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SUBJECT: HTNEIGH Reorganization and Broadening Discussions
(or, [redacted]'s Monthly Report for Period 15 July -
15 August, 1952) - SHAM/BGFIEND

TO: Chief, DYCLAVIER
Washington, D. C.

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1. Since practically all of [redacted]'s activity during the past month has been concerned with the reorganization and broadening of HTNEIGH, this memorandum will serve the dual purpose of reporting the progress on that matter, as well as serving as a report on BGFIEND Rome's monthly activities for the period 15 July - 15 August.

2. After returning from the BGFIEND meetings in Athens, [redacted] was again approached by RNLUMPIT, who was obviously bent on determining whether or not the HTCURIO position had changed with respect to reorganizing and broadening the Committee. When [redacted] assured him that the HTCURIO position remained the same and that the discussions would be held as planned, we then entered into a period where private discussions were again held for the umpteenth time with the various political leaders, all of whom were hopeful of influencing any decision in their behalf.

3. Briefly, their opinions could be summarized as follows:

[redacted] and the HTMELON Movement: Willing to accept [redacted] and Identity (1) but unwilling to agree to the admittance of [redacted] and [redacted]. (The real underlying reason, in [redacted]'s opinion, is that [redacted] fears the admittance of any tribal chieftains who might detract from his own glitter.)

XNMALEDICT: Willing to accept Identity (1), [redacted], and [redacted], but unwilling to agree to the admittance of [redacted] or any representative of BGPREFIX. (It now appears that XNMALEDICT recognizes the wisdom of once again combining [redacted]' splinter movement with their own in order to strengthen their position. Thus, (1) is acceptable as a liaison man to re-establish friendly relations. Beyond this, it appears that XNMALEDICT would not like to see any elements enter into HTNEIGH who might share the ZRCROWN-PBPRIME backing the Committee is now receiving. Obviously, they don't object to [redacted] or [redacted] because these two gentlemen are already within the Committee, so to speak.)

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[] and the QXPEDAL Party: Willing to accept (1) and [] but frown upon an enlargement of the Committee to include other elements. ([] now sees himself as one of five members of the Executive Committee. He looks upon [] and (1) as allies and feels that their inclusion would increase the odds in his favor. He views [] and [] as elements who would side with the XNMALEDICT or with [] to his detriment.)

4. Following this series of discussions, [] met with Malament and Whiffen in HTEHOTIC, where they visited the regiment before proceeding to TPCREDO. In private discussions held with Malament and Whiffen in HTEHOTIC it was obvious that the two men were well prepared by our people in BGTOWN for the discussions that lay ahead in TPCREDO - that they were favorably disposed toward a reorganization and broadening of the Committee. [] warned Malament that [] was endeavoring to wrest the XNMALEDICT control from his hands and urged him to take a firm stand with his extremist group when he met with them in TPCREDO. Malament, behaving in the typical KMWAAHOO fashion, was certain that he could handle [] and that that worthy gentleman would never dislodge him from the leadership of XNMALEDICT. Neither Malament nor Whiffen were asked to make any commitments prior to the discussions in TPCREDO, but both stated that they saw the wisdom of the PEPRIME plan to reorganize and broaden the Committee and that we could count upon them as allies.

5. Following Malament's and Whiffen's arrival in TPCREDO, another series of meetings took place, in which the various political leaders again restated their positions to [] in private conversations, and much the same attitudes as those expressed above still prevail at this writing. This evening, 20 August, the opening discussion takes place.

6. Prior to RNLUMPIT's coming to TPCREDO, the PEPRIME representative had always presided at all HTNEIGH meetings. [] felt that, in order to make VALUABLE-BGFRIEND more of a joint operation in the eyes of HTNEIGH members, a rotating chairmanship was advisable. He therefore proposed that he hold the chairmanship in January, RNLUMPIT take it in February, and that they alternate from there on. Thus, during the month of August RNLUMPIT is the ZRCROWN-PEPRIME chairman and, as such, is privileged to preside at the reorganization and broadening discussions. However, [], having some fears that the ZRCROWNS might not be wholly behind the reorganization and broadening, suggested that RNLUMPIT write an outline of the speech he would give at the opening of discussions, in order to make sure that the ZRCROWNS and PEPRIMES were in complete agreement. Upon his return from SGCIDER, ([] was handed a copy of RNLUMPIT's speech, Exhibit A attached.

