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SEPARATE COVER

Attachment to SQAA-8955

1. Fiend's Objectives - 1953

- a. Continuation of propaganda and P/W efforts.
- b. Maintenance of N.C.F.A.
- c. Reorganization and broadening of N.C.F.A.
- d. Infiltration of several operational teams to establish contacts within the country, to report on the internal situation, service dead letter drops, and, if possible, establish resistance stand by nets.

2. Fiend's operations - 1953

a. Propaganda and P/W

(1) During the operational year The Voice of Free Albania transmitted its program 4 times daily over 2 different frequencies. The only times the program was not transmitted throughout the year were due to mechanical failures. The main propaganda themes centered around the following topics:

- (a) Death of Stalin and struggle for power.
- (b) Malenkov grasps power from other members of the triumvirate.
- (c) Berlin riots.
- (d) Beria's arrest.
- (e) July government changes and their relation to Soviet satellite policy.
- (f) Failure of Communist system and exploitation of Albania by Soviets.
- (g) Expose of atrocities, government lies, slave labor, and constant decline of standard of living.
- (h) Korean war and negotiation results.
- (i) N.C.F.A. broadening and other activities.
- (j) Defection appeal to Communists and nonCommunists.
- (k) Demunciation of and warnings to Albanian Communists and instruction to Albanian people.

(1) Current world

(1) Current world events.

(2) The main objectives of V.O.F.A. have been to keep hope in the hearts of the Albanian population; assure them that the N.C.F.A. and the Free World are aware of their plight and working for their eventual liberation. Information from refugees and teams, plus various monitoring operations, have confirmed the audibility of V.O.F.A. within the country and that it is continuing to make a good impression on those who have the facilities to listen to The Voice. The Tirana Government proved the effectiveness of V.O.F.A. by beginning jamming.

(3) The installation of more powerful transmitters and better antenna designs have improved the transmission of the broadcasts. Systematic manipulation on the meter band has somewhat decreased the effectiveness of jamming.

(4) (a) Our covert aircraft carried out 5 P/W missions and 4 cover missions during 1953. A total of 3,450,000 leaflets and 300 #2 cans of dried food.

(b) The Fiend Rome representative furnished guidance for the N.C.F.A. propaganda activities, supervised publication of Shqiperia and new monthly Shqiperia leaflet, attempted to control our financial support of N.C.F.A. and its Welfare Fund, and maintained close liaison with the VALUABLE representative in dealing with N.C.F.A.

(c) The N.C.F.A. was broadened in November 1953. As VALUABLE is aware of all the details, no summary will be submitted.

3. Operational Missions:

a. Willow Tree Team

The team infiltrated on 5 July 1953 near Gobel and exfiltrated in the same area on 26 July 1953. The objectives of the team were the servicing of two dead letter drops and making contact with various persons within the country. The team accomplished their mission and subsequently furnished us with various newspapers, documents, food prices, lek and some low grade intelligence.

b. Fig Tree Team

The team infiltrated the night of 7-8 September in the Nikalice area and successfully exfiltrated the nights of 19 and 21 October. Fig Tree's mission was to re-contact the 1952 contacts, increase their resistance net, and W/T communications with base, and gather intelligence. One of Fig's contacts betrayed them and on the 14th of October the team ran into the first

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ambush and a gun battle ensued in which one team member was wounded. One member of the team was separated from the rest and when he realized the situation, he headed for the Greek border and exfiltrated on 19 October. The remainder of the team was again ambushed and another member separated from the group, however, the separated man and the remainder of the team exfiltrated on 21 October.

The team succeeded in making contacts within the country, gathered some intelligence and relayed several useful comments on V.O.F.A. programs.

c. Apple Tree Team

The only new development since the London meeting, when the team's activities were discussed, is the Radio Tirana announcement on 30 December of the capture or death of all but one member of this team.

d. Orange Tree Team

On the night of June 4, 1953 this team was dropped to an Apple Tree Team reception group. No word was heard of the team except that they did not land at the D/Z until the Tirana broadcast, which reported that the entire team was killed upon landing.

e. Plum Tree Team

Only one member of this team was dropped to an Apple Tree reception group on the night of 4 June 1953. The second man of the group refused to jump and also blocked the third man from jumping. Nothing has been heard of the one man who did jump.

f. Throttler Team

The night of 8 August 1953 this team infiltrated into Albania in the Arkhude area. The team's mission was to go to the Sarande area, make contacts there and to gather intelligence. The team exfiltrated on 28 August after making 2 contacts and gathering some intelligence. The team's mission was uneventful.

4. Conclusions of Operations for 1953

All P/W activities showed a definite improvement over previous years. The long desired broadening of the Committee was accomplished though it resulted in the breaking away of certain Balli factions it is believed that the overall effect will prove to be worthwhile. Operationally 1953 proved to be unsuccessful due to the loss of three teams which were composed of high calibre agents. Willow Team was the most successful in that their mission was carried out without incident. The betrayal of Fig may have also resulted in the betrayal of a part of the Fig resistance net. Throttler Team successfully carried out their mission but the calibre of the team and its contacts is considered low.