

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1953	
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY	
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base
	BOFIEND	SE-1		Albania	
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER
			1311-J	8366	
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		9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE		10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE	
U.S.	O/S	U.S.			
	<u>22</u>	<u>1</u>			
FOREIGN NAT'L	<u>63</u>	<u>2</u>			
TOTAL	<u>85</u>	<u>3</u>	\$		\$

11. Summary

Mission and Plan

Utilization of all available covert assets to exploit the resistance potential in Albania, undermine the Soviet power complex, develop a covert offensive in support of U.S. policy aims in the Balkans, and when feasible support a coup d'etat to replace the Communist regime with one acceptable to the West.

Summary

Paramilitary

1. On the night of 5/6 July, the 5-man Willow Team was infiltrated without incident into the Korce-Pogradec area. The Willow Team established an intelligence network when first infiltrated into Albania in June 1952 and regularly reentered Albania to collect information and service their dead drops until their last exfiltration on 27 October 1952. The team mission was to reestablish contact with members of the existing network and to expand it during the 1953 operational season. The team exfiltrated on 26 July and reported that security controls had been increased. They obtained some useful propaganda material and operational information.
2. On 22 July, a resupply drop to the Apple/2 base team located northeast of Tirana, was completed successfully. Five resupply bundles weighing a total of 900 pounds were dropped. A previous attempt at resupply on the night of 3/4 July aborted due to weather. Nothing has been heard from the Apple/3 Team which was exfiltrating to Greece and was last in W/T contact on 17 June.
3. The British 5-man Lucid Team was infiltrated into Albania on 19 July and exfiltrated on 27 July due to the illness of the team leader. There was one clear W/T contact with the team while it was in Albania but the British report that nothing was accomplished.

Political-Psychological

1. On the night of 15 July, an airdrop of approximately 500,000 leaflets took place. The leaflets, designed to exploit the Balkan Pact implications, 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.

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* Total SE PP, PM and Admin allotment 24 July - \$288,450.00 2. The clandestine (not further broken down)

2. The clandestine radio, Voice of Free Albania, maintained a regular broadcast schedule using high power transmitters for all broadcasts. The current purges in the Soviet Union and the unrest in the Satellites were exploited in the programs. An agent team which infiltrated on 26 July reported that the radio was very audible in the Korce area.

3. The NGFA semi-monthly newspaper, Shqipëria, was printed in Rome on schedule. 50,000 copies of the miniature edition were printed in Washington and sent to Athens to be air-dropped over Albania.