7. After a careful study of the speech, it was [] opinion that it avoided the importance of the broadening matter and led the listeners to believe that the ZRCROWN-PEPRIMES would settle for a reorganization alone. In light of this, [] talked with RNLUMPIT and asked that changes in the chairmanship procedure be made so that the ZRCROWNS and PEPRIMES shared jointly in leading the discussions. Since the broadening

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matter seems to be the important topic of discussion, [] proposed that RNLUMPIT handle the reorganization discussions and that he, [] , would lead the discussions on the broadening subject. While RNLUMPIT was probably not particularly pleased with this suggestion, he agreed to it.

8. [] wrote two memoranda, Exhibits B and C, setting forth his ideas for conducting the meetings, along with suggested changes in RNLUMPIT'S talk to make it more in conformity with the PBPRIMES point of view which had been previously agreed to in our BGBIDDY meetings in March. Yesterday [] discussed these memos with RNLUMPIT in their entirety and he agreed to all of the suggestions made. In doing so, where there was any disagreement, RNLUMPIT continually fell back on the fact that certain phrases had been put in because [] wanted them in. [] , constant retort was that his people would allow him complete latitude as long as it was in conformity with the BGBIDDY meeting minutes, but any deviation from that would have to be cleared with higher authority, which might delay discussions for weeks. On this basis, RNLUMPIT accepted [] suggestions.

9. No prophecy will be made as to the outcome of these discussions. All members of HTNEIGH now have their eyes turned warily toward TPROACH and are beginning to fear that the Identity (2) may accomplish KMWAAHOO'S liberation before they have a chance to do it, which could conceivably result in recognition of that force by the ZRCROWN-PBPRIMES as an established government and spell the end of HTNEIGH. Naturally, [] is capitalizing on this note, in the true KMWAAHOO fashion.

10. It is worth noting that Malament, in several of his many three-hour sessions with [] , has made it more than clear that he would settle for a regency, in which Identity (3) and himself, along with other unnamed personalities, would govern the post-liberated KMWAAHOO. In fact, Malament is so enamored of the idea that he would like to promote such a set-up now. [] has listened to him with the customary patience and then made it clear that, while Malament might have the answer as far as uniting the exile forces is concerned, this would be double-crossing the people of KMWAAHOO, who, the Committee has promised time and again, will have the right to choose their own form of government once they are liberated. As yet, Malament hasn't found an answer to this.

11. Reports of the Committee's activities for the period 10 July - 10 August are also attached. These reports were prepared by the HTNEIGH Secretary in keeping with the request made by headquarters some time back. These are labelled Exhibit D.

for [] []

APPROVED: []
Chief of Station

Attach: Exhibits A - D and Identities (s.c.)

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Identities for reference are: (1) Koca Muca
(2) Prizren Group
(3) Queen Geraldine

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EXHIBIT "A"

10 August

Dear Joe

Herewith the draft of my opening proposals to the NCFA on reorganization along the lines we previously agreed.

I suggest that, when I have concluded, I should ask you whether you have anything you wish to add, and then ask the members for their views.

Just to make sure that we are thinking alike and agreed on our course of action in case of emergency, I would like to recall and confirm our verbal agreement at the beginning of May when, in accordance with Paragraphs 24, 30 and 40 of the Minutes of the London Meeting, we agreed that, in the event of a deadlock or threatened walkout or resignation of any party, our course of action should be to refuse to accept any resignations and say: "Well, gentlemen, we seem to have reached a deadlock. The only thing we can do now is to refer the matter to London and Washington and suspend the talks until we receive fresh instructions." I reported this agreement to London, which thoroughly approved it, and I assume Washington also agreed.

If you can think of any other point on which our friends might try to break up the united front and drive a wedge between us, let us in that case also work out in advance the line we should take.

