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TO : Chief, SE

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FROM : C

SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBHUNT/OBSIDIOUS

SPECIFIC— OBSIDIOUS Mission Briefing for 19-22 June 1955 Infiltration

REF: SGAA 15892, 31 May 1955

Action Requested: None; for information and files.

Synopsis:

1. Forwarded herewith is OBSIDIOUS briefing for 19 June infiltration, including copies of messages for the principal agent.
2. Listing of equipment furnished team also forwarded.

Briefing:

1. Enclosed herewith is the briefing given to the OBSIDIOUS team prior to its recent infiltration. The briefing is divided into three parts. Part I is the instructions given to both members of the team. Part II contains the operational data, also given to both members of the team. Part III covers the details of the operational plan and were given to RNDOLLAR only.

2. The briefing was first given to the team on Monday, 13 June, at OBATLANTIS by C and C. It was repeated on the 14th and again on the 16th. On the 18th of June, just prior to the rendezvous with HBHADDOCK at Ioannina, C had both men repeat their instructions to him. This they did almost verbatim.

3. Also attached are copies of the messages containing instructions for AIPIGEON. RNDOLLAR was instructed to leave them at the dead drop if he found the drop was in use. If he contacted the principal agent, the messages and container were to be handed to AIPIGEON.

Equipment:

4. Prior to the departure from Athens, the men were dressed in their operational clothing and a recheck was made of both clothing and equipment.

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The check was made for fit, condition and sterility. From the enclosed equipment listing, it can be seen that the men were traveling very lightly.

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Attachment:

- A - General Briefing
- B - Operational Data
- C - RNDOLLAR Briefing
- D - Equipment Listing
- E - Messages for P/A
- F - Translations of Messages

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- 3 - Wash w/atts
- 1 - Vital Documents w/atts A thru D
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- 1 - XO w/atts A thru D (ret)
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PART I, GENERAL BRIEFING

The dates for your mission were selected to take advantage of the maximum hours of darkness available in the month of June. In this period the usable hours of darkness average nine hours per night. Although we are sure you are aware of it, we cannot stress enough the facts that your best friends on this mission are darkness and silence. If you run into trouble, it will be because you have been heard by the enemy, not seen.

If you are certain the Communists know you are in the area you are to return to Greece as soon as possible. It would be foolish to continue, for you would compromise not only yourselves, but your contacts also.

Remember, your mission is much more important than shooting a few unimportant Communists. If you use your weapons you will make any future chances of success in this operation impossible. Your weapons are to be used only as a last resort for self protection.

If you are cut off from the border, attempt to go around rather than shoot your way through.

Your most dangerous time is during the daylight hours. During this time you should only move when absolutely necessary. Do not use your fieldglasses when they can reflect the sun. Also be careful of articles of equipment that might also reflect the sun.

Anything you leave behind you must be buried. Such things as empty cans, paper and excrement leave a trail by which you can be discovered and captured.

Your food is specially selected and consists of concentrated meals high in energy and vitamins. You will get the most benefit from this food if you eat small quantities at frequent times rather than large quantities at infrequent times. This same rule applies to water also.

From the time you are turned over to be escorted by the Greeks you are under  command. His orders and instructions will be final. By now you are well aware of his knowledge of the border and the help he can give you.

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The Greeks have given us valuable assistance. Without their help we could not operate. You are to treat them with every respect. If any trouble arises as a result of your actions, disciplinary action will be taken.

As soon as you leave [ ] , RNDOLLAR will be in command and AIRBLOWN will obey his orders immediately and unquestioningly.

RNDOLLAR is to teach AIRBLOWN the infiltration route and the exact location of the dead drop. He will also be shown the route to the house of the contact.

Your story if captured is that you were trained at the "Ranch" in Glyfada and moved by truck to the border area where you were met by another truck and moved to the border.

Your password for exfiltration is the word "FRIDAY" in Greek.

Anyone else connected with the operation will use the words "GOOD FRIDAY, 1950" in Albanian.

We are now taking the opportunity to prove your efforts in the past were not wasted and worthless. The outcome of this entire operation is dependant on this mission, which will decide whether we are to continue it or not - whether we have been successful or failed. Your loyalty and courageous service to your country has been recorded and appreciated. We wish you luck on this mission.

