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MEMORANDUM TO: [redacted]
VIA: [redacted]
FROM: [redacted]
SUBJECT: OROPUS Psychological Warfare Activities During the Period 15 October to 15 November 1953

1. HTGRUBBY Program Content

Among the items stressed over HTGRUBBY this period were included several talks on the necessity for unified action by the Albanian people, refutation of Bashkimi's claim that Albania has a right to be admitted to the UN, General Gruenther's visit to Greece and its implication, the increased aid and consideration being given iron curtain country refugees, the Soviet protest to Greece over the U.S. treaty with Greece, the deep indignation of the free world over Communist atrocities in the Korean conflict, answer to Radio Tirane's claim that the Balkan Pact could not endure, and news of recent escapees from iron curtain countries. Members of the Albanian Communist party were informed from time to time that the opportunity to defect to the free world still existed.

2. HTGRUBBY transmission

HTGRUBBY extended its transmission record to eight months of maintaining four regular daily transmissions over two frequencies simultaneously. In addition, as one of the counter-jamming measures, each regular broadcast is followed by one repetition of the program.

3. Leaflet and BOMBGOOD Activities

The last monthly report neglected to mention that on the 19th of September the following leaflets were released over Albania as part of a cover drop to AILION and Apple/2.

Miniature copies of Shqipëria (April edition - contents are still pertinent 615 lbs.

NGFA Symbol Leaflet - 125,000

Defection Leaflet - 140,000

Needle Leaflets - 80 lbs.

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On 23 October, during the cover drop to resupply Apple/2 the aircraft had dropped about one half of its cargo of 300,000 copies of "The People's Revenge" leaflet before it was damaged by anti-aircraft fire, and the remaining leaflets were thrown out over the sea enroute to Italy.

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The 1 November issue of OBEEK together with 750 cans of food which is approximately one half of the remaining inventory and 250,000 copies of a leaflet which warns of possible food tampering by the Communists are scheduled to be dropped on 21 November. The delay in this drop has been caused by Air Support's decision that hereafter it will fly missions only during the full moon phases.

Packaged articles, including razor blades, cloth and cloth products, soap etc., have been purchased in Germany and will be prepared for future drops by stamping or by insertion of leaflets within each package.

4. Mail Campaign

[] returned the six letters of Miha Lako and these letters were consequently sent to Vienna station who had indicated they could handle the letters there just as in the case of the previous six letters we had sent to them.

5. Reception and Effect

In addition to Fig's report already transmitted to Headquarters, monitoring reports from Bari indicate that at least one HTGRUBBY transmission during the day is usually audible there, in spite of heavy jamming.

[] who has time to listen only to the morning transmission of HTGRUBBY, reports that audibility there up to the end of October was changeable varying from very clear to almost inaudible, because of heavy jamming. However, since the end of October, Comso has adopted excellent evasion methods judging by our monitoring here in Athens. We still await monitoring reports from Bari and [] from the end of October.

6. Personnel

RNADUA NA has finally returned to full duties as a result of an improvement in his heart condition, and since his writing abilities are limited, [] has assigned him to translations. AIKERF is handling the operational and welfare funds competently but to date has been unable to do any writing whatsoever. Fortunately, [] and Loring have been able to continue their comparatively prolific production, and with material submitted by AIQUAD, the staff is able to handle the HTGRUBBY and other psychological activities without much difficulty. The only new personnel actually needed will be a replacement for Loring, whose date of departure is still undetermined, and two men to aid in preparation of OBEEK which was informed would be written and printed here in Athens sometime after the first of the year.

We recommend that, if possible, two individuals from the Rome staff who have had experience on OBEEK be transferred to Athens, rather than hiring any new candidates, especially since some members of the Rome staff may have to be released from duties there.

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[] is scheduled to depart for home leave about the first of December and during his departure [] and [] will, of course, assume major direction of OBOPUS Psych activities while [] various other duties will be distributed among [] and []

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