If asked what we mean by "the very near future" in which the NCFA would be approached with proposals for broadening, I suggest we should reply that our original idea had been to let the new Committee find its feet for a couple of months or so after the reorganization, but that it might be the best course as things are to take advantage of the presence of MM. Dosti and Kotta in Europe to hold the broadening talks immediately the reorganization talks are over. P!S! On studying them further and trying to meet possible objections, I am not happy about the composition of the Plans and Civil Affairs Subcommittees. The other two seem to be excellent, and in particular the five members of the Recruiting Subcommittee seem to be all well qualified.

The Planning Subcommittee's work, as laid down, is of a highly technical character such as can only be carried out by trained military staff officers. Are your proposed members trained staff officers? If so, could you please let me have all their ranks. At present, Colonel Farka of the Recruiting subcommittee is the only one whose rank I know. If they are not military men, then it seems to me we are clearly going against our proclaimed principle of appointing men to subcommittees as far as possible for their technical qualifications, and at the same time as good as telling the Albanians that we have no serious intentions of liberating Albania and admitting it is all eye-wash by stuffing the Plans Committee with rag tag and bobtail with no qualifications.

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The three-man Civil Affairs Subcommittee seems to me to need reinforcing. One man is sick and living in Bologna. This means, in effect, that the crucial Welfare Fund is administered by two men (of whom Telhaj at least is an untrustworthy character) with no proper BK representative, to which they will not agree. I do not see how they can possibly find the additional time to card index and send and answer postcards to all the Albanians in exile and also to carry out an elaborate Ci Plan for post-war liberation Albania. We are as good as admitting that the latter also is really all eyewash. I suggest some scheme by which some of the odds and sods you wish to use might be attached to the C.I. Committee for the donkey work of card indexing and postal work and to assist in the Civil Affairs Planning, which is after all less technical than the military.

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Gentlemen

It is a great pleasure to me to make the acquaintance of those members of the NCFA who live in New York and whom I have not so far had the opportunity of meeting, and on behalf of my American colleague, [] and myself, I bid you heartily welcome to Rome.

As you doubtless know, we have asked you to meet us here for the purpose of discovering how best we can implement the proposals of your backers in Washington and London, who at meetings held in Rome last October and in London last March agreed that the time had now arrived when the efficiency of the NCFA might be increased, its appeal to Albanians inside and outside the country broadened and strengthened, and its task of preparing for the eventual liberation of Albania be assisted by certain agreed measures of reorganization. The Committee has done well and made itself a recognized force in the free world, but nothing can stand still for ever and changing times now, in the opinion of your backers, call for a change in the form of the Committee.

Before we put before you as a basis for discussion the proposals agreed upon by your backers, I would like, on behalf of [] and myself, to make two points quite clear.

There has been a considerable amount of unofficial discussion concerning the broadening of the Committee; and the impression seems to be abroad that this meeting has been called for the purpose of trying to force upon the Committee the inclusion of various groups or personalities who have been compromised by collaborationism or otherwise and whose inclusion therefore would tarnish the reputation of the NCFA.

That is not the case.

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The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the internal reorganization of the NCFA - its streamlining for greater efficiency, if you like to put it that way - solely with the elements and groups now belonging to it and without the addition - at least for the moment - of any external elements. The proposals of your backers are open to discussion, alteration or rejection on your part, although your backers will naturally be keenly disappointed if you do not find yourselves able to accept at least the main lines of their proposals.

We do not wish, however, to leave the impression that a lateral broadening of the Committee has not also been discussed and approved in principle by your backers. Within the very near future the Committee, whether reorganized or not, may expect to be asked by us to consider whether there are not worthy and uncompromised Albanian individuals or groups at present outside it whose inclusion might strengthen and broaden the appeal of the NCFA both inside and outside the country. That again will be a matter for the Committee itself to decide, and your backers have no intention of trying to force anyone upon you against your will.

But the internal reorganization and the lateral broadening of the Committee are two separate matters to be treated separately. The present meeting is concerned solely with the proposals of your backers for internal reorganization; and your acceptance or rejection of those proposals in no way implies your approval or disapproval of any suggestions for lateral broadening which may be put before you later.

