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1. Following is the full text of AIRCERT's letter:

"a. We are in agreement with your latest proposals that the release of the re-organisation news in Italy should be made through the medium of a press conference. We also strongly support your idea of offering an olive branch to the Priaren Committee without mentioning that body by name. We should like to see this course adopted.

"b. RNLUMPIT has informed us that he and [ ] are also thinking in terms of the Albanians handing a copy of the official communique to the Italian Foreign Office several hours in advance of the general release. We would like to see this accepted, as a gesture of politeness to the Italians.

"c. We are not however very clear about parallel procedure in Athens. We have just received a telegram to the effect that the local KUBARK/JAVELIN representatives are agreed on a joint approach to the Greeks. The problem is not the same as in Rome and I should be grateful to learn urgently whether KUBARK approve this course or whether the press release procedure should also apply to Athens. Our feeling is that a press release in Athens would be useful, but should be preceded by the joint official approach to the Greeks. Who would handle the press release, if any, in Athens?

"d. It is of course essential that the releases in both Rome and Athens should be co-ordinated and we trust that there will be no divergence in timing."

2. Please advise regarding paragraph 1 c above.

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