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- Defection Leaflet

References: OIRA-1184
DIR-17347

1. We have read carefully the text of the defection leaflet forwarded in the first reference. Although we agree with the basic idea, we feel, as pointed out in the second reference, that the tone and certain details of the content could be improved:

- As written, the leaflet does not have the emotional tone of typical Albanian writing. At present, there is no "Dear brothers and sisters," no "We send embraces," no "Love and kisses." The absence of such expressions indicates that an Albanian did not compose the text.
- The leaflet would appear to commit the psychological mistake of making a highly dangerous proposal in the name of a group of people living in safety without recognizing the risk the reader is being asked to assume. The leaflet could usefully make acknowledgement of the fact that it is not an easy matter for an Albanian to defect. It also seems unrealistic to tell Albanians to seek refuge in several inaccessible offices of HTNEIGH. We might expect an adverse reaction on the part of the reader, who could conceivably feel that the authors of the leaflet did not have their feet on the ground. In order to accent the proximity of HTNEIGH, one might change page 1b, paragraph 3 along some such lines as:

"Make your plans without delay to reach one of our offices in the free world. Our closest offices are in Athens, Rome, Bari, and Trieste. Dear brothers and sisters escape from the hangman's noose and start your secret journey..."

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c. Although we recognize that the Communist leaders are the target, we feel that the lower echelons should possibly be given some further attention. They might be told that we know most of them were forced by circumstance to join the party, and if their hands are free of blood, they will always be welcomed by HMMIGH.

2. The suggestion is thrown into the hopper for whatever use you may wish to make of it that in the format of the leaflet, the "Message to Non-Communist Albanians" be set apart by a change in type or color. This will further distinguish the non-Communists from their enemies.

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