Do I make myself quite clear so far, gentlemen?

Briefly, the agreed recommendations of your backers are that the Executive Committee and the General Committee should both be abolished and replaced by a single Committee of about a dozen members based on fair party representation to be known as the NCFA, and that a series of working subcommittees should be attached to that Committee to deal with Propaganda, Civil Affairs, Military Planning and Recruiting respectively.

It has long appeared to your backers that no good purpose was being served by the preservation of a large General Committee, which in fact never meets, while on the other hand the Executive Committee appears to them too narrow and too small to permit of the necessary elasticity and provide room for maneuvering.

Their proposals for the new NCFA are that it should consist of either eleven or fourteen members, composed as follows; either three or four drawn from Balli Kombetar, the same number drawn from Legalitet, and the same number drawn from the Centre, that is to say, from the Peasants and Independents together. In addition there would be two vacant seats reserved for possible new members who might be coopted at a future date either from other Albanian groups in exile or from Albanian resistance leaders who may emerge from the country.

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Your backers' candidates for the Officers of the new Committee are M. Hasan Dosti for Chairman, M. Abaz Kupa for Vice-Chairman, M. Kotta for Deputy Chairman, M. Kryeziu for Treasurer and M. Goga for Secretary. MM. Kupa, Kotta and Goga would, in that case, naturally represent Legalitet on the Committee; we propose MM. Kryeziu, Bajraktari and Toptani to represent the Centre. While we should in the interests of efficiency like to keep the new Committee as small as possible, we nevertheless realize that, in addition to M. Dosti, three other Balli Kombetar members all have good claims to membership on personal grounds - namely MM. Pali, Ermenje and Andoni - and if all three of them desire to serve then it would be difficult not to admit the claims of MM. Kupa and Kryeziu to additional representation in order to preserve the political balance of the Committee. In that case the projected Committee of eleven members would be expanded to one of fourteen. It is not a matter upon which your backers feel strongly and it is one for the members of the NCFa themselves to decide.

It is proposed that the Committee should hold regular meetings every two or three months which would be attended at least by the members in Rome and Athens. The New York members would attend also, of course, if there were sufficiently important decisions on the agenda to warrant the long journey.

Now to come to the subcommittees. They are an essential part of the scheme since it is intended that once they are set up they should immediately produce a programme of their intended work and aims and should actually meet regularly and produce progress reports on their work. It is proposed to preserve a careful party balance among the members of each subcommittee, in addition to choosing its members so far as possible for their qualifications for that particular subcommittee. It is also proposed that, as an additional safeguard against any particular subcommittee becoming dominated by any particular party, a system of rotating chairmanships should be introduced under which each subcommittee would have as Chairman a member of the Central Committee who would be changed every six months. Alternatively the chairmanship might rotate among the various members of the subcommittee, with a member of the Central Committee acting as a non-voting permanent secretary, who would report the proceedings to the Central Committee and generally provide both liaison and continuity.

The proposed functions and suggested membership of the subcommittees are as follows:

1. Propaganda Subcommittee:

The work of this subcommittee should be divided into two fields - external and internal. In both of these fields it must speak exclusively in the name of the NCFa as a whole and must ensure that its propaganda does not favour any particular political party.

Its external activities would be a) to promote propaganda itself and to make use of the friendly press, NCFE, European Movement, BBC, Voice of America, to publicize the NCFa and influence public opinion in its favour, thereby enhancing its status. b) to ensure that all Albanians in exile get news of NCFa activities and thereby increase the number of its supporters. c) to counteract the activities of Albanian groups outside the Committee who are trying to undermine its effectiveness.

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Its internal function would be to produce, inclose cooperation with Mr. Lee and myself, leaflets, cartoons and other forms of propaganda ideas for distribution within Albania.

It is proposed to take over the members of the present Press and Propaganda Committee for the new Subcommittee without change. The Plans Subcommittee would in fact be the successor to the present Military Junta. It would form a security panel to study the means and the various alternative methods for the eventual liberation of Albania and to estimate the manpower and logistical support required.

