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To : Chief, SE
Attn:
FROM : Chief

Date 21 October 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND
SPECIFIC- Apple W/T Traffic

1. BGFIEND Athens has recently been reviewing the Apple operation and in respect to communications we are impressed with and gratified by the successful utilization of their radio equipment and time schedule. This schedule which permits contacts every 3 days has been, except for night contacts, almost completely adhered to. Therefore, any substantial increase in traffic will necessitate making special contacts due to Commo security regulations which limit the length of time an agent W/T set may be on the air.

2. A review of all Apple traffic also discloses that at least 75% has had a direct bearing on Apple's support and primary mission, and is absolutely necessary to insure the success of their work. This leaves only 20-25% for traffic strictly of an intelligence nature, but we are not discounting the possibility of changes in these percentages and will take full advantage of any favorable change. However, we intend to keep the number of special contacts at a minimum.

3. In addition to Commo limitations, we want everyone concerned with the operation in Headquarters to fully understand Apple's limitations in relation to their reporting. At present Apple have extended their network and have contacts in Peshkopi, Burrel and Martanesh and are working to obtain contacts in other areas (In msg. #61). However, information obtained is not necessarily only from these areas since the team was able to send material gathered from Kukes (In msg. #75). Apple did state (In msg. #70) that they could do a better job if other teams could be sent to these areas and (In msg. #73) they speak of friends whom they have burdened to obtain information. At the present time we do not feel it in our best long term interests to send a steady stream of requests to Apple for information. We have given the team notice that we expect to be kept as fully informed as possible on the general situation in the country, but we have specifically urged care and warned them to

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build slowly and not over extend their network prematurely (Out msg. #36). We realize this network is well suited to perform a limited intelligence function and we will certainly pass along any queries of an important nature. From this discussion it is hoped that Headquarters will fully understand our position in not wanting to burden Apple unnecessarily and our desire to carefully limit the volume and types of queries that we pass on to them.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: Identification of W/T Operators

1. This Division is presently faced with the problem which undoubtedly arises from time to time in the field when there is suspicion that a W/T operator sending from a hostile territory may be under enemy control. The particular case in hand involves a distinct change in the pattern of sending by a W/T operator which is explained by the operator as the result of an injury to his right hand forcing him to send with his left hand.

2. It is suggested that a regular procedure be established to make periodic tape recordings of both the right and left hand sending patterns of all W/T operators. Such recordings may help to determine whether a set is being operated by the correct person..

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