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<b>DISPATCH</b>		CLASSIFICATION <b>S-E-C-R-E-T</b>	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO. <b>EKAA-1389</b>
TO <b>Chief, EE; Chief, SR</b>	INFO <b>Chief, KUCAGE</b>		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO.
FROM <b>Chief of [ ] [ ]</b>	SUBJECT <b>Phasing out of Black broadcasts to Denied Areas</b>		DATE
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REFERENCES(S) DIR 41847 <span style="float: right;">P-R-I-O-R-I-T-Y</span>			
<p>1. In response to reference and following discussions with [ ] [ ] during his recent visit to [ ] [ ] here are our plans for the phasing out of Athens radio programs to denied areas.</p> <p>2. In brief we propose to stop all broadcasts to Rumania and Albania as well as regular news programs to the USSR upon receiving Headquarters approval of our plan (staggering the termination dates over a period of several weeks). We would send home or reassign the personnel involved almost immediately—with a few key personnel remaining pending their more gradual reassignment.</p> <p>3. These plans are designed to accomplish the termination of the programs in the briefest period consistent with the orderly resettlement or transfer to other duties of the personnel involved. However, as long as operation of the transmitter and receiving sites is required to support communications needs as such, and to the extent that appreciable costs are not involved, we believe that the broadcast capability should not be totally discarded at this time and that a fractional effort targeted at the USSR and possibly Bulgaria should be continued. Athens is rather unique as a base from which we can go on the air on unassigned frequencies, with propaganda broadcasts in various languages, without either prior or <u>ex post facto</u> censorship by the local authorities. Therefore, we recommend <u>keeping</u> for the time being one highly imaginative writer for the Russian program and one for the Bulgarian. We also recommend that those writers whom we send home and whom Headquarters wishes to keep occupied there pending resettlement continue to make tapes which we can use. Alternatively, we suggest that in some instances—such as GAMBLE who has recently arrived in Athens and who may not be easily resettled—you may wish to keep the writer productively occupied here while his resettlement plans are worked out.</p> <p>4. Our plan therefore would be:</p> <p>a. <u>SHELLAC</u>: Stop the broadcasts against Rumania on 31 October and send the script writer FANNING back to the states soon thereafter. A detailed discussion of his resettlement problems is contained in EKAA-1366, but in brief we recommend that we try to help him and his wife get teaching jobs. The staff officer, [ ] [ ] would be moved to other duties at the [ ] [ ] unless you prefer to transfer him laterally. (See [ ] [ ]-6441.)</p> <p>b. <u>OBTEST</u>: Stop the broadcasts to Albania on 21 October. Move career agent [ ] [ ] into Yugoslav operations and try to resettle AIPLEBE (a detailed discussion of this talented agent's resettlement was sent in EKAA-1372). We believe this has been a good program but realize that Albania is a relatively minor target.</p> <p>c. <u>AEHANGOVER</u>: The staff officer concerned, [ ] [ ] happens to be between tours, and we have recommended that since we must cut back he not return.* Also, we would send home about 30 November 1959 contract employee [ ] [ ] who is on an extended tour. We would stop by 31 October all our regular news broadcasts but recommend that we continue to put out special broadcasts employing techniques which only a clandestine station can use. For example, we would continue to dub into recordings of regular Soviet programs some subtle anti-Soviet propaganda. We have found that this technique seems to avoid jammers and may produce a much more telling impact on the listener than a</p>			
* We are exploring his possible use on AEPRODICAL.			
FORM 10-57 53 (40)	USE PREVIOUS EDITION REPLACES FORMS 51 28, 51 28A AND 51 29 WHICH ARE OBSOLETE	CLASSIFICATION <b>S-E-C-R-E-T</b>	CONTINUED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PAGE NO <b>1</b>

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regular program. We would keep COTILE to do these programs, drawing on AEPRODIGAL interrogators for part time announcing when more than one voice is needed. We would keep GAMBLE and FULLILOVE here temporarily--they arrived only in March 1959--until their resettlement or reassignment could be worked out.

