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At a meeting allegedly held on the morning of 19 December 1948 somewhere in Athens by the Office for Enlightenment and Propaganda of the Communist Organization for Athens (KOA), the following orders were reportedly given to the officials for immediate execution by all Party echelons (klimakia).

1. "In the midst of all the efforts of the Communist Party for enlightenment and propaganda, this serious effort will be made by the officials to enlighten properly all the members of the Party on the preparations being made by the anarcho-fascist government of Athens and by the Americans for the coming spring. Care must be taken that the latter again fail to achieve any result, since the Communists will be found completely prepared and will have all help from abroad, for the purpose of a quicker and more decisive end to their struggle. They will have the full support of all the powers of the Cominform which at its last meeting decided to exert all its strength to bring the Greek question to a conclusion. The Cominform decided to put aside all the other movements of Europe in order to give full support to the Democratic Army of Greece.
2. "To be sure we cannot say that the Cominform will cease to be responsible for all the other movements, but that for the present it is interested chiefly in quickly bringing the question of Greece to a conclusion with the complete victory of the Democratic Army of Greece.
3. "With this line of enlightenment the leadership of KKE believes that it will almost completely restore the morale of its members, who will believe that the sacrifices demanded of them in the past and to be demanded of them in the future will not be in vain, but will be fully justified with the full support which the Communist Party will have. For this reason the members of the Party must be disciplined and must carry out the orders issued by the leadership of the Communist Party, above all in the cities. Only then will the enemy be defeated and floundering like a fish out of water.
4. "In order to develop all these plans and in order that the members of the Communist Party may comprehend them, the KKE officials must take the opportunity of Christmas and New Year and the other approaching holidays to hold meetings of 'groups' in houses not under surveillance

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by the Security Police. The purpose of these meetings shall be to explain these plans to the groups. The groups must be small mixed groups consisting of men, women, boys and girls, and they must have a festive character according to the day. The meetings must be held at hours which will not rouse suspicions. "Responsibles" for finances have been assigned to these groups, and they will give money wherever the officials indicates that there is need for money for the organization.

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