Thus it would study a) the possibilities of an internal rising or an external invasion or the possibilities of a combination of the two. b) the warlike stores, food, medical supplies, transport, etc. required for the various alternatives. c) organization and communications for the various alternatives. d) the control of liberated areas under martial law and the supplying of the population until the civil authorities can take control.

It is proposed that this subcommittee should absorb some of the Albanians who have for many months been awaiting employment in Rome and Athens - namely, Hysini Mulleti (Peasant), Dilaver Dine and Rauf Frasherri (Legalitet) and Ejup Bënaku and Haki Rushiti (BK). MM. Mulleti and Frasherri are now in Rome and the other three in Athens.

The functions of the new Civil Affairs Subcommittee, like those of the Propaganda Committee, may be divided into Internal and External.

Its internal work will be to prepare plans for the civil administration of liberated Albania, i.e. police, health, education, posts and telegraphs, electoral laws, communications, transport and reconstruction, etc.

Its external work will consist a) of making a census of Albanians in exile and keeping up to date card indices giving details of their location, status, age, etc. This should entail the posting every six months of a printed card to every Albanian in exile. b) of the allocation to deserving cases which may come to their notice of certain funds which may be placed at their disposal by the NCFA. Since the handling of the Welfare Fund would be at present the principal task of the Civil Affairs Subcommittee, we propose a three man, three party Committee to consist of MM. Telhaj, Halil Maci and Gani Tafilaj. Should, however, their postwar planning and their worldwide liaison work prove too much for the three of them it might prove necessary to increase the size of this subcommittee.

The main functions of the new Recruiting Subcommittee will be to maintain liaison with the British and American authorities concerning the recruiting of suitable persons for the Guard Company and other activities and also to maintain liaison between persons so recruited and the NCFA. It will ensure that such recruiting takes place exclusively in the name of the NCFA and not on a party basis.

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For the members of the Recruiting Committee we propose M. Ejup Binaku and Dr. Alimehmeti (both of the BK), M. Hysen Terpeza and Dr. Dibra (both Legalitet) and Colonel Ibrahim Farka (Peasant Party). Dr. Alimehmeti and Dr. Dibra are both qualified medical men at present in the Guard Company, while the other three all have previous experience of recruiting work.

Those, gentlemen, are the suggestions and recommendations which on behalf of your backers in Washington and London we put forward for your earnest consideration. Your backers are convinced that if their general proposals are accepted the status of the NCFA will be greatly enhanced, its effectiveness increased and its support and influence intensified.

This joint statement has been prepared in agreement with Mr. Lee, but I would nevertheless like to ask him whether he has anything which he wishes to add before turning the proposals over to general discussion.

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What are your preliminary reactions, Mr. Dosti?

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EXHIBIT "B"

18 August 1952

Dear Archie:

I have studied your draft of the reorganization discussions with great interest and congratulate you on a splendid job. As I told you, I have a few minor suggestions to make, which you will find covered in a separate memorandum attached to your talk.

As I told you the other day, I believe we should share in the discussions - first, because these people all know that the Americans have been the instigators of this subject and, second, because if we administer the medicine jointly it will serve as proof of our solidarity.

With this in mind, I would suggest that you take the reorganization portion and that I handle the broadening matter.

As I told you, it is my belief that there will be considerable skepticism about the reorganization plan if it is discussed without some briefing on what we expect to accomplish in the broadening. I would thus like to repeat the proposal I made to you the other day, that at the first session we discuss the reorganization (as per your speech) and that at the next meeting we outline the broad picture insofar as the broadening matter is concerned, with the understanding that we will then go back and complete all discussions on the reorganization before taking up the matter of broadening the Committee.

I believe, and note from your memo that you agree, that we can stress the fact we wish to have the broadening discussions held while Mr. Dosti and Mr. Kotta are in Rome. This makes it unnecessary for us to place a time limit on the staging of such discussions.

Based upon the above, I would propose this agenda for the outset of our discussions:

Dinner - Wednesday night

1. Introduction by J. L. as host.
2. Welcome to Il Refugio, previously used by Allies Marshal Alexander and United States 15th Air Force.
3. Living accommodations during meetings available if desired.
4. Restatement of British-American relations as regards the Albanian question.

