

DD/P Project Approval Sheet

Project Cryptonym

~~OBOPUS~~

Amendment No.

Sub-Project Cryptonym

OBHUNT

(Pm)

Originating Division

SE

Approved

~~Disapproved~~



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16 July '54

Comments:

* Project renewal for FY '55 per CSI 234-1 approved in

the amount of subject to the availability of funds.

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SENIOR STAFF PROJECT CLEARANCE SHEET

1. Identification

a. Project Cryptonym: OBHUNT

d. Division: SE

b. Sub-project Cryptonym:

e. Branch: 1

c. Amendment No.

f. Desk: Albania

2. STAFF COORDINATION

Element	Signature	Copy	Date	Date of Memorandum
a. DD/P-Adm (R&A)		1	17 June	
b. C-DD/P-Adm		1	24 June	
c. DD/P-C/I&R		1	9 July	
d. PM/OPS /S		2-Div. Clearance Sheet	8 June 54	
e. DCPP/PM /S		2-Div. Clearance Sheet	9 June 54	
f. COMMO /S		Div. Clearance Sheet	9 June 54	
g. AC-PP/P&O		1	15 July 54	
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Conditions: (This space reserved for CPP and DD/P-Admin)

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1.	1	1	C/SE-1			<u>24 May 1954</u>
2.			SE/AF/PI			<u>24 May 1954</u>
3.			SE/CAL			<u>25 May 1954</u>
4.			SE/PI/CE			<u>25 May 1954</u>
5.			C/SE			<u>26 May 54</u>
6.	1/5		PI/PI/AF/COVER		sgd	<u>28 May '54</u>
7.	1/5		SEC		sgd	<u>9 June 54</u>
8.			COMMO			<u>June 9 '54</u>
9.	1/5		SEC		sgd	<u>8 June 1954</u>
10.	1/5		CFM		1sgd	<u>9 June 1954</u>
11.	1/5				1sgd	<u>22 June 54</u>
	1/5				1sgd	<u>20 June 54</u>
12.	1/5				1sgd	<u>16 July 54</u>

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PROJECT OUTLINE

(date)

Project Cryptonym or Subject: OBHUNT

Sub-Project Cryptonym or Identification: None

Amendment No. None

Originating Division: SE

a. Division Chief: [], Ext. 2445

b. Branch Chief : [], Ext. 671

c. Case Officer : [], Ext. 671

Target Area: Albania

Type of Project: PM

Financial Mechanism: Direct purchase of service

Funds requested: Fiscal Year 1955 -

Current Status: Approved as BGFIELD 22 June 1949 by ADPC

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1. OBJECTIVE:

To formalize a going activity, previously approved under OBOPUS (formerly BGFLEND.) Project OBHUNT's objective is to further the CIA PP/PM/PI mission against Albania through the infiltration of agent teams whose purpose will be to gather positive and operational intelligence, contact resistance groups, establish W/T nets, E & E lines, dead-letter drops, and encourage passive resistance among the populace and defection from the government and military organizations, either directly or through the recruitment of resident agents.

2. ORIGIN and POLICY GUIDANCE:

- a. Origin. BGFLEND Project Outline approved 22 June 1949 by ADPC.
OPC Country Plan for Albania.
Covert Operations General Plans FY1956 - Cold War.
- b. Whence proposed. Project originated in Headquarters CIA/OPC.

3. SITUATION:

Since 1948, when the Tito regime broke with the Kremlin, Albania has been isolated from direct land contact with the other Soviet Satellites. This situation, in addition to the ruggedness of the terrain and the tradition of clandestine activity among the Albanians, particularly the mountain tribesmen in the north, appeared to make Albania a promising target for clandestine activity aimed at the eventual overthrow of the present Communist regime. The presence of a considerable number of Albanian refugees in Europe suggested the development of a political center outside Albania composed of representatives of democratic elements, sympathetic with U.S. policy objectives in the Balkans, to serve as a rallying point for anti-Communist elements inside Albania and as a source of potential agent material. The British and American services in the summer of 1949 were responsible for the formation of the National Committee for Free Albania, a political center of democratic Albanian refugees, to serve as cover for covert operations in Albania. Since that time, both PP and PM operations have been conducted in the name of the NCFB.

4. PROPOSAL:

To recruit, train and infiltrate agent teams for the purpose of contacting and establishing resistance groups, and contacting anti-Communist officials in the government and military establishments, either directly or through the recruitment of resident agents.

