

TOP SECRET

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: U. S. Base Study - BGFIEND.

1. An overt holding area for approximately 300 Pixies (including a small percentage of women and children) will be established in the U.S. Zone of Germany, subject to the approval of the American authorities of course. This camp will be set up in the name of the Free Albanian Committee. It will be run by a small staff of Americans and administered by the Pixies themselves.

2. Two safe houses for general training and one safe house for W/T training will be established in the U.S. Zone. The former equipped and staffed to handle about six recruits at one time and the W/T school to handle about 12 students. Agents to be trained in these schools will be taken secretly from the Holding Area described in Paragraph one above and transported to one of the schools for training. The trainees will not know the precise location of the school nor the true identities of their instructors. During their two or three weeks training they will not be permitted to leave the training area. Personnel, equipment and supplies for these clandestine schools will be provided by the Americans. This again is subject to the approval of the U.S. Zone authorities.

3. When training has been completed, agents will be taken to Klagenfurt for air-drop staging or to Malta for sea staging.

4. If it should not be possible to use Klagenfurt as an air staging area, it will then be necessary to approach the Italians, perhaps at the Service level and obtain their cooperation in staging Pixie air drops from one of the military fields in eastern Italy, or the Greeks to lay a similar operation from that country.

5. If it should not be possible to use the U.S. Zone of Germany as a training ground for agents, then it will be necessary to approach the French, Italians or Greeks, again at Service level, asking them to provide training facilities for Pixie agents. This, it is considered, would be an unhappy solution, not only on political grounds but operationally we would all but lose our identity.

6. A member of the OPC Washington Staff and the Field Commander of BGFIEND will approach the U.S. Zone, Germany authorities in early January 1950 and attempt to secure full clearance to establish the overt Holding Area for 300 Pixies and the safe houses for Agent training.

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