	[ ]		[ ]	
11. Summary							
<p>The segment of the Apple Team, now designated Apple/3, which began exfiltrating to Greece on 12 May, continued its trek to the border. The team reported by W/T that on 5 June they ran into an ambush and one member, the guide, was wounded. In spite of these wounds and the illness of the team leader and two other members the team refused to remain in Albania to await medicine and has proceeded on toward Greece. No W/T contact has been made since 17 June, when the team reported that it was 10-15 miles from the Greek border. The fact that the team has neither exfiltrated nor reported since that date is considered an indication that serious trouble has been encountered.</p> <p>On 4 June, four agents, known as Orange Team, with 250 pounds of supplies were dropped to Apple/2, the reconstituted Apple base team which is to remain in Albania. The mission as scheduled was to infiltrate two teams of three men each. However, due to the hesitation of one of the men, two men of the second (Plum) team and their supplies could not be dropped. On 10 June Apple/2 reported they had had no contact with the four men dropped and that on 5 June Communist forces were seen at the drop zone. On 25 June Apple/2 reported receipt of word through friends that the Orange Team is in the Mirdita area, which is the area in which the Plum Team was to have operated. It appears that the one member of Plum who is now with Orange has assumed leadership of the team. Confirmation of the team's whereabouts will be sought by Apple/2.</p> <p>Work on the island training site near Athens, which was scheduled to be completed by 15 June, is believed to have been finished.</p> <p>On 1 June the clandestine radio added a daily broadcast to its schedule bringing the total to four a day. Beginning 1 June the high power transmitters are being used for all broadcasts instead of just for one morning program as in the past.</p> <p><u>Shqipëria</u>, the NCPA semi-monthly newspaper, was printed on schedule. 50,000 copies of the miniature edition were printed and sent to Athens for use in air drops over Albania.</p> <p>The <u>Albanian News Bulletin</u>, printed irregularly in Rome in English, French and Italian, published its 18th issue on 13 May.</p>							

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