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SPECIFIC— OBOPUS Monthly Survey Report, 15 September - 14 October 1953

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1. Personnel

The OBOPUS staff lost two members during the review period. [] completed two years of service abroad on September 29 and departed for Headquarters on 3 October. His contract with KIRARK extends to 30 November. [] was followed on 8 October by [] who had completed two years service with OBOPUS. The loss of two Albanian speakers puts a burden on the activities of the operations and psych staff, but the effect is not as serious as it might be if the departure of these men had come at the height of the operational season.

2. Air Operations

a. On 19 September the covert aircraft resupplied Apple/2 in the Mati area and then proceeded North to the island D/Z on the Drin River in the Shkoder area where ALLION had been instructed to standby for resupply in the September moon period. Reception fires were sighted and a token drop was made. P/W material was included in the cargo and was scattered per our usual routine.

b. A demonstration resupply drop was flown on 2 October at OBATLANTIS.

3. Operations

a. Apple Tree/2

(1) The following contacts were made with Apple/2 during this report period:

Contact	Date	Document number
166	15 September	SGAA-6125, 1865
167	17 September	SGAA-6125, 1865
168	19 September	SGAA-6125, 1865
169	19 September	SGAA-6125, 365
170	22 September	SGAA-6444, 970
171	26 September	SGAA-6444, 970

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172	29 September	SGAA-6444, 970
173	1 October	SGAA-6444, 970
174	4 October	SGAA-6444, 970
175	13 October	SGAA-6604, 5195
176	14 October	SGAA-6728, 5195

(2) Although the volume of traffic returned to normal proportions after the resupply operation on 19 September, message content was almost exclusively devoted to operational problems. Apple/2 reported that friends in the area were insisting on exfiltrating with them and requested a supply drop with clothing and food for their friends prior to beginning exfiltration. As reported in our previous monthly survey report, Apple/2 is undertaking a very difficult journey but if OBOPUS is to ever revitalize this team and get at the bottom of the control question, we must press this exfiltration operation unstintingly.

b. Fig Tree

(1) The following contacts were made with Fig Tree from 11 September through the report period:

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Document number</u>
1	11 September	SGAA-6049, 4748
2	13 September	SGAA-6049, 4860
3	16 September	SGAA-6126, 4860
4	17 September	SGAA-6126, 4860
5	19 September	SGAA-6126, 860
6	25 September	SGAA-6445, 4972
7	26 September	SGAA-6445, 4972
8	2 October	SGAA-6445, 087
9	10 October	5196*

* Message transmitted blind by base but no receipt received from field.

(2) Fig has lived up to expectations after its delayed infiltration and has successfully established itself in its operating area. Conditions are reported to be difficult but this has not prevented the team from picking up where it left off in 1952 with its contacts. In W/T traffic the team has made a conscientious effort to advise base of developments of interest in its area.

c. Throttler

This team is being held intact in Patras. A sea infiltration operation has been under consideration primarily to give the crew of the vessel and the team operational experience in this type of operation, but as of the writing of

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this report

this report plans have been abandoned because of advancing winter weather which has driven shepherds out of high country to lower altitudes where Throttler would operate. As reported previously, we plan to hold this team for the future and hope to improve their capabilities. Headquarters will be kept fully informed of our work with agent personnel during the off season.

d. Willow

Unfortunately, for reasons outlined in the previous monthly report, we were unable to mount this team on its second 1953 mission.

e. Observant

GADUNCE continues his routine duties. Because of a dearth of refugees he has been working in GALATEA's office on old reports.

f. Oblavate

GACCENT continues to report on activities in Lavrion. This agent is interested in emigration, and we are posing no objections. It is not anticipated he will leave in the immediate future.

g. AILION

During the month the Operations Section made a concerted follow up to previous efforts to establish contact with AILION in Northern Albania. As reported above reception fires were sighted and a token drop was made on 19 September. After a thorough, careful interrogation by [] it was determined AIQUAD was of no operational value on the operation confirming earlier opinions. The alternative is contact with Zef Shllaku in Austria; we have urged his release by the British regularly from the time we learned from AIQUAD of Zef's part in the Belgrade discussions with AILION. To follow this up first hand, [] flew to Austria at the close of the report period to further efforts to get this Albanian. Prior to his departure for London and points North, [] was permitted to interrogate AIQUAD for two days in early October.

h. AIBICE

No progress to date in placing AIBICE.

4. OBATLANTIS

A group of 10 - 12 members of the various operations desks visited OBATLANTIS on October 2/3 to get a first hand picture of the installation. A feature of the visit was a resupply drop which was completed per schedule. A well constructed building formerly used as a chicken coop has been made available to us for additional storage space.

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5. []

The establishment of a W/T circuit with [] and the exfiltration of Kuci were the important developments of the review period.

6. Psychological Warfare Activities

Please see attachment to SGAA-6554, KAPOK-2068, 20 October 1953 and the Air Operations Section of this report. We are particularly encouraged by a variety of reports indicating that the program is being heard despite jamming. [] was on leave during part of this period and [] took over the direction of HTGRUBBY. Greater emphasis is presently being put on determining audience reaction to our P/W material than hitherto. No particular reaction has been felt to salary cuts to date.

7. Action Outstanding - Washington

a. [] promotion - SGAA-5605, 20 August 1953 *held over T.O.*

b. Clarification [] status - our last action was taken by [] on his visit to Headquarters. *NOTIFIED BY GADUNCE 22 OCT 53 DIR 22 257*

c. Headquarters' comments on utilization of GADUNCE on shipping project - SGAA-5928, KAPOK-1950, 5 September 1953.

[] discussions with [] and [] in London were most helpful and provided OBOPUS with general directions for future activities which are greatly appreciated.

8. Action Outstanding []

a. Preparation of plans for 1954 operations.

b. Further analysis Apple/2 control.

c. Establishment closer control over expenses and reduction of OBOPUS Athens expenditures wherever possible.

d. Submission additional samples of lek to Headquarters.

e. Completion report on AIQUAD.

13 November 1953

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