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5. Introduction of [] as August Chairman, who will guide discussions
6. Discussions by [] on need for reorganizing NCFA.
7. Discussion of plans for date of second meeting and subsequent meetings.

Second Meeting

(Following is an outline I have prepared which I entitle, "Notes on Broadening Discussions", which I propose to follow in discussing the broadening subject.)

1. Only united effort will accomplish Albania's liberation and maintain her independence.
2. Unity has not been achieved under the present NCFA structure.
 - (a) While it is true that the majority of peasants defecting to Greece have been influenced to join NCFA (under pressure), a survey conducted in Lavrion indicates their first loyalty is to the recruiting party or its leaders.
 - (b) Many leaders are still outside NCFA and must be reckoned with, if not before Albania's liberation, certainly after it has been accomplished.
 - (c) Exiles going to Yugoslavia obviously support the Yugoslavs or current operations being staged could not be performed.
 - (d) Greeks inform us that defections over the Greek border are running at only 25% of the rate they were running at this time last year; Jugoslavian sources report an increase in border crossings.
3. Individual and party aspirations must be subjugated to the overall cause of NCFA, at least for the time being, because it is now obvious that those who unite Albanian forces today will be Albania's leaders tomorrow; men who can reconcile differences and employ all worthy anti-puppet state elements will mold the state of the future.
4. The Yugoslavs are well aware of this, and they seek to include those elements spurned by the NCFA in their Prizren Committee to build an organization with national representation which would be acceptable to the people of Albania. Proof of this is reflected in the facts that: (a) Northern Chieftains put three teams into Albania this summer through the auspices of the

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Prizren group; (b) The Jugoslavs have recruited in Italy and the Middle East; and (c) The Jugoslavs are currently recruiting in the regiment in Germany.

5. Net appraisal of the situation is as follows: Three major elements now exist --

(a) NCFA, to which it must be admitted all worthy elements have not been attracted. Thus, NCFA represents only X per cent of the elements which must be reckoned with in accomplishing NCFA's avowed aims.

(b) Elements outside NCFA which are not yet entangled with any group or power to the degree that they cannot make a free choice to work with NCFA, which heretofore has ignored them.

(c) The Prizren Group, which well realizes its shortcomings and seeks to enroll these same personalities, which could give the Prizren Group an air of respectability and make it a national front organization acceptable to the people of Albania as a future government.

6. The Prizren Group might well succeed in its effort if the NCFA does not take immediate steps to unite forces which must be reckoned with in the final analysis.

7. Dangers currently faced by the NCFA are:

(a) Increased activity on the Yugoslav front which might lead to spontaneous combustion.

(b) Possible use of Albanian exiles in Jugoslavia to conduct a purely Albanian conflict resulting in the liberation of Albania and the establishment of a pro-Titoist government.

8. Broad outline of NCFA broadening plan acceptable to NCFA backers to unite the greatest possible strength under the NCFA banner.

9. Additional benefits hoped for as a result of NCFA's broadening:

(a) United Nations recognition.

(b) Insurance against NCFA's destruction in the event of armed conflict in Europe.

(c) Heightening of NCFA's prestige, with a possible call for aid from that group by the United Nations in the reestablishment of a post-liberation state.

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EXHIBIT "C"

18 August 1952

Dear Archie:

I shall group my reply to your memorandum of 10 August along with my comments on the excellent speech which you prepared for our opening session with the Executive Committee.

