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TO: DIRECTOR, CIA

FROM: SR REP

ACTION: SE 6

INFORMATION:

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3828  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

ROUTINE

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TO: DIR

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RE: DIR 25868 (OUT 98991),

AIR SUPPORT/OBOPUS

1. ON 23-24 OCTOBER OBOPUS ATTEMPTED LEAFLET DROP AND RESUPPLY APPLE. AT ITEM 1531 OUR C-47 APPROACHED APPLE D.Z. AT 300 FEET ALTITUDE WITH AIRSPEED 105 MPH. WHILE PLANE WAS CROSSING THE T, TWO ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES OPENED UP. TAKE-OFF POWER IMMEDIATELY APPLIED AND RIGHT TURN BEGUN. AS PLANE ESCAPED FROM VALLEY, ESTIMATED 5 ADDITIONAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITIONS OPENED UP.

2. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER STARTING TURN, AIRCRAFT HIT BY 1 SHELL AND OIL PRESSURE ON LEFT ENGINE DROPPED TO ZERO. PILOT FEATHERED ENGINE TO PREVENT FIRE AND ESCAPED ON 1 ENGINE. DAMAGE LATER PROVED TO BE MINOR. NAVIGATOR SAYS ONLY PILOT'S EXCEPTIONAL SKILL MADE ESCAPE POSSIBLE. FAILURE TO USE TRACERS IN ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES ALSO HELPED.

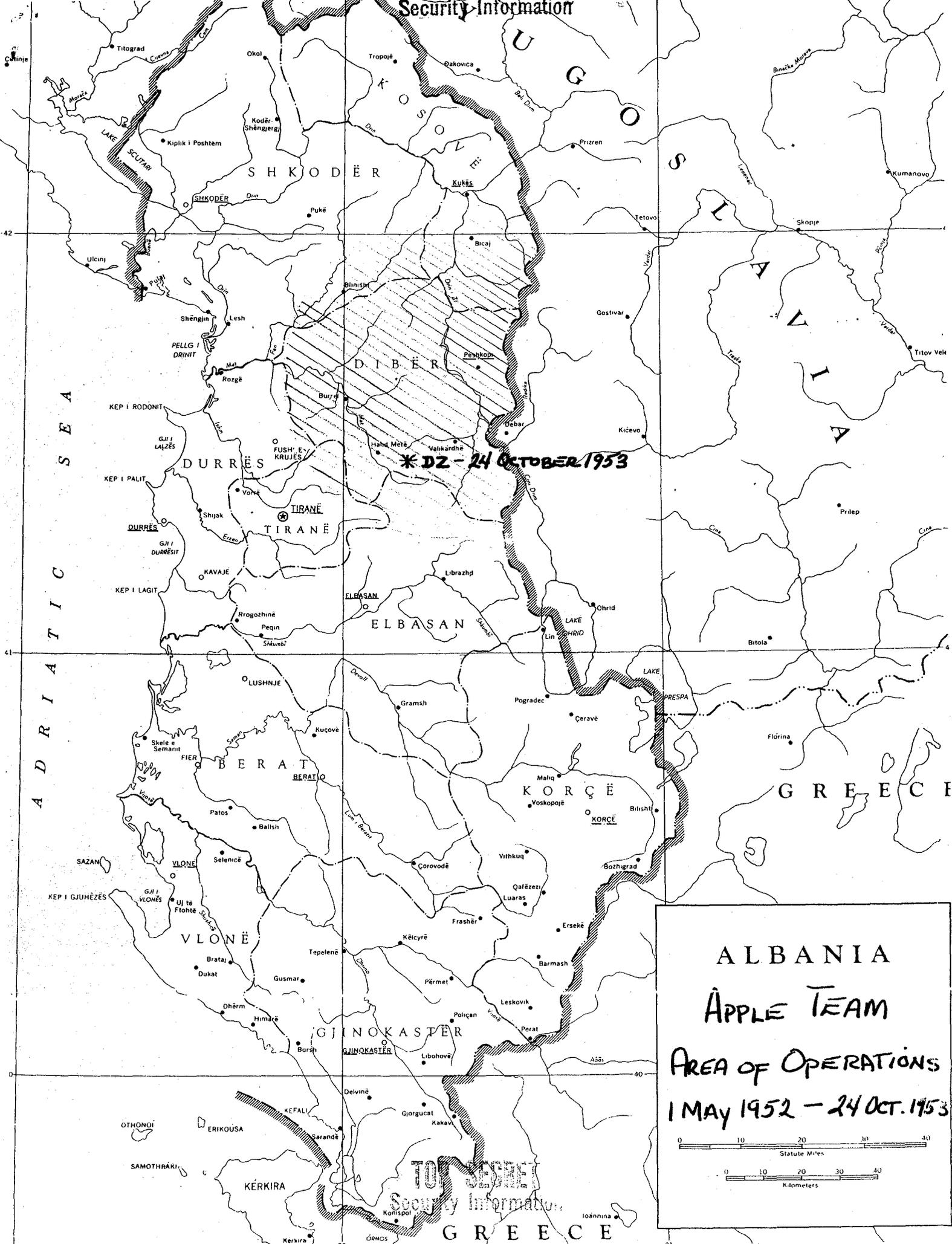
3. LENGTH OF TIME APPLE UNDER CONTROL NOT KNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO DATE BACK SOME MONTHS.

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Security Information



ALBANIA  
 APPLE TEAM  
 AREA OF OPERATIONS  
 1 MAY 1952 - 24 OCT. 1953

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 Kilometers

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