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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT : Daily Log

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[ ] reports that during the attempted leaflet drop and resupply mission to the Zogist Albanian base team on 23/24 October, the covert C-47 was fired upon from a total of seven anti-aircraft positions while above the team's DZ at an initial altitude of 300 feet. Although it is not known how long the Zogist team has been under control, it is believed to have been for several months. In their debriefing, the covert air crew reported that as the plane crossed the "T" at an airspeed of 105 mph, two anti-aircraft batteries opened fire. Take-off power was immediately applied and the aircraft banked to the right, at which time an additional five anti-aircraft positions began firing. Although the left engine was hit by one shell and was put out of commission, the pilot showed "exceptional skill" and was able to escape on one engine. The enemy's failure to use tracers in their anti-aircraft fire is said to have been a contributing factor. The damage to the aircraft later proved to be negligible. The field, which has continued to monitor the base circuit on a daily basis, requested headquarters' approval to cancel the circuit, [ ] 5345, dated 6 Nov 53, IN 32334; [ ] 5357, dtd 7 Nov 53, IN 32571; Daily Log 27 Oct 53, Item 2.)

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