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1. Program Content

Beria's downfall and predictions of repercussions in the Albanian Communist hierarchy, the continued disturbances in the satellites with highlights on the events centering around the food sent by the U.S. to Eastern Germany, the hailing of the Korean peace treaty as a victory of the UN in frustrating the evil designs of the Soviet Union, and a new hope for the Albanian people since more attention could now be given by the Free World to the problems of the European satellites were stressed by HTGRUBBY during this period as part of its "external news."

The future of Albania after its liberation, the shakiness of the Communist regime as a result of recent worldwide blows to Communism and recent internal changes within the Albanian Communist administrative structure, and the refutation and ridiculing of Hoxha's speech to the popular assembly were the more important internal topics treated by HTGRUBBY. In addition to several appeals made to the army and other sections of the Albanian people with emphasis on the necessity for unified actions, a strong appeal for defections among leading Albanian Communists was made on 12 August and will be repeated several times per week.

2. Transmission

HTGRUBBY completed its fourth month of daily uninterrupted broadcasts over the 2500 watt transmitters.

3. Reception and Internal Effect

Willow reported HTGRUBBY was clearly audible in the Korca area, and the monitoring reports from Bari continue to indicate the usual very good reception there. As yet intelligence reports have not supplied any evidence to permit evaluation of HTGRUBBY's effectiveness with the populace, however, the defection appeal now being made should produce information which will give some indication of HTGRUBBY's value in the psychological warfare.

4. Mail Campaign

On [redacted] recommendation a new letter campaign has been initiated with emphasis on Albanian Legation members abroad, and the first of these letters was given to Willow who reported that the compromising letter addressed to Javer Male, Press Attache in Paris, was handed over to a cutout in the Korca district who promised to mail it as soon as possible. Several other letters will be sent in with teams in the near future.

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The workload on the HTGRUBBY staff members continues to be quite heavy since RNADUANA is still limited in his ability to work, and [redacted] has had to transfer more of his script writing assignments and editing to other members of the staff since he has been given the additional duties of carriage testing members of the [redacted] (staff connected with N.C.F.A. duties, as well as helping in the editing, translating, and printing work arising out of the intensified leaflet campaign. Fortunately, OC's have been granted to all five of the HTGRUBBY candidates, and [redacted] has recommended all five of these candidates be sent here as soon as Greek visas are granted them. The arrival of these new members will enable the staff to resume script translations, spend more time writing scripts in the form of dialogues and plays, commence writing the booklet on "Communism in Albania", interrogate refugees more thoroughly for propaganda material for use by the Propaganda Committee in Rome as well as HTGRUBBY, and to go on their vacation leaves which most of them have never been able to take from the time they first received assignments on HTGRUBBY.

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