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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT: Daily Log

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[] reports a successful airdrop over Albania of approximately 500,000 leaflets on the night of 15 July. The leaflets, designed to exploit the Balkan Pact, were dropped along roads, highways and lighted areas. Apart from encountering two searchlights, neither of which was able to locate the aircraft, the flight was uneventful. [] 79, IN 42240; dtd 16 July 1953)

[] cables that a story, which 16 passed to the Trieste radio via the USIS, to the effect that the leader of the Trieste Gominform Party, Vidali, was known to be closely associated with Lavrenti Beria and his early purge could therefore be expected, has been picked up and expanded by other independent outlets. The two Yugoslav radios, Capodistria and Belgrade, immediately used the story, as did the Corriere della Sera, a leading Italian daily, which published the account with a London dateline. In view of the snowball effect of the Vidali piece, the field indicates it plans to systematize its collaboration with USIS in operations of this type. [] 1074, IN 42273; dtd 16 July 1953)

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