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OUTLINE PLAN FOR PROJECT NO. AB-10.1 EE-10.1

Code Name BGSPEED

Developed by: [Redacted] 5/26/50
Plans Officer [Signature] Date

[Redacted] MAY 26 1950
Operations Officer Date

Approved by: _____ Date

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27 May '50
Date

BY AUTHORITY OF 100-1-58-41

ACCOMPLISHED BY [Redacted]
18 APR 1954

_____ Date

Budgeted by: [Redacted]

2 June '50
Date

AUTHORIZED BY: [Redacted] *

14 June '50
Date

* This project has been approved, with much trepidation, in the strength of the additional details and added reassurance provided by the memorandum dated 12 June 50 signed by Mr. Lindsay. I continue to be concerned on the score that there appear to be so many important operating details to be worked out and provided for - leaving me with the feeling that the acquisition of the report at the present time may be premature. Accordingly this matter should be worked at with special vigor in order to

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avoid a lengthy and wasteful hiatus between the acquisition of the vessel and the hiring of the crew - and the actual mounting of the project. I have seen just their kind of thing tried twice during the last war with eventual abandonment of the project in each instance.

One further question - why use the decision taken to employ the device of a fictitious Research Institute rather than a real one?

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3 December 1951

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3. OGC []	J 2064		12-6-51	[]	" " " " "
4. Fin. Div. []	X I 2103			[]	" " " " "
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7. ADPC	2036	JAN 16 1952	17 Jan	[]	For approval please.
8. CCC	J 2058	1/22	1/23	[]	
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ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY REPORT

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TO : Accounting Section

18 March 1952

Date

FROM : Certifying Officer

SUBJECT: Adjustments to ~~Monthly Report of~~

321 -- BG Speed

Station


Month

Year

1. The following adjustments should be made to the _____ Station report for the period _____.

2. I certify that the adjustments detailed below have been examined by me and that it appears from data furnished me that such adjustments are necessary and for official purposes.

Month	Vou. No.	Adjustments to be Made	Amount	Remarks
		Reference is made to voucher number X-12268 recording a charge to BG Fiend in the amount of \$6.50. You are advised that the undersigned erred in making this charge on referenced voucher and it is requested that you prepare the following appropriate adjustment to correct the BF Fiend and BG Speed accounts.		
	Debit	BFiend -- 321 Account	\$6.50	
	Credit	BG Speed -- 321 Account	\$6.50	
		For details see voucher number X -12268		


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PROJECT OUTLINE

Project BGSPEED No. 1B-10.1

Type Operational

1. References

- a. NSC 10/2
- b. Plan for Albania, undated (TS No. 30644), approved by ADPC and the Department of State.
- c. Outline for Operational Plan for Albania, approved 23 May 1949 by ADPC.
- d. Conversations of 20 to 26 May 1949 between ADPC and Staff and Department of State, British Foreign Office, and SOE representatives.
- e. Memorandum of 21 March 1949 to [] from []
- f. Memorandum of 6 December 1949, TS No. 35484/1 Series D.
- g. Annex B. (TS 35501 Series B) to BGFIEND operational Plan, attached to memorandum for COP dated 15 December 1949. (No. 35654)

2. The Project presented hereunder constitutes an operation within the framework of the Project BGFIEND. However, because of its proportions and character, involving the purchase and operation of a vessel and the installation of radio equipment on it, and the fact that the actions involved therein comprise a complete and separate phase of operations, it would appear desirable as a matter of record to implement this project as a sub-project of BGFIEND. This, it is believed, will facilitate the administrative and accounting aspects of it.

3. Project proposal

a. Objectives - To utilize funds from the sum approved for BGFIEND for the purchase and operation of a vessel and one medium and one short-wave radio transmitter to be installed on the craft for the implementation of the specific objective of broadcasting propaganda into Albania, one of the objectives established by the

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approved Project BGFIEND. Approval for "the hiring or purchase of a craft" carrying a medium-wave radio transmitter is already contained in the BGFIEND Project. (See I.c. of reference g.)

b. Further consideration of this objective resulted in the decision to include also a short-wave radio transmitter on the same craft.

4. Discussion

a. The decision to utilize primarily medium-wave for broadcasts to Albania was based on the estimate that of the approximately 50,000 radio receivers in Albania about 30,000 to 37,500 are medium-wave sets.

b. The decision to utilize a vessel carrying a medium-wave radio transmitter was based upon political, security, and financial considerations. The other alternative, namely a land-based medium-wave radio transmitter, would require the erection of high, concrete-base towers on Greek or Italian territory, a far more expensive proposition which would involve serious political and security problems. For reasons of cover (private or scientific cover as against commercial cover), practicability with respect to the purpose for which it is intended, and flexibility of operation, a yacht-type vessel was decided upon as being most suitable.

c. Although there are estimated to be but 10,000 to 12,500 short-wave radio receivers in Albania, the majority of them most likely in the hands of Communist officials, it was thought, upon further consideration, useful and expedient to install also a short-wave transmitter on the vessel, especially as this would entail no additional personnel and no other expense except the cost of the apparatus.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the project as outlined in 3 a. and b. above be approved as negotiations for the purchase of a vessel are already under way.