d. METAPHOR: We would not replace  on the completion of his present tour in December 1959. This officer has done a fine job in building up a revisionist program and in maintaining an anti-Communist program with a green writer. We recommend continuing the METAPHOR 1 program using DOCEKAB who--as a former Communist agitprop writer--is almost unique for revisionist propaganda. We can do this relatively cheaply supervising him with one of the remaining PP staff officers who has just begun his tour. This will permit us to keep a talented writer--who has been here only six months--and a revisionist program on the air at least pending the reassignment of the staff officers to other work. We do not like to give up the anti-Communist program, which is now written by a \$3000 per year field agent and which has provoked such angry reactions by the Communist regime. However, his resettlement is not a major problem and we can phase out this program too sometime after 31 October--when budgetary pressures or other considerations so require.

5. To recapitulate: our aim is to save as much money and personnel as possible. But we would drop what we feel have been cutting PP tools only at such time as their elimination results in worthwhile savings. Much depends on the future of the PYREX facility itself. We do not propose to maintain any additional PYREX staff to service PP broadcasts. However, neither do we think it is wise to drop all PP broadcasts on the erroneous assumption that large amounts of money will be immediately saved. Rather, we believe we should use whatever facilities the commo base can give us to keep productively occupied the loyal staff, whose resettlement and reassignment to other equally rewarding tasks will necessarily take some months, and to keep alive the precedent here for engaging in active unilateral anti-Communist radio activities.

6. We enclose a series of briefing papers on our radio activity prepared for  visit. We believe these will outline how we feel about the individual programs and explain why we have reached the recommendations of this dispatch.

7. A separate dispatch follows outlining the commo needs of the

8. Please cable us your views on this proposed plan.

Attachment:  
Briefing Papers

SAH/htw

2 October 1959

This dispatch had been substantially completed before Station received DIR-47059 (dated 5 Oct 59) but there appears to be no conflict.

Distribution:

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- 1 - Chief, , att

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26 August 1959

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Authority: Athens RMD, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Item 2 -- "The reduction of the prestige and influence of the USSR, the Satellites and Communist Parties and their front organizations and the weakening of the ties between the USSR and the Satellites." Under OBJECTIVES, Item 4 -- "Encourage and foster disruptive elements within the Soviet Union and the Satellites and encourage the Satellites to resist Soviet domination." And Item 4, Paragraph a. -- "Continue and improve clandestine radio broadcasts to Soviet and Satellite audiences."

Purpose: Assuming the guise of Albanian revisionists, we attempt to loosen the ties between Albania and the Soviet Union, foster disruptive tendencies in order to weaken the Regime, and encourage modification of the harsher and more unenlightened policies of the Regime.

Resources Involved:

1. Staff Time: One Staff Officer who spends 20 percent of his time on radio.
2. Project Cost: FY-60 - Requested    
FY-59 -   obligated, of which about   expended.  
FY-58 -   authorized (did not include contract agent or cost of premises.)
3. Contract Time: One full-time career agent; included in project cost.

Message: We produce one new 15-minute program every five days which seeks to put pressure on the middle level Albanian Communist to act in line with the purposes noted above, ~~and to increase our listening audience.~~ We advance nationalist arguments to appeal to the strong patriotic sentiments of most Albanians. Hence we attack Albanian leaders as being Soviet puppets, we have campaigned for the rehabilitation of nationalist (and anti-Yugoslav) Albanian poet Gjergj Fishta, and we have called repeatedly upon Albanian leaders to take steps to defend the Albanian minority in Kossovo from Yugoslav persecution -- the latter is a very ticklish point for the Albanian leaders. RSA is presently cuddling Radio Shkoder each day from 1430-1500 hours GMT, in the hope of increasing the listening audience. (In the absence of an RFE program for Albania, RSA is the only non-governmental broadcasting service operating into the area and is, of course, the only one specifically directed against the Communist elite.)

