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17 December 1951

975-CAGWU

Subject: Unsuccessful Resupply Attempts, Pinetree, 13 and 15 December 1951

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1. Forwarded herewith are debriefing reports of the two unsuccessful resupply missions flown to Pine on the nights of 13 and 15 December 1951. Weather over the DZ foiled the first attempt; Pine failed to appear on the second try.

Attachments:

1. Debriefing Report
2. Identities (s.c.)

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Part -I-

1. An unforecasted - and unforecastable - cloud deck over the target area prevented contact with Pine in the early hours of the 14 December 1951. The penetration, entirely void of hostile reaction in any form, was complete to the region in which Pine was believed to be operating. Two hundred thousand leaflets, QKFervor cartoons and QKPalng, were released as cover enroute to the target and during the withdrawal.

2. The flight departed LCDrink at 2245 hours, LCFlake time on 13 December; it proceeded west of Identity (1) to (2), arriving there at 0047 hours at an altitude of 10,000 feet ASL. The KMWahoo coast was crossed over C-1063 at 0202; altitude 9,300 feet. Only 15 to 20 lights in D-1138 were visible in an otherwise darkened area. Visibilities were up to 60 miles; the sky was clear and the moon full. From this position the snowcapped mountains of the dropping area were visible. Winds aloft generally were from the NNE but variable inside KMWahoo; velocities were from light to 20 mph.

3. At 0205 hours, while north of (3) one carton of leaflets was dispersed toward the populated area ~~west~~ ^{EAST} of the north-bound highway. Another carton was dropped at 0209 hours while over G-1036 at 9,000 feet. Approaching the (4), which was visible for a great distance, the snow capped peaks proved to be 6/8's cloud with tops at 8,000 feet. Over the checkpoint (5) the strato-cumulous formation became 10/10's; the flight stayed above the overcast. From a position reckoned to be over (5), at 0218 hours, the aircraft turned north to a heading of 10 degrees. One small break in the overcast occurred over the original DZ at I-0826. A fleeting look at the snow-laden ground below disclosed nothing in the way of fires or lights; and the opening was too small to make a letdown over such terrain thinkable.

4. Two cartons of leaflets were discharged from 9,500 feet over a triangular area south of ZRShower and west of the river. After flying south for 3 minutes the clouds became thicker with higher tops. At 0235 hours the course out was set, and at 0243 hours one carton was dropped over F-1148. During this leg of the flight the cloud deck was extending toward the coastal low-

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lands, but considerably broken as it neared the sea.

5. The last three cartons were released over E-1279. At this time the winds had increased so that some of the leaflets well could have reached Lyceum. The coast was crossed at an altitude of 9,500 feet at 0248 hours. The flight landed LCDrink at 0505 hours.

6. Total flight time: 6 hours 20 minutes; time over hostile territory: 46 minutes. Except for the coastal lowlands, considerable snow was seen along the route. The mountainous regions, of course, were well blanketed. Lights at Lyceum, (6), and (7) were visible; (8) was dark.

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Part II

1. The Pinetree area of operation was thoroughly scoured in jewel-clear weather between 0130 and 0144 hours on 16 December without any sign of response. The by-product of the mission was the scattering of 225,000 QKPalng leaflets as cover for the raid. There was no reaction to the intrusion.

2. Takeoff was at 2210 hours, LCFlake time; (2) was reached at 0004 hours; (9) at 0031 hours; and (10) at 0049 hours. Cruising altitude was 10,000 feet ASL. KMWahoo was entered over C-1063 at 0114 hours at the same altitude.

3. Two cartons of leaflets were dropped over F-1046 at 0120 hours. The flight arrived just south of I-0826 at 0130 hours at 8,500 feet. Visibilities were incredibly clear and the sky was cloudless. The original DZ was circled counter clockwise. All the valleys spurring from the landmark were searched; the entire region was blacked out, but the night was so clear that a single flashlight beam could have been spotted. The second DZ at I-0965 was swept for signs of Pine; then the river beds in the (5) area. The (11) was followed northward to a point opposite I-0826 but nothing was seen on either side of the river. Flying over I-0826 the course out was set at 0144 hours.

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4. Nearing G-0997, which was to the right of course a group of lights were seen. The flight turned to investigate, but as it drew closer the lights vanished.

5. Beginning over G-1079 at 0150 hours the remaining six boxes of leaflets were dropped at slow intervals until the coast was crossed over C-1275 at 0158 hours. The altitude at the time of exit was 8,000 feet ASL. Winds aloft were NW from calm to light.

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(6) Total flight time: 6 hours 20 minutes; time over hostile territory: 44 minutes. Lyceum and (6) were lighted; ZR Shower, although totally blacked out, was clearly visible. The lights of (8) were on as the aircraft approached the coast-
line for the penetration but as the flight crossed into KMWahoo the city was immediately darkened, quite as though all power was extinguished with one switch. Deep snow was evident on all heights, with lesser amounts of snow in all areas above 2,000 feet. The valleys, too, in the mountain regions were snow-covered.

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Attachment number 2 to 975-CAGWU, 17 Dec. 1951

IDENTITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Corfu
- (2) Othonoi Island
- (3) Lesh
- (4) Mola River
- (5) Domaj
- (6) Durres
- (7) Valona
- (8) Shkoder
- (9) 40° 30' N 18° 30' E
- (10) 41° 10' N 18° 40' E
- (11) Drin i Zhi

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