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PART II OPERATIONAL DATA

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There are no sheepfolds in the area of your infiltration or the dead drop. We have definite information that all sheep brigades have withdrawn to their summer grazing lands. Therefore, if you do hear barking dogs you cannot assume they are shepherds dogs. (A review was given here of border patrol dogs and the use of dog drags and repellents.)

The following are the known border guard posts in your area:

QR 491540 - Turle (Hill 861)  
QR 469529 - Hill 855  
QR 425545 - Bringjes  
QR 394556 - Paganea  
QR 375580 - Orle (Hill 413)  
QR 348592 - Hill 258

It is probable that the border posts have telephone communications with each other and Konispol.

General Border Conditions:

There are known mine fields along the river bed at QR 431541 and QR 440535.

The Konispol border battalion has at least six trained border guard dogs.

During daylight three man patrols patrol the border. The patrols are discontinued at night. The men carry rifles and grenades.

There are about 20 men in each guard post.

There are plowed strips in this area. Be careful of the tracks you may leave.

Avoid the areas of Pagne and Murs.

When it is known that anti-Communists are in the area, the Sigurimi places guards at all water holes.

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The following are known Sigurimi agents:

Kemal Deme

Izet Osman \*

Malio Kalisi

Musa Cevis Veli

Katri Rakipi

Ilma Intris

Salio Ali Koro

Balio Ali Koro \*

Ali Celio Arapi \*

Tefik Sulio

Vito Koro

Gionus Tatari

Bairam Peka \*

Ali Rouxan \*

Servet Hoxha

Gioni Koro \*

Suleiman Lupe

Remzie Nazif Take

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PART III BNDOLLAR BRIEFING

Purpose of Mission:

1. On this mission you are undertaking the following tasks:
  - a. Determine if dead drop is in use.
  - b. Contact the Principal Agent.
  - c. Determine his status.
  - d. Debrief the P/A on work accomplished.
  - e. Improve the dead drop and the safety/danger signal.
  - f. Determine feasibility of an address for emergency communications.
  - g. Establish recognition signal for reserve contact.
2. On the 18th of June you will be taken to the Greek border post of Arkhondi under the cover of darkness to avoid being spotted by the enemy observation posts. During the day of the 19th you will survey the operational area from this spot. If conditions are satisfactory you will infiltrate that night.
3. Your first target will be the dead drop. Remember to approach the area with caution. Check the danger signal, then look carefully for the container. If the container is there, the string will be used to pull the container from its hiding place. You will do this in the manner you have practised.
4. If you find the container, you are not to open it. You will replace it with the one you are carrying and return to Greece immediately.
5. Failing to find anything at the dead drop you will proceed to R-436565 to spend the day in hiding.
6. Leaving the hideout after dark, you will make your way to Fiku Shurit where you will leave all equipment except weapons and canteens.
7. The approach to the house of the P/A will be made by following the path that runs parallel to the main road. AIRBLOWN will be posted at the gate while you proceed to the house. You will arrange signals between yourselves to warn each other of any danger.

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8. You must make every effort to complete all your tasks in one meeting. A second contact will not be arranged unless absolutely necessary.

9. Upon making contact with the Principal Agent you will immediately determine what his position is and if he is still willing and able to work with us for the liberation of Albania.

10. You will question him closely on the work he has accomplished so far. Whom has he contacted? - Whom has he recruited? - Did anyone refuse to work? - What was his method of approach? - What means of communication has been established in the net? - What information has been gathered?

11. If possible, establish a new dead drop site with a new safety/danger signal utilizing the methods that were demonstrated in your training. Remember the following instructions and pass them on to the P/A.

- a. The signal must be a good distance from the D/D.
- b. It must be inconspicuous but unmistakable and not liable to be accidentally removed.
- c. The signal must be set by the P/A after he places material in the D/D.
- d. The signal must be removed by you after you service the drop.
- e. The P/A must leave a message in the D/D -- even if it is only to say he has nothing to report. He must also check the D/D for incoming messages.

12. You will question the P/A on the possibility of his using an address in a western country, preferably U.S. with which he could feasibly carry on a correspondence without arousing the suspicion of the Sigurimi. It is our intention to use such a means to avail the P/A of an emergency method of communicating with us.

