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ABSOLUTE AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

PROJECT NAME - BGFIEND

1. Date approved by AD/PC or AD/SO 22 June 1949
2. Aircraft (Necessary for Project)      Type & Number      Date Desired
- |     |  |             |
|-----|--|-------------|
| (1) | C-47   | On hand     |
| (2) | Two Communications Aircraft, C-47                    | On hand     |
| (3) | One B-26   | Immediately |
|     | (It is planned the B-26 will take the place of C-47) |             |
| (4) | Helicopter   | 1 Jan. 1952 |
3. Special Aircraft Equipment or required modification -      The order for the B-26 was accompanied by a request that the plane be equipped with all the latest aids for air drops to clandestine Resistance groups as developed by OPC, USAF and others.
4. Utilization of Aircraft -      Body, supply and leaflet drops. Emergency evacuation. Communications flights (VHF and motorola).

a. Number of covert flights in hostile territory.

	<u>Base of Ops.</u> (From)	<u>Destination</u> (Country)	<u>Approx. Range</u> (Round trip in nautical miles)	<u>Approx. Date</u> (of sortie)	<u>Type of Operation</u> (describe)
(1)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	April 23, 1951	Body drop
(2)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	April 24, 1951	Body drop
(3)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	May 19, 1951	Body drop
(4)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	June 18, 1951	Supply drop
(5)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	June 19, 1951	Supply drop
(6)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	June 22, 1951	Body Drop
(7)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	July 18, 1951	Body drop
(8)	Athens	Albania	700-1000	July 20, 1951	Supply drop

(9) It is impossible to plan specific flights beyond mid-July, but it is expected that supply, body and leaflet drops and communications flights will continue during the balance of 1951 at the rate of 4 flights per month.

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b. Number of flights over friendly or fringe area

	<u>Base of Ops.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Approx.Range</u>	<u>Approx. Date</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>
(1)	Athens;	Albania (coastal area)	700-1000		Communications flights

It is impossible to estimate a number of communications flights in advance, but it is expected that one communications flight will be required per week beginning mid-July until November, 1951 and at irregular intervals thereafter. To date four communications flights have been flown in 1951.

(2) All flights noted under 4(a) must also be considered under 4(b) as all operations listed under 4(a) originate in friendly territory and pass over friendly and fringe areas.

c. Other air requirements (such as training, evacuation, etc.) that are absolute requirements -

	<u>Base of Ops.</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Approx.Range</u>	<u>Approx.Date</u>	<u>Type of Operation</u>
(1)	Germany	Athens	2000 miles	mid-July	ferrying
(2)	Athens	Germany	2000 miles	mid-July	ferrying
(3)	Germany	Athens	2000 miles	mid-Sept.	ferrying
(4)	Athens	Germany	2000 miles	mid-Sept.	ferrying

N.B. Flights listed on this report are actual missions flown since the start of the 1951 operational season (April) and those definitely projected, not counting 1951 leaflet drops. It must be emphasized in planning aircraft requirements that from our experience to date and from World War II experience in air support to clandestine resistance groups that a high incidence of "dry runs" must be expected. At present this rate is averaging better than 2 to 1. In all probability it will be some time before this rate is narrowed because of notorious Balkan weather conditions, difficulty in weather forecasting, and the problems inherent in supporting resistance groups in their formative stages. Aircraft listed in BGFIEND as "on hand" are also used by project QKSTAIR.

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