1. Re Paragraphs 1 and 2, page 1, of your memo. I agree completely.
2. Re Paragraph 4, page 1. I can think of no point at the moment on which our friends might try to break up our unified front and try to drive a wedge between us. I believe we more or less have to play this one by ear, consulting each other privately if any surprises are sprung on us, before making any sort of agreement or statement which would place us in an embarrassing position.
3. Re Paragraph 5, page 1. I should like to see you strike out the reference to "a couple of months". I think they might take us literally on this and Dosti and Kotta might not get away until spring. May I suggest, instead, a reframing of your statement to read, "It is not our plan to force you gentlemen to make decisions until you have had a thorough opportunity to discuss the matters among yourselves and with your associates, but we believe it best to take advantage of the presence of Mr. Dosti and Mr. Kotta to hold the broadening discussions immediately the reorganization talks are completed.
4. Re the Plans Sub-Committee, discussed on page 1 of your memo. The Plans Sub-Committee is made up entirely of military officers. Following are the ranks of the various individuals: Dine - Major; Frateri - Major; Farka - Captain; Rushiti - Captain; Binaku - Sub-Lieutenant.
5. Re the Civil Affairs Sub-Committee, mentioned on page 2 of your memo. We have never felt that the Executive Committee would relinquish its supervision or handling of Welfare Funds. We have felt, however, that, by getting a committee set up and responsible for furnishing accountings, we might eliminate many of the abuses which are now known only to a select few. Telhaj may be completely disreputable. On the other hand, since he will not be disbursing funds on his own, and since he is known to talk considerably, it is our opinion that he is an ideal representative for this chore. Certainly, he will keep no secrets from the rank and file as to the manner in which Welfare Funds are employed.

As far as Halil Maci is concerned, as I told you the other day, we have been paying him \$150.00 a month. We have no objection to continuing this

payment if someone now on the payroll wishes to assume his duties without further remuneration. On the other hand, I have been led to believe that Maci is well on the way to recovery, and we appraise him as a most able gentleman who could perform Civil Affairs functions splendidly.

I cannot agree that the Civil Affairs Sub-Committee is eye wash. While it might be expanded to five members, we would prefer that it function without the necessity of paying additional personnel. I assure you that I am open to any suggestion you have to make on this score but would like to add one thought - that I do not believe any of the members of the Committee are any better than you or I and that much of the work we do is more tedious than keeping card indexes and addressing envelopes. I do not feel we should hesitate to call upon these gentlemen to do such work.

6. Re Paragraph 4 of your reorganization paper on Page 2. I would like to suggest that the terms "compromised" and "Collaborationism" be deleted. This is sure to be the basis upon which certain people will be judged, and I feel that we might be putting words into mouths, so to speak. Would you object to saying something like this: "The impression seems to be abroad that this meeting has been called for the purpose of trying to force upon the Committee the inclusion of various groups or personalities.", thereby deleting the last two lines of the paragraph?

7. Re Paragraph 1 of the reorganization paper, page 3. Would you object to ending the first sentence so that it reads, "...solely with the elements and groups now belonging to it.?" Would you object to killing the words "or rejection" in line 2, second sentence of this paragraph? It is my belief again that we might be putting words in their mouths.

8. Re Paragraph 2, page 3. Would you object to changing your second sentence to read, "At our next meeting [] will outline these principles, which you may expect to be asked by us to consider re individuals outside the NCFA whose inclusion might strengthen and broaden its appeal both inside and outside the country.?" Also, would you object to killing the last sentence of that paragraph, since, again I feel they will reject anything they want to whether we like it or not?

9. Re Paragraph 3, page 3. Would you object to adding these sentences following the first sentences: "We should like to make it clear, however, that we would not view your acceptance of the reorganization alone as a conclusive and final cure to the problems facing the Committee at this time. It should be understood, however, that your acceptance of either of the two proposals put before you does not imply your approval or disapproval of the other.?" Arch, if you accept this I would like to see you eliminate the second sentence of the paragraph, which I feel my people would not allow me to endorse without further discussion.

10. Re Paragraph 5, page 3. Instead of a single committee of a dozen members, our proposal actually calls for thirteen members, with one vacancy for an inside resistance leader.

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Also, I believe we should scratch your reference to Mulleti as being on the waiting list, since Mulleti is now a member of the General Committee and probably feels that he is contributing his services through that organization. In other words, I don't think we should single him out, since he does not fall in the same category as Binaku, Rushiti, Frasher, etc.

17. Re the Civil Affairs Sub-Committee, page 5. Would you object to killing the term, "three-party Committee", since we are attempting to take it out of the hands of parties?