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Effectiveness:

1. Where is the signal heard? In Belgrade and Zagreb (VOA and KUBARK monitors), London (FBIS and BBC), and in Albania (based on Albanian reactions -- see below).
  - a. September-October 1957: A refugee Albanian construction foreman stated during debriefing in Greece in May 1958 that he had heard Radio Socialist Albania on several occasions while in Kocane, Yugoslavia. He described the broadcasts as being Marxist-Leninist in content, with an anti-Stalinist bias, and said that they attacked the leadership of the Albanian party. This refugee had assumed that the programs originated from Titograd.
  - b. Late 1958: A returning legal traveller declared that a liberal Communist friend of his had listened to RSA once or twice, and believed that it was the tool of some anti-Albanian power.

To our knowledge there is no jamming in Albania, although sky-wave jammers operate occasionally from Rumania, the Soviet Union, etc.

2. How does the target react?
  - a. 16 March 1958: In an editorial in the Albanian Government daily Zeri i Popullit, repeated over Radio Tirana, Chief of Internal Security Hysni KAPO branded as baseless the accusations of revisionists that the Party indulged in dogmatism and Stalinism in Albania. (This is RSA's standard line on the Regime)
  - b. 24 May 1958: Radio Tirana re-broadcast a speech by member of the Central Committee of the Party Liri BELISHOVA in which she said; "At the moment the leaders of the League (presumably the League of Communists of Yugoslavia -- as noted below the Albanians are confused as to the 'role' played by the LCY in RSA broadcasts) are trying to stop the unmasking of modern revisionism by saying that we are going back to the year 1948." (This was the thesis of a RSA special program broadcast from 6-17 May 1958; it was entitled "History Is Being Repeated.")
  - c. 22 June 1958; An editorial, "Modern Revisionism Must Be Fought Until It Is Completely Destroyed, As A Theory And Politically," appeared in Zeri i Popullit and was carried over Radio Tirana. "It is not accidental," went the charge, "that the imperialist press and radio -- and Albanian emigrees -- are widely using the slogans of the Yugoslav

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press to call on our people 'to overthrow anti-democratic and Stalinist socialism,' and to replace it 'with Tito's humanitarian type of socialism.'" (Excepting the name "Tito," this is the oft-repeated platform of RSA.)

- d. 16 November 1958: Radio Tirana broadcast an editorial from that day's Zeri i Popullit which was a diatribe against revisionism, and which was in apparent direct reply to a RSA program which was broadcast on the previous day.
- e. 3 March 1959: A speech by Enver HOXHA, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers' Party, addressed to the People's Assembly (parliament), was recorded and carried the same day on Radio Tirana, and was repeated on 4 March in the Albanian daily papers: "This anti-Albanian campaign also comprises the broadcasts of the U.S. Socialist Albania radio station which is located near Athens and is supplied with propaganda materials from Belgrade. This radio station has recently said that "the Albanian leadership is defending Kossovo (the Albanian ethnic area in Yugoslavia) with words only"; and it asks the question: "Why doesn't the Albanian leadership bring the question of Kossovo before the United Nations?" This shameful campaign organized by the Anglo-American reactionary clique will not only fail shamefully without fooling or frightening anyone, but it will remove the mask from the renegades from Marxism and show that they are fully in the service of American imperialism." (RSA began to attack the Tirana Government for words rather than deeds on the Kossovo issue with a series of broadcasts on 16 January 1959, and again on 19 February.)
- f. Early March 1959: The later theme was picked up on another plane when Marshal Tito, immediately upon returning from his tour through Asia and Africa (in fact in his very first speech on reaching Yugoslavia), stated that the Albanians were looking for trouble in regard to Kossovo by threatening to take the matter to the U.N. He declared that it should really be for Yugoslavia itself to take the Kossovo question to the United Nations.

### Future Plans and Recommendations:

1. To investigate and test periodic medium-wave efforts from a boat operating in the Corfu area. (Special techniques applied to short-wave broadcasting are not as necessary for Albania as they are for other areas, due to the absence of the Jamming factor.)
2. To back up the broadcasting effort with an internal mailing program into Albania.

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