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MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

SUBJECT: Status of the Infiltration Phase of BGFIEND as of
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1. Status of Operational Personnel - Germany

a. Working directly under [] the Deputy in charge of BGFIEND's German facilities, for the period prior to the establishment of the covert training center are the nucleus of the training staff consisting of [] Chief Instructor, and [] Weapons Instructor. [] who was to have been Administrative Officer, is to be brought back for disposal. On the twenty-fifth of July a Commo Instructor will join the Staff. By 15 August, a Guerrilla Warfare Instructor and a Silent Killing Instructor are expected to join the Staff. The actual site for the center has been selected and details of the purchase should be completed within the next few days.

b. The overt holding area under the cover of a permanent Pixie Guard Company has been established and a EUCOM officer is being assigned as its head. [] is presently acting as Administrative Officer. One hundred and twenty-five Pixies arrived on 6 June and by 15 July the second movement of one hundred and twenty-five should be completed.

2. Status of Aircraft - Germany

a. Two C-47's have been assigned by the U. S. Air Force Germany as commo planes and will be ready by 1 August to proceed to Greece, all special commo gear having been installed by two VLKiva specialists, one of whom will accompany planes. A third C-47, with long-range gas tanks and static-line jump installation will also be available by 10 August. An experienced Polish crew for this plane will proceed from England during the last week in July and will be checked out in C-47 aircraft in Germany. They will take charge of this plane on its arrival in Greece.

3. Status of Equipment to Support Operations

a. No operational equipment is presently on hand in Germany, but weapons, parachutes, and all field equipment (except for indigenous clothing) for fifty men is presently boxed in our Washington warehouse, ready for immediate shipment. The acquisition of the covert center with its storage facilities is the only factor delaying shipment.

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b. The Motorola equipment for the commo aircraft and 20 Motorola sets for air-ground liaison are ready, and will be shipped next week. These are due at Rhein-Main Airfield by 14 July.

c. Two thousand sterile rations will be ready for air shipment by 20 July; one thousand more rations by 1 August; and two thousand more by 1 September.

d. Requirements for clothing indigenous to the area have been outlined to the field and will be procured locally in Germany.

e. A standby stock for air supply to partizan forces, consisting of sufficient arms, including rifles, machine guns and mortars, for the equipping of over two thousand men, have been ordered. These should be available for a series of partial shipments, the first starting 15 August. It is planned that these will be stored here and shipped as requested by the field.

f. One German truck and three German passenger cars are presently being procured in Germany.

g. All training equipment for the covert center including arms and practice ammunition, is boxed and ready for immediate shipment when the training site is secured.

4. Status of Operations - Greece

a. In Greece, [] has now contacted the Greek Service and reports that he has secured general approval to STAIR-FIEND objectives. He will presumably now negotiate for permission to base the covert plane at Sedes, a Greek Military Air Field, which will be the staging area for air infiltration. The Commo planes will be based at Hassani under U. S. Air Mission Greece cover.

5. Possible Schedule for Infiltration based upon today's status.

a. If the training site is secured as planned within the next few days, the first 20-man group should be able to commence training in the last week in July at earliest. If it were deemed necessary due to the pressure of events that the parties receive only superficial training, the first group might be staged to Greece on or about 16 August and dropped in about 17 August, with subsequent teams being sent in at 20-day intervals. However, if events permit adhering to our original considered plan, the parties will receive a minimum of two months' instruction, the first group commencing training on 1 August and being infiltrated on or about 10 October.

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