13. You are also to establish a method by which it will be possible for the P/A to be contacted by someone not known to him. With such a method the P/A can be assured of the bona fides of the stranger. In

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addition to the system of phrases you have been instructed in we suggest a physical action or item be used in conjunction with the phrases. For instance, the stranger could be carrying a pocket knife in his hand similar to the one you are equipped with. This contact method must be worked out with the P/A and you must be positive you both understand the method selected.

14. Having completed your tasks with the P/A you will return to Fiku Shurit, retrieve your equipment, and proceed to the hideout to spend the daylight hours. At nightfall you will return to Greece, using a slightly different route than your infiltration.

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EQUIPMENT LISTING

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Each of the following items were issued to both team members.

Rucksack, German	1
Trousers, Khaki	1
Shirt, Khaki	1
Jacket, waterproof, zipper	1
Cap, civilian, dark color	1
Undershirt, cotton	2
Undershorts, cotton	2
Socks, wool	2 pr
Belt, leather, trouser	1
Boots, leather	1 pr
Sweater, light wool	1
Machine pistol, Schmeisser	1
Magazines, Schmeisser	7
Pouches, Schmeisser magazine	2
Pistol, Mauser 7.65 w/2 clips and holster	1
Grenade, Hand, Mills	2
Belt, leather, Sam Browne type	1
Knife, hunting w/case	1
Canteen, large	3
Bag, water, plastic	2
Watch, wrist	1
Money belt with gold and lek	1
Dog drag glove	1
"L" Capsule	1

Additional items carried by RMDOLLAR

Container, aluminum, waterproof (painted dark green and containing message)	1
String	50 yds.

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Përvec listit me pyetje që të dorëzuem më përpara. të lutem jep përgjegjje këtyre pyetjeve me hollësi, po t'jetë e mundur:

1. Cfar fakte ose zhurma keni digjuar për Enver Hoxhen? Trego ku i keni marrë këto fakte dhe identifikoni zhurmat.
2. Cfar është hudh në Shqipëri nga aeroplanat e Perëndimit? Cfar është reaksioni i popullit?
3. Cfar fakte ose zhurma janë digjuar mbi marrë-dhenjet mes Shqipëris dhe Jugosllavis?
4. Cfar materjal luftesh janë sjellë në Shqipëri qysh në Shtator të 1954<sup>it</sup>? Aeroplana? Copa të artilleris? Tanksa dhe maqina të armatosura? Kamjona?
5. Sa dhe cfar tipe aeroplanash gjinden në aerodromin e Tiranës? A është tue u zgjatesue aerodromi i Tiranës? A janë bërë ndertime ushtarake afër aerodromit, si për shembull, depoja për benzinë aeroplanash, magazina, dhe kazerma?
6. A është kompletuar aerodromi afër Pezës? Cfar është gjatësija dhe gjerësija e saj? Sa dhe cfar tipe aeroplanash gjinden aty?
7. Cfar dini mbi vapura të tipit nëndetësë në Shqipëri?
8. Emërat, gradat, dhe përgjegjësitat e Rusëve në Durrës dhe Tiranë.
9. PER NUMERIN NJE: Emërat e oficeravet të ushtëris në qarkun e jot.

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In addition to the list of questions we gave you before, please answer the following questions in detail if you can:

1. What facts and rumors have you heard about Hoxha? State your sources for facts and identify rumors as such.
2. What has been dropped into Albania by airplane from the West? What are the people's reaction to these drops?
3. What facts and rumors have you heard about relations between Albania and Yugoslavia recently?
4. What shipments of war materiel have been made to Albania since September 1954? Airplanes? Artillery pieces? Tanks and armored vehicles? Trucks?
5. How many and what type of aircraft are located at Tirana airfield? Is Tirana airfield being lengthened? Have any storage facilities or other buildings been constructed in the area of the airfield?
6. Is the airfield at Peza completed? What is its length and width? Type and number of airplanes stationed there?
7. What do you know about submarines being in Albania?
8. Names, ranks, and duties of Russian personnel in Durres and Tirana.
9. TO NUMBER ONE: What are the names of the officers of army units in your area?

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We send you heartfelt greetings and we assure that you are well recognized for your selfless and courageous work you have undertaken

Take care of Mother. Zuges should have this responsibility.

**FOR ALBANIA! FOR LIBERTY! FOR THE RED AND BLACK FLAG!**

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