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5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE:

- a. Sub-proposals or tasks:
 - (1) Collection of positive and operational intelligence.
 - (2) Collection of PW materials inside the country.
 - (3) Assessment of the effectiveness of CIA PW efforts.
 - (4) Establishment of W/T communication.
 - (5) Encouraging defection.
 - (6) Recruiting of potential agents.
 - (7) Establishment of E & E nets.
- b. Key personnel. Albanian operations staff in Athens.
- c. Indigenous groups. The teams are indigenous agent personnel provided with NCFAs authorization documents.
- d. Target groups. The nationalist population of Albania. Disaffected Albanian Communists.
- e. Duration. Project OBIJUNT will be of indefinite duration, its termination depending either on an overthrow of the Communist government in Albania or the imposition of such strict security controls as to render this activity impossible.
- f. Graphic illustrations. NA

6. SECURITY:

- a. Cover. Agent operations are conducted in the name of the NCFAs; KUBARK personnel working with the teams pose as Americans employed by the NCFAs.
- b. Knowledgeability: Agent teams are aware of U.S. Government interest and backing but not of CIA as such.
- c. Operational Security: Security is maintained through the use of compartmented training in secure areas and through covert movement to the point of infiltration.
- d. Risks: Project OBIJUNT runs the risk of the capture and torture and/or annihilation of agent teams, who might make claims of U.S. Government backing which could be presented before an international body, and result in the withdrawal of permission to operate from Greek soil, thereby causing the U.S. embarrassment in its international relations.
- e. Personnel disposal. Some arrangements have been made with Greek officials for the disposal of former agents, and with USEP for the resettlement and rehabilitation of others.
- f. Disaster Plan. The evacuation of key agent personnel from the area is included in the master plan for Greece and the Mediterranean Theater, but does not provide for evacuation to the United States.

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7. COORDINATION:

- a. Relation to other projects. OBLIUNT is a PM project under the Albanian country program and as such is directly related to the other PP/PM projects under that plan.
- b. Significance with overall program within area. OBLIUNT is an integral part of the Albanian country program.
- c. Extent of coordination. The project has been concurred in by the Senior Representative and is assisted by CIA Commo; the Greek Government (through the Greek Central Intelligence Service) and the British Government (through JAVELIN) are formally notified of general aspects of its operation.

8. CONTROL:

- a. Nature. The project has physical control of the agents while they are in Greece and relies on agent ideological motivation as well as agent financial dependence upon the U.S.
- b. Administrative Plan. NA
- c. Reports. A weekly summary of agent-base W/T traffic is submitted to headquarters from the field. Regular monthly operational reports are received, along with additional reports at the time of recruitment, of dispatch and following the return of the agents.

9. BUDGET DATA:

- a. Total over-all CIA funds required for Fiscal Year 1955. Total funds required for FY 1955 []
- b. Availability of CIA funds required. Funds have been budgeted for FY 1955.
- c. Non-CIA funds. NA
- d. Foreign currency. Foreign currency is used when possible. The monetary branch of the Finance Division has not been able to supply the local currency (Lek) owing to its scarcity. All international sources are being tapped for possible leads to supply this currency. Approval is also requested to use gold coins to be employed in agent operations.
- e. Funding. Funds to be released to case officer for direct payment and to be accounted for by regular financial accountings in accordance with CIA regulations.
- f. Financial history. NA
- g. Future requirements. NA

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10. SUPPORT DATA:

- a. Total CIA personnel. 2 contract agents.
- b. Materiel. Agent equipment available in Athens warehouse.
- c. Communications. W/T support is provided by Commo
For details see BCFIBND Communications Annex.
- d. Other CIA Support. Air Support for resupply and body drops. TSS and Headquarters for documentation support.
- e. Other support required. CE support.

11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. Current status. Project has been operative since 1950.
- b. Commitments. Project is committed to pay agents monthly salary while they are on active duty. Otherwise they are given only a subsistence allowance.
- c. Effectiveness. Effectiveness of the project will be gauged by confirmed agent reports which indicate the establishment of resistance groups in their operating areas, by the P₁ material and intelligence which they bring out.
- d. Anticipated results. The creation of resident intelligence networks, establishment of contacts and the securing of operational intelligence to provide the basis for an internal resistance organization.
- e. Evaluation. The project is evaluated in terms of contacts claimed and where possible, verified information collected, successful exfiltration of teams to proper place and on schedule.
- f. Policy questions. NA
- g. Congress. NA
- h. Extra-agency action. NA
- i. Proprietary companies. NA
- j. Special considerations. The institution of unusually heavy security controls inside the target country which would make activities impossible would result in a cessation or reevaluation of agent operations.
- k. Liquidation. NA (See above)

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SECURITY INFORMATION

PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA	PROJECT CRYPTONYM <p align="center">OBHUNT</p>
	FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <p align="center">1 July 1954 THRU 30 JUNE 1955</p>

*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION

RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <p align="center">SE</p>	CASE OFFICER <p align="center">[] []</p>
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A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.

TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES					
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS	2				7,500
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS		20			28,200
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.	2	20			\$35,700

B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT

Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.

COMMO \$ []	CHEMICAL \$	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES \$	OTHER SUPPLIES \$ []
MEDICAL \$ []	ORDNANCE \$ []	SPECIAL DEVICES \$	OTHER EQUIPMENT \$ []
TOTAL B. o8 and 09 []			

C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.

Travel Transportation Facilities Ops Expenses	[]
TOTAL C. []	

D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS

If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.

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TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$ [] []	
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E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

U. S. DOLLARS

FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

Drachmae, Lek

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

gold coins

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specifically the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

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FINANCIAL DATA SUPPORTING LIST

Personnel	\$ 35,700
Commo:	
Agent W/T Sets	()
Medical:	
Medical care for agents	()
Ordnance:	
Arms and Ammunition for agents	()
Other Equipment:	
Sterile clothes for agents	()
Other Supplies:	
Parachutes and Packaging for agent air resupply	()
Travel	()
Transportation	()
Safe Houses	()
Operational Expenses	()
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SECURITY INFORMATION
PROJECT BGFIEND
COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The intent of Project BGFIEND is to develop the necessary impetus to dislodge the present Soviet-controlled regime in Albania and influence the establishment of a government, representative of the people and more harmonious to that of the United States.

B. Status

Although this is the initial communications annex for the project, the Office of Communications has supported past activities and will continue to support all presently active operations of the project pending approval of the basic project and this annex.

Presently active under this project are:

- (1) A shortwave propaganda broadcast, directed towards Albania, being transmitted on a daily schedule from Athens, Greece.
- (2) One W/T equipped agent penetration operation into Albania.

II. COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

In addition to the above the Office of Communications will be required to furnish the following support during the Fiscal Year 1953:

A. Circuits

Five (5) potential agent circuits operating from Albania into the Athens Base Station.

B. Equipment

- (1) Ten (10) agent type radio sets (RS-5 or RS-6)
- (2) Five (5) GN-58, hand generators
- (3) Necessary crystals, signal plans and cryptographic materiel.

C. Training

The Office of Communications will provide the necessary communications training for the agent radio operators required to operate the circuits as described. Training to be accomplished at existing sites.

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III SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

A. Communications training will be given in accordance with the instructions as outlined in Office of Communications letter number CY-2-25/ as amended by letter number CY-2-923 and OSO Field Regulation 10-5.

(1) Basic and Intermediate Phases to be authorized upon receipt of a provisional clearance, a full operational clearance or a waiver of same (Intermediate Phase to be authorized upon satisfactory completion of the Basic Phase).

(2) Advance Phase to be authorized upon receipt of a full operational clearance or a waiver of same (and upon satisfactory completion of the Intermediate Phase).

B. Communications support of this project is subject to revision in view of changing requirements. Major changes constituting an amendment to the basic plan will require a similar amendment to the Communications Annex.

C. It is understood that recruitment, administration and operational clearance of indigenous personnel will be the responsibility of the SE Division.

IV COMMUNICATIONS LOGISTIC SUPPORT

A. Personnel

Communications personnel assigned to the PYREX station will continue to support the communications aspects of this project.

B. Equipment

Equipment will be supplied from existing communications stock.

C. Finance

Ten (10) agent radio sets (RS-5 or RS-6)	\$ 5,500.00
Five (5) GN-58, hand generators	1,250.00
Cryptographic Materiel	<u>600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,350.00

D. Budget

This cost has been included in the Office of Communications Budget for Fiscal Year 1953.

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V. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Implementation of this support on the part of the Office of Communications will take place subsequent to receipt of written notice of project approval by the appropriate authority.

B. Administration of the communications support to this project will be the responsibility of the Chief, WEMCA, in coordination with such other communications areas as may be required.