

MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
 (See page 1 for instructions)

For Month of July

1. Cryptonym SG CONVOY QKSTAIR		2. Div - Branch EE - EE-I		3. Country(s) Bulgaria		4. Estimated percentage and date of completion (when possible) % Date:	
5. PLAN	Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paramilitary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support <input type="checkbox"/>			
6. FINANCIAL MECHANICS	Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Subsidy <input type="checkbox"/>	Proprietary <input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase of Services <input type="checkbox"/>			
7. PHASE	Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	Operational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liquidating <input type="checkbox"/>	Terminated <input type="checkbox"/>			
8. FUNDING	a/FY Allotments Total to Date	b/Obligations Current Month	c/FY Obligations Cumulative to Date	d/ Unobligated Balance			
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10. Facts and Evaluation Comment - separate sub-paragraph on Page 2.

a. Support

The most significant development under project QKSTAIR during 1951 was the initiation, in July, of Bulgarian operations in Turkey. An operation to test the capabilities of the Agrarian Union Emigre Organization in Istanbul was initiated and arrangements made to recruit some 10 agents in Istanbul for training in Germany. Plans were approved to install OPC interrogators in the Army interrogation Center in Istanbul to procure intelligence for use in infiltration and propaganda operations. A subsidy of \$350.00 per month to Bulgarian refugees in Istanbul of potential operational value was undertaken. In regard to training, seven W/T trainees completed their course in Germany and are now receiving special demolition and jump training; the German Chief of Station agreed to obtain a suitable site for the Bulgarian Guard Company and begin procurement of supplies; and efforts were made to expedite the clearances of 15 agents now in Greece for transfer to Germany to begin training. The Director General of the IRO agreed to the joint establishment of Bulgarian reception and holding centers in Greece through which OPC can recruit agents and obtain intelligence for operations and propaganda.

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b. Propaganda

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Further reports were received regarding the clear reception and widespread popularity of "Radio Gorjanin". To prevent touching off any premature popular revolt, the field was instructed to avoid stating that the broadcasts are originating "in the forest", and imply instead only that they emanate from somewhere inside Bulgaria. As a supplement to leaflet drops, which in the future are to be made only in conjunction with agent and supply drops, a supply of razor blades and needles was procured to be dropped in envelopes bearing the symbol of the Freedom Brotherhood. In early July, Freedom Brotherhood stickers were posted simultaneously in various parts of Bulgaria. The effect of the posting was strengthened by announcements on "Radio Gorjanin". As a result of a meeting held in Athens on 2 July to discuss QKSTAIR propaganda, it was proposed to develop a method for securing propaganda intelligence both for our own needs and for RFE, in the form of a research and information unit. It was also decided to broaden the scope of OSO interrogations in Greece and Turkey to get information of interest to us, and send an appropriate questionnaire for use at the military interrogation center in Turkey.

c. Infiltration

Two teams, one of four, the other of three agents, were re-infiltrated into Bulgaria to contact and organize opposition elements. The men were not equipped with communications equipment because of the difficulties of motorola contact and the commo plane's vulnerability to attack. Thus no reports have been received on the progress of these missions. One infiltration team which entered Bulgaria in May is still inside the country.

d. Political

The State Department has agreed to recommend issuance of visas to three Bulgarians to be brought to the US to broaden the BNC. Also, the way has been cleared for Damian Velchev to enter the US to join the new Executive Committee of the BNC.

e. Evaluation and Comments

Establishment of a Bulgarian base for operations from Turkey, which will open up the whole eastern part of Bulgaria for OPC operations, marks a significant forward step in the implementation of project QKSTAIR. [] will be especially useful in the exploitation of the potentialities of the underground apparatus linked to Dr. G.M. Dimitrov and his Agrarian Union Party by means of direct support of Dimitrov's lieutenants in Istanbul. The success of the test operation now being mounted will determine to a large degree the extent of support Dimitrov will receive in the future.

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