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TO : Chief, SE
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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBOPUS/PARAM/KAPOK

SPECIFIC— Handling By KYP of KUBARK Overland Infiltrations

Reference: SGAW-3440, 8 December 1953

1. Regarding your request on general handling by K.Y.P. of OBOPUS operations the following information is herewith presented.

A. The P.K.P. units handle most of K.Y.P. support on infiltration operation. Therefore the P.K.P. officers are told of the desired infiltration routes and approximate exfiltration dates. Nothing is said concerning the mission of OBOPUS teams or their areas of operations.

The P.K.P. units are given a recognition password to facilitate the identification of the team members on their exfiltration and the recognition of non team members accompanying them or who may be sent out separately.

P.K.P. personnel are not informed of the true names of team members or KUBARK officers. Nevertheless the nationality of KUBARK officers is known to them.

B. The K.Y.P. operations section notifies the P.K.P. unit concerned of the impending arrival of an OBOPUS team.

K.Y.P. messages to the P.K.P. units include, we believe, the exact date and time of arrival of the airplane, the number of team members and the code name of the dispatching agency. Upon notification of such an operation the P.K.P. makes all necessary arrangements for the reception of the team such as cleaning of safehouse, removal of other agents from the safe house area, etc.. The P.K.P. C.O. also makes a preliminary survey of certain border sectors if this is requested by special message. The P.K.P. notifies K.Y.P. of any developments concerning the infiltration or exfiltration of an OBOPUS team.

C. The OBOPUS branch officer discusses with the K.Y.P. operations section branch officer general plans for the entire season. Usually the following problems are reviewed:

- Approximate number of missions
- Approximate dates of mounting of missions
- Respective operations areas
- Guides
- Border security
- Team maintenance in P.K.P. units
- Safe houses

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8 or 10 days prior to the mounting of a mission the OBOPUS branch officer with his operations officer notifies the K.Y.P. operations section of the exact date of team's dispatch to the border and of the desired infiltration border area. Maps are consulted and the border security is reviewed. Occasionally the infiltration dates have to be changed to meet with the security requirements of a said area or because K.Y.P. or VALUABLE teams are scheduled for the same area at the same time. We have always found that either because of lack of detailed intelligence in Athens or because of the unforeseen changes of conditions along the border, the K.Y.P. headquarters officers are reluctant to furnish us with specific information on the border situation. This is the principal reason necessitating the presence of KUBARK conducting officers in the P.K.P. units or even further.

D. K.Y.P. support of OBOPUS operations is handled by the P.K.P. units of IOANNINA or KASTORIA. This support consists of the following:

P.K.P. officers receive team and conducting officer in the airfield and conduct them immediately to the OBOPUS safe house or the P. K. P. Unit.

Subsequently a meeting takes place between the OBOPUS conducting officer and the P.K.P. C.O. to review present situation, select infiltration route and discuss all immediate problems pertaining to the operation. The team leader is later invited to attend to the meeting and make his own final plans as to the selection of the infiltration route and also notify the P.K.P. officer of his requirements concerning transportation facilities to the border (mules) and the escorting of the team to the border. The P.K.P. personnel consists of the commanding officer and his assistant, a squad of soldiers, W/T operators and interpreters.

All of them live in the same small area and in more or less primitive conditions. Thus on arrival of a cable virtually everybody present knows that an airplane carrying a KUBARK team is to be expected.

Above personnel have been repeatedly seen by OBOPUS officers, circulating freely in the towns of KASTORIA or IOANNINA.

E. Following are principal personnel directly involved in K.Y.P. support of OBOPUS operations.

1. Col. Xenos, Chief of K.Y.P. Operations Section. He recently replaced Col. Katsiris.
- X 2. Major Dragoumanos, directly responsible for coordination between K.Y.P. and P.K.P. Units.
3. Major Diamandopoulos, former chief operations officer for Albania.

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4. Captain Boutsikas.

5. Captain Lanaras.

F. Following is a list of P.K.P. principal personnel:

IOANNINA P.K.P. Unit

Major George Thomaidis, C. O.

Captain George Skouras.

1st Lieut. Antonias Gikas

Demosthenes Doukas - Interpreter

CASTORIA P.K.P. Unit

Captain Athanasios Balatsos, C. O.

Second in command 1st. Lieutenant Nikolas Zoupos was recently replaced by another lieutenant whose name is unknown to us for the time being

Takis - interpreter

Note: In regard to K.Y.P. handling of OBOPUS operations and in reference to SGAA-6103 (Sept. 21, 1953) para. 4, the procedure suggested by [] was carried out only once, on the mounting of Willow team. Major Diamandopoulos escorted the team to the P.K.P. Unit, in our airplane. His presence in the Unit was looked down upon by the P.K.P. C.O. and his support amounted to nothing.

2. Our former OBOPUS operations officer, [], repeatedly visited the P.K.P. Units and met all of the personnel involved. He therefore may be in a position to furnish any additional information on K.Y.P. and P.K.P. support and procedure. As noted in this paper, our relationship with K.Y.P. on team operations is subject to change. We also feel current practice could be improved. Therefore we will keep your interest in this subject in mind and advise you of changes in procedure and personnel.

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