6. Operational Control

a. This project is to be controlled by Headquarters in Washington through instructions to the appropriate Operational Chiefs in the Field.

7. Area of Operation

a. It is contemplated that the vessel will have its base of operations in some convenient port in Greece.

b. The vessel will receive its propaganda material from the

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joint QKSTAIR-BGFIEND propaganda center in Greece, except such propaganda as it may be necessary, for reasons of timeliness, to prepare on board the vessel.

c. The vessel will broadcast from the high seas, probably while cruising on the Adriatic, 50-100 miles off the Albanian shore.

d. The vessel will have the capacity of staying out of port for 10 days or longer.

8. Cover

Cover arrangements involve the purchase of a yacht-type vessel by a person who is at present an owner of two yachts and who has bought and sold yachts in the past. Conversion and refitting will be accomplished through the cut-out purchaser. The vessel then will be transferred to Panamanian registry and put in charge of a Panamanian licensed master who will provide his own crew. The master is now being security cleared. Finally, the cut-out owner will charter the vessel to one of the American members of the propaganda personnel on board.

9. Personnel

a. Master of vessel and crew of one engineer, one cook and two seamen - five persons.

b. Radio technician and broadcasting personnel - five persons.

10. Support to be furnished by Headquarters

a. Purchase of vessel; fees, labor and materials required for the conversion of vessel to suit purpose.

b. Medium-wave and short-wave radio equipment.

c. Generating equipment, and other materials required for installation and operation of radio transmitters.

11. Budget Estimate

a. It is estimated that the funds required to carry out this project and operate the vessel for one year will amount to [] to be made available from the sum approved for BGFIEND for the fiscal year 1950, or 1951.

b. This sum is broken down as shown on Attachment A.

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12. Current Status

a. As indicated above, the sub-project under consideration concerns only the purchase and equipment of a vessel as the means for implementation of certain operations already approved under the Project BGFIEND.

b. The Naval Support Officer is now making arrangements for the inspection, together with a communications Officer, of two yacht-type vessels, one of which is already in Gloucester and the other on the way to that harbor. The inspection of both vessels is to take place in Gloucester as soon as the second vessel docks there. A third vessel is available at Acapulco, Mexico, but because of the high price, it will not be considered unless both the others prove unsuitable. The cut-out purchaser has been contacted, and a security clearance has been requested on him.

c. A Master possessing a Panamanian license, and who claims to be in a position to find his own non-American crew, has been contacted and is now being security cleared. Security clearances will be obtained on all crew members.

d. It has been agreed that the vessel's base of operations will be in Greece. Final arrangements for this base will be completed as soon as [] can conclude an agreement with the Greek authorities.

e. The medium-wave broadcast radio equipment has been already acquired.

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ATTACHMENT A

Original cost, maximum, yacht-type vessel	\$150,000.00
Legal fees (transfer of title, transfer of registry, etc.)	5,000.00
Conversion, short-wave radio equipment	1,200.00
Conversion, copper sheeting	2,550.00
Conversion, installation changes	8,000.00
Conversion, marine railway charge	300.00
Refit for extended operation	2,500.00
Salary, Master, minimum, at \$700 per month - per annum	8,400.00
Salary, Engineer, minimum at \$550 per month - per annum	6,600.00
Salary, cook, minimum at \$300 per month - per annum	3,600.00
Salary, A. B. Seaman, minimum at \$250 per month - per annum	3,000.00
Salary, O. S. Seaman, minimum at \$200 per month - per annum	2,400.00
Operating costs, annual (based on yacht practices, 50,000 miles per year, including fuel, provisions, minor upkeep and repairs, compulsory pilotages, wharfage fees, insurance and other ordinary expenses)	[]
Unforeseeable contingencies and/or extraordinary expenses (collision, grounding, accidents, etc.)	[]
Salary, including subsistence, radio technician, per annum	8,200.00
Salary, including subsistence, crypto. technician, per annum	8,200.00
Salary, including subsistence, Editor-writer broadcast script, per annum	10,400.00
Salary, including subsistence, two Pixie announcers each \$6,700.00	<u>13,400.00</u>

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Reimbursement of cut-out for income tax purposes.
(This item cannot be estimated without consultation with the cut-out purchaser, a step which for obvious reasons is inadvisable until after the purchase, conversion and chartering of the vessel are made.)

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BUDGET ESTIMATE

Purpose BGSPEED

Fiscal Year 1950

OBJECT CLASSIFICATION	FUNDS REQUIRED		
	TOTAL	FIELD	HQ.
For detailed explanation see OPC Fiscal Reg. 5)			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
.01 Personal Services			
.02 Travel			
.03 Transportation of Things			
.04 Communication Services			
.05 Rents and Utility Services			
.06 Printing and Reproduction Services			
.07A Other Contractual Services - Admin.			
.07B