Again, I have the same comment to make with respect to the functions of this sub-committee. In fact, I am wondering whether it is well even to name the candidates we have in mind for the various committees in the initial discussions. Don't you think it might be better to discuss this rather informally after there has been agreement on the principle?

At the outset of this memorandum I said that I agreed with you in principle and thought you did a wonderful job. The above may look like a great many suggestions on my part, but I assure you that I feel they are, for the most part, minor.

J.L.

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ATTACHMENT TO: 2899-CRIWU

EXHIBIT "D"

Komiteti Kombetar
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For Free Albania
New York

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NCFA
DURING THE PERIOD 10th JULY - 10th AUGUST 1952

The Executive Committee of the NCFA held a few meetings during this period, to discuss the different following points:

1. The Executive Committee met to give the last instructions to the Peace Delegation which left for Greece on the 14th July.
2. The Committee presented the list of the elements of the Committee who needed travel documents.
3. The Committee presented the list of the English speaking Albanians.
4. From the 25th July, until the 1st August, MM. Dosti, Kotta and Damani participated in the Western Berlin International Congress of the Free Jurists.
5. MM. Dosti, Kotta and Damani have visited the Committee's Labour Service Company in Hohebrunn.
6. Mr. Pali paid a private visit to Turkey.
7. MM. Pali and Damani presented a report on the decisions taken by the Peace Delegation about the incidents which took place in Greece on the 23 and 24th May 1952.
8. Mr. Damani is preparing the report on the concentration and forced labour camps in Albania with the material he gathered in Greece, as charge of the NCFA.
9. MM. Dosti and Kotta have arrived in Rome, from Germany on the 10th August 1952, at 20.00; they were met at the airport by the Secretary of the NCFA.

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10. The Military Junta met on the 19th July, and decided to ask Mr. J. L. about leaving for Germany at the end of the month of August.

Rome the 10th August 1952

The Secretary of the NCFA

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Athens 25 July 52.-

To the Executive Committee of
the National Committee for a Free Albania
R O M E

To accomplish as best as possible the mission with which we were charged, we decided to go to the Lavrion Camp. We arrived on the 16th July and spent there six days. We stated with pleasure that there was no longer the tension for the first days. Everybody had cooled down in a satisfactory manner.

Before starting the investigations, the responsables of the groups were advised to tell their comrades to remain calm and patiently await the results of the enquiry and the decisions of the delegation of the NCFE.

We proceeded regularly interrogating all those who had participated in the incidents which took place on the 23 and 24 May 52. It results from our investigations, that matters are exactly corresponding to the report done by our friends, so we consider it useless to present another report.

The reasons which determinated these events are less the agitation and wounds, than the lamentable situation of our fellow citizens in the camp, their state of mind and their idleness. On the other hand, we stated with pleasure that generally speaking the events which took place left much discontent among the majority of our fellow citizens, and even those who took part have repented. According to the investigations done it results there has been no outside interference from wherever during the incidents. To settle peace, fraternity, and the union of our fellow citizens who are in Greece, we thought it reasonable not to take any further measures against the direct or indirect authors of the incidents, considered the fact that two months had gone by since the verification of the events. On the other hand it was the general desire to put an end to the matter.

For the regular proceeding of the works of the NCFE, we considered it reasonable to let our fellow citizens know the decision of the Executive Committee of the NCFE as well as some demands we considered reasonable for them.

For this aim we gathered on the 21st July 52, in the reading room of the Lavrion Camp. Mr. Pali declared the meeting opened, then Mr. Damani read the decisions of the Committee.

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All those present welcomed with pleasure the decisions of the Committee; they promised discipline, union, fraternity and hailed Albania and the National Committee for a Free Albania.

The original copy of the decisions of the Committee as well as our Counsels are included with this report. A regulation copy signed by us has been delivered to the representatives of the groups.

The delegates of the Executive of the NCFE

S. DAMANI

Z. PALI

I. TOPTANI

NOTE: This represents a resume of the attachment to 2883-CRIWU. Also included as a part of this report was the decree read at Lavrion by the Committee (see 1807-CAGWU attachment)

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