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KAPOK #358

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ATTN:   
: Chief, SE

- OECOPUS/OBHUNT

- Friday Team

REFERENCES: 1. SCAA-9343, Kapok #2513  
2. DIR-49012  
3. DIR-47745  
4. SCAA-9492  
5. SCAA-4415  
6.   -6944  
7. DIR-49718

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

1. Headquarters wishes to commend Field for the thorough advance planning of the proposed Friday Team operation of first reference. As a result, enough time was available for Headquarters to discuss the operation thoroughly and to offer suggestions and guidance prior to the mounting of the operation.

2. Due to the importance of the security aspect involved in the Friday operation (second and third references) a detailed report would be appreciated on the training RNDOLLAR will receive in establishing the proposed net and also in the servicing of the dead letter-drop in both the sense of security and planning. Naturally, in the end the success of this operation will depend mainly on the training RNDOLLAR receives and on the discretion he uses while on the mission. We feel that RNDOLLAR's experience and ability will enhance the chances of success. However, it might also be worthwhile, if it hasn't already been considered, to brief RNDOLLAR to withdraw from the area of operation if he finds that conditions there are too difficult. Emphasis should also be given to the injunction that he not contact his full-brother and mother if successful contact is made with ALPICEON. As an incidental security matter, we have assumed that no undue emphasis was placed on RNDOLLAR's proposed contacts during the questioning of subject of SCAA-9492 and that the latter's subsequent transfer to Lavrion will not present a security hazard.

3. In order to have an emergency communications link available for the principal agent of Friday Team the following plan is offered for your consideration and comments. The link we propose is a letter-drop in a foreign country, preferably Italy or Turkey, through which Field can communicate directly with the F/A.

We feel that

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We feel that this would be an important and valuable addition to the Friday operation because it could provide another means of (1) transmitting danger signals, (2) forwarding information, and (3) having communications with the principal agent during the winter months if, as appears likely, it should be difficult to service the dead letter-drop during these months. However, there are certain basic considerations which must be carefully studied before any such plan could be accepted. Assuming that the members and known friends of the RINDOLLAR family are watched by the Sigurimi (third reference) we must also assume, unless evidence is found to the contrary, that their mail is censored and probably checked for S/W. In order to check this we can (1) request the principal agent during the first phase of the mission to investigate conditions pertinent to the security of such a plan as far as his own position is involved and (2) if the results of (1) (which will probably be reported during the second phase of the mission,) are favorable, then the principal agent could be alerted to receive and respond properly to an innocent-text letter originated by the Field and mailed from the country in which the letter drop is situated. Upon receipt of the answer, Field should pouch it to Headquarters, where tests can be conducted by KURIOT to determine if or to what extent it has been tampered with. If these tests indicate that no S/W detection methods were employed by the authorities then the principal agent could be given the go-ahead signal to use S/W on this link. This go-ahead signal for S/W can be communicated by an innocent-text code laid on in advance with the P/A. However, even discounting the use of S/W in this correspondence, the P/A if he decides the plan is feasible could be at least instructed in the use of coded words or sentences which would be employed in the open text and which could signify a danger signal or any other information depending on the extent of development Field wishes to make in relation to this plan. We wish to re-emphasize the importance and value of having an ostensibly legitimate channel for maintaining contact with an agent inside Albania and for this reason we would appreciate Field giving serious consideration to the establishment of this letter-drop.

3. With respect to your request on determining the practicability of using newspapers for S/W purposes (section C of paragraph 4 of first reference) successful tests have already been concluded on authentic Albanian newspapers. Instructions and tools required for the S/W method recommended by SAB are presently being prepared and will be forwarded to Field within a few days. We hope this method will prove to be applicable and successful.

4. With further regard to the support of Friday Team it may be appropriate to mention here new developments concerning counter-measures against dogs. We regret to report that several snags have come up in completing a prototype of the container described in the fifth reference. In view of the urgency

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of this matter (ATTN: GORD) KURTOW will conduct tests within a few days using the old "dog-drag" container (a glass tube wrapped with terry cloth) together with the newly-developed and more effective solution. If these tests are successful the materials will be available here by 12 May 1954 and will be forwarded to Field immediately. Due to this unfortunate development, MKTOPAZ in Frankfurt, Germany has been requested to prepare for the Albanian Branch in Athens a supplementary aid which although untested has a relatively good chance of being effective. Field was notified of this and of the date the aid would be available in DIA-49718. This aid consists of a glove encased in a container in such a way as not to leave any scent of the agent(s) handling it when the glove is released. Since the glove will have a scent totally foreign to the agents, a dog following the trail is likely to become confused, especially if the enemy patrol concludes that the glove actually belongs to an agent. Obviously this glove will be used only after the agent is certain that his presence in the area is known to the enemy patrol(s). We hope these two counter-measures will prove helpful and lessen if not eliminate another hazard in border crossings.

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11 May 1954

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