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- OBOPUS
- Proposed Field Study of Operational Conditions and Potentialities in Albania

1. It is suggested that the new chief, KUHOOK, [] participate after he arrives in the field, in a study of the operational conditions limiting OBOPUS activities in Albania and the future operational possibilities in that target area. [] is proposed for this duty because of his long familiarity with headquarters thinking on the Albanian problem. We hope that this study will represent a coordinated field appraisal of the fundamental operational problems with regard to Albania and that all the experience gained by the field in the four operational seasons during which infiltrations of Albania of the KUCOWN-KUHOOK type have been carried out will be exploited. The purpose of the study is to provide headquarters with a full analysis of the subject which can be used in establishing future policies with regard to KUBARK capabilities in Albania.

2. There follows a brief check list of points which we hope will be expanded on in the proposed study.

- a. Present KUBARK assets either inside Albania or which are in a position to be deployed on short notice.
- b. Operating conditions in Albania as reflected in the experience of the past operational seasons.
- c. An estimate of existing resistance potential inside the country. Estimate of the effectiveness of Albanian government control.
- d. An estimate of the effectiveness of the Prizren League in clandestine activities directed at the Albanian regime; usefulness of the League in a joint Western semi-covert coup against Albania.
- e. The problem of recruiting qualified agent types.
- f. The potential usefulness of the Guard Company for KUCOWN and KUHOOK operations into Albania.

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3. It is hoped that the report will draw conclusions as to the appropriate level of future activities of this type to be maintained in operations against Albania. We suggest also that the report incorporate as a separate annex the field's considered conclusions on the probability of the detachment of Albania from the Soviet orbit by covert means.

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