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Current Status of Planning for 1954 Operations

REF: SGAA-8152, KAPOK-2327, 1 February 1954

1. The purpose of this dispatch is to familiarize Headquarters with the current status of plans for 1954 operations.
2. Our planning as to the volume of this year's operations is based on our assumption that a continuation of OBOPUS penetration operations at the 1953 level is desired. 23 agents comprising five teams and the leader of a sixth were committed during 1953.
3. On the basis of intelligence requirements, EUCOM and NATO G/W requirements and the area knowledge of current and potential agent material, we are now examining the possibilities of mounting the following missions (areas are those in attachment to reference). You will note that the candidates listed for Wednesday Team include the complements of Fig and Willow Teams. We intend to discontinue the infiltration of two teams into the Kercha area as we feel that this practice in the future would be uneconomical and redundant. We plan instead to select one able team from all the available candidates for this area. You will also notice that some men are listed twice. This has been done intentionally when they can be used in more than one area.

a. Monday Team - area 2

Candidates:

AIRLOCK - on board
Hamit Hasa (DIR-16151, 17 August 1953)
Zil Sulemani Pillana - spotted but not yet interviewed (SGAA-5213
27 July 1953)
Hamdi Dogjani - (SGAW-2123, 23 June 1953, para 3.e.)

Mission:

- (1) Contact AILION and conduct him to base.
- (2) Collect intelligence against KRYPTON ID 2100 and KUYAWL requirements.
- (3) Development of G/W assets as requested in EGQA-26601.
- (4) Collection of P/W

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(4) Collection of P/W material and reporting on HTGRUBBY reception and audience reaction.

(5) Through sub-agents, attempt to contact the Liriya resistance movement per SGAN-3308.

Method of infiltration: Air drop to reception committee set up by Tuesday or Wednesday Team, or sea infiltration along northern coast.

Method of exfiltration: overland.

(Note: Such a mission can not be mounted unless guides are available for the entire exfiltration route).

b. Tuesday Team - area 6

Candidates:

AIRBLOWN - on board
 AIRWISE - on board
 Adem Tafani - spotted but not yet interviewed as yet (PGAA-1734
 25 May 1950)
 Abedin Kotori - spotted but not yet interviewed as yet (POG
 WASH-03092, 7 August 1951).
 Sarafin Sula - spotted but not interviewed as yet (WASH-03597,
 21 September 1951).
 Feta Khika - spotted but not interviewed as yet (WASH-03092, 7
 August 1951).

Mission:

- (1) EGQA-26292, H-1 target interdiction of oil pipeline.
- (2) Contact with local leaders committed to RNPUELOG in 1949 (see para 10 of PGA-A-1136, 16 January 1950) for execution of requirement in EGQA-26601.
- (3) Establishment of intelligence nets into Tirana and Durres for satisfaction of KUYAWL requirements, collection of P/W material and reporting on HTGRUBBY reception and audience reaction.

Method of infiltration: overland

Method of exfiltration: overland.

c. Wednesday Team - area 8

Candidates:

AIRERED - on board
 AIRBORNE - on board

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RNORDAIN - on board
AIRWORTHY - on board
RNDEPLOY - on board
AIRSLACK - on board
Khevat Hoxha - spotted but not yet contacted (DIR-17291, 3 September 1953)
Muhamet Merolli - spotted but not yet contacted
Bariq Seit - committed
Suleiman Mousa - spotted but not yet contacted
Hasan Tale - spotted but not yet contacted
Housni Kari - spotted but not yet contacted
Ramadan Sadiklari - spotted but not yet contacted
Gemal Dulo - spotted but not yet contacted
Khafer Malushi - spotted but not yet contacted (DIR-13701, 28 July 1953)
AIPUMP - on board
AIRWAY - on board

Mission:

- (1) Maintenance of Fig Team assets in the area.
- (2) Collection of P/W intelligence and reporting on HTGRUBBY reception and audience reaction.
- (3) Selection of target for and execution of coup de main mission.

Method of infiltration: overland

Method of exfiltration: overland

d. Thursday Team - area 9

Candidates - none spotted

Mission:

- (1) Collection of intelligence per KUYANL targets and SGAW-1693, 4 May 1953.
- (2) Development of G/W assets as requested in EGQA-26601.
- (3) Location of safe landing points along the coast south of the Karaburun Peninsula.
- (4) Reporting on HTGRUBBY reception and audience reaction.

Method of infiltration: sea

Method of exfiltration: overland.

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e. Friday Team

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e. Friday Team - area 11

Candidates:

RNDOLLAR - on board
GADUPTER - on board
AIRERED - on board
Jani Hito - committed
Khalil Veshi - spotted but not contacted
Bariq Seit - committed
Plasotis Nikos - committed
Borasi Thanasis - committed
Filis Philipas - committed
Kiriakos Kaliviotis - spotted but not contacted

Mission:

- (1) Development of intelligence and G/W network in Epirus.
- (2) Selection of target for and execution of coup de main mission.
- (3) Collection of P/W material and reporting on HTGRUBBY reception and audience reaction.

4. The names listed under the title "candidates" above include agents we have used during 1953, men recommended by our present agents on the basis of area knowledge and/or general aptitude for operations, and men that have come to our attention through miscellaneous sources such as GANGPLANK's office and spotting files. In cases where we have described a man as committed we mean that he has volunteered to undertake operations for HTNEIGH. We should emphasize that we have no intention of using all the men listed as candidates for any given area. Rather we will select from these lists, plus additions to them that may come to our attention, the best possible team complement for each area. We are submitting all these names at this time in hopes that we may have the benefit of Headquarters' comment.

5. You will note that we have included the names of some members of the old Thunderstorm operation in the list of candidates for the Tuesday Team. In reviewing such documents as are available here on Thunderstorm we deduce that the mission was discontinued because of the difficulties encountered in sharing the operation with the Greek service and because of the desire of at least some of the agents to work for HTNEIGH rather than the Greeks. If there are other reasons that would preclude the use of Thunderstorm personnel in future operations, we are unaware of them. Please give us the benefit of your advice on this general subject and comments, if any, on specific persons connected with it.

6. It will probably be difficult to combine the special operations mentioned in the missions of Wednesday and Friday Teams with intelligence collection. It may, therefore, be necessary to limit our activities to the accomplishment of one

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objective in each case or to mount additional sorties of a given team or different individuals or groups to execute both types of operations. The proximity of the Greek border to areas 8 and 11 is certainly conducive to profitable short term shallow penetrations. On this point, we are interested in determining KUBARK's current position on assassination missions. We are of the opinion that such activity can be effective from the standpoint of P/W as well as harrassment, if it is so arranged as to avoid reprisals against the innocent population.

7. With reference to SGAW-3263, 3 December 1953, Part II, para 5., has there been any decision reached on the use of BCPREFIX and CRNESS elements for operations during 1954? The development of this possibility and/or that of operating through Turkey would certainly affect the foregoing sketch of plans. We are looking forward to recommendations promised in NRIA-2031, 12 February 1954.

8. As we are now engaged in interviewing all our present and potential agents on the subject of 1954 operations, the above outline of our current thinking is subject to rapid change. We will keep you apprised of all important developments.

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