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SUBJECT: HTGRUBBY Monthly Report, 15 August to 15 September 1953

1. Program content

The external topics given prominence during this period included the purges in North Korea, the Bucharest festival, the Soviet note on East Germany, the increased number of articles in the American and Free World press on the liberation of Albania, commemoration of the Stalin-Hitler pact and its connection with the new Soviet-East German protocol, Soviet refusal of the Austrian Peace Treaty, six-month anniversary of Stalin's death, Sec. Dulles' speech, election in Western Germany and the increased isolation of Albania and its disregard by the Soviets as shown by the Bulgarian overtures to the West.

Among the internal items stressed this period were the suppression of religious holidays by the Communist regime, the fourth anniversary of the founding of the N.C.F.A., anniversary of the founding of "ZERI I POPULLIT", Soviet-Albanian peace month, Levickin and his new servile Haxhi Lleshi, and the real meaning behind the new Communist decrees abolishing old agricultural debts and allowing more private industry.

The number of weekly appeals to the Communists was increased to an average of over two per week, and the defection appeal first transmitted on 12 August was repeated several times during this period.

2. Transmission

HTGRUBBY continued to transmit daily at four different periods of the day over two different frequencies simultaneously. In addition, since jamming commenced on 26 August, HTGRUBBY is being repeated once or twice after each regular broadcast as a counter-jamming measure.

3. Reception and internal effect

Since the 26th of August practically every HTGRUBBY transmission has been heavily jammed. Como turned over our request for locating the jammers over to the Greek D-F station who unfortunately were not able to give us any conclusive results but who expressed the opinion that the jammers came from Bulgaria. We disagree with this opinion because it was noticed that the jammers hit HTGRUBBY not only on scheduled periods but also on the very first day it was repeated after the scheduled broadcast. We believe that since HTGRUBBY is beamed toward Albania that only there, and not in Bulgaria, would it be audible enough to alert the jammer even when it was transmitting at an unscheduled period. It was also noted that the jamming is deliberate since it comes on a few minutes after the program begins and goes off a

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minute or so after the program ends. In addition the report from Bari indicates that the jamming is even more effective there than here in Athens thus tending to confirm our opinion that the jammers are inside Albania, and not in Bulgaria.

The operations section has promised to query Fig Team on HTGRUBBY reception and the effectiveness of jamming inside Albania as soon as possible. A radio was also procured for [] so that he too could give us a spot summary of the reception of HTGRUBBY []

Naturally, we are encouraged by all the attention HTGRUBBY is getting from the jammers, especially since VOA, BBC and SGRIND are seldom jammed, however, we are somewhat concerned about the effectiveness of our evasion measures. Commo has, of course, promised to do everything they can to counteract the jamming, but we fear that the Albanian Communists have assigned two or three jammers to work full time on HTGRUBBY and our evasion tactics are not effective much of the time because the proximity of our own transmitters to the evasion monitor precludes accurate judging as to when to shift our own transmission.

4. Leaflet campaign and BQHEGOOD operations

The recent step-up in leaflet campaign and BQHEGOOD drops has resulted in the necessity of taking inventory of our BQHEGOOD resources, leaflets, and planning for future drops. In all of this work [] has been ably assisted by [] who is quite familiar with this type of work. In addition, for the past few weeks [] has been rendering valuable assistance by handling some of the administration details connected with HTGRUBBY and the Lavrion interrogation center.

For the future, it is planned not to continue food drops after the supply in storage gives out because of the many security and other problems connected in the purchase of food in Greece, but rather to concentrate on dropping clothing materials since the N.C.F.A. welfare office here already has several outlets where it can purchase these materials without arousing suspicion and at a moderate price. Plans also include purchasing small items such as razor blades and soap in Germany in sterile packages.

Below is a record of leaflet drops for this period:

22-23 August - 300,000 copies of 15th August issue of Albanian News Summary
25-26 August - 400 lbs. of N.C.F.A. symbol leaflet (ungummed)
9-10 September - 300,000 copies of 1st September Albanian News Summary
75,000 copies of needle leaflet
350,000 copies of defection leaflet.

5. Personnel

The arrival of AIKERF has increased the HTGRUBBY staff to full complement and will enable the staff to again submit translations of HTGRUBBY scripts to Headquarters on a regular basis as of the 14th of September. AIRLESS has received his visa to the United States and expects to depart within one month. RNADUANA

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continues to be out most of the time with his heart ailment, and although his membership on the HTGRUBBY staff was a desirable one for political and morale purposes, it appears that he may have to be released unless the prospects for his recovery improve. Loring is on a two week leave where he is receiving treatment for his rheumatism at Edspos. He still expects to leave by the end of this year. No shortage of personnel is feared, however, since AIPOET, AICADE, AINEAM, and AILCOM have been operationally cleared, and after initial difficulties we now expect favorable action on their visas from the Greek authorities. AILAMP has been dropped from the list of HTGRUBBY candidates since his addition can not really be justified at this time, and since he was the last to be considered as a candidate and is an Italian citizen. Identity (1) is also expected to arrive in Greece shortly and will be utilized as a clerk-typist for HTGRUBBY and to aid the BGFIEND intelligence backlog until his visa to Italy can be secured by Gallegly.

[] interviewed AIQUAD for propaganda material as well as with an eye to his suitability for work on HTGRUBBY and was favorably impressed with his background, information and ability. It is contemplated to use him as a contributor to HTGRUBBY, in the manner that Identity (2) is used, when he gets his provisional clearance. If he works out well and an operational clearance is granted, he may be added to the HTGRUBBY staff, if the need arises.

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Identity (1) Enis Risvani

Identity (2) Andou Konomi

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