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7 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: OD/OP (SECURITY)

ATTENTION : []

SUBJECT : Security Clearances: Project EGFIEND

1. Reference is made to the conversation between [] and [] of this Division on 6 February 1952.
2. During the above conversation, [] discussed the effect of a six month's limitation to operational clearances on EGFIEND operations. He pointed out that, at the present time, over two hundred Albanian exiles are being held at a Military Guard Company in Germany. These men were recruited on behalf of OPC and constitute a reserve military force for possible use against the current Albanian regime. Some of these men were operationally cleared in 1950 and have not been investigated since. They have been at the Guard Company ever since their clearances were granted. Their exposure to operational information from official sources is very limited.
3. In view of the above, and because of the magnitude of the task of renewing of their clearances every six months, [] recommended that operational clearances on Guard Company personnel be considered valid indefinitely provided they remain at the Guard Company site. If a member of the Guard Company is selected for an operational assignment after having been at the Guard Company for over six months, it is agreed that a clearance extension should be secured from OD/OP for the man.
4. It is recommended that the clearance requests cite the intended use of persons destined for assignment to the Guard Company as: "Potential infiltrate to be held at the German Guard Company."

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5. The policy of requiring clearance renewals in the cases of recruits for assignments other than to the Guard Company, if they are not employed within six months after clearance, is deemed consistent with BCPIFND operational procedure.

6. Your concurrence in the above recommendation is requested.
[] of this Division, on Extension 671, is prepared to discuss this matter further if you so desire.

[]
Deputy for Policy Coordination, SE

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