

PROJECT STATUS REPORT **CONFIDENTIAL**

REPORTING PERIOD  
January 1953

1. CRYPTONYM a. Program <u>BGCONVOY</u> b. Project		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <u>SE/2</u>	3. COUNTRY Target <u>Bulgaria</u> Base <u>Greece &amp; Turkey</u>		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED a. Program b. Project <u>24 Apr. 1950</u>
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER <u>[Signature]</u>		ROOM NO. <u>1110 "J"</u>	EXTENSION <u>3115</u>	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> FI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT					
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING					
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE	
U.S. <u>15</u>		<u>8</u>			
FOREIGN NAT'L <u>3</u>		<u>0</u>			
TOTAL <u>18</u>		<u>8</u>			
10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE					

11. Summary

The general aims of PP activities against Bulgaria embrace the establishment of clandestine nets within the country, the conduct of psychological warfare against the Bulgarian Government and the development of an effective group functioning as a cover for operations.

A series of interviews of recent Bulgarian refugees by a sociological expert on Balkan peasant life who was sent to Athens as an advisor on psych warfare activities, has indicated that Radio Gorianin continues to be effective and can be considerably strengthened within the existing framework. Suggestions for improvement of the programs derived from the interviews are being put into effect. These include modification of world affairs broadcasts to give a local twist, emphasis on Bulgarian historical heritage rather than "political programs", and concentration on the principal theme that Bulgarians are slaves under Soviet colonialism.

Plans have been submitted by [Signature] and approved in general by Headquarters, for implementing other phases of psych warfare activity. These include (a) a faked newspaper closely resembling in format the leading Communist Party daily in Sofia, (b) a crude mimeographed news sheet purportedly produced by resistance elements within the country, and (c) a sticker containing small perforated resistance slogans for easy and unobtrusive attachment. Projects (b) and (c) will be activated as soon as final texts are approved. However, no printing facilities for project (a) exist at present within the CIA organization. This Division is making strenuous efforts to have the Agency secure equipment for printing this and subsequent psych warfare projects in Cyrillic type.

Ivan Mihailov is reported to be still pressing for a meeting with CIA representatives to discuss possibilities for using his organization (Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization) operationally. He is also requesting a meeting with Mr. Allen Dulles to present his political views.

In the interests of our continued excellent working arrangements with the Greeks, if Dr. G. M. Dimitrov continues to insist that his principal agent for the proposed test operation, who is personally unacceptable to the Greek Government, be present in Greece for final training and mounting of the team, the operation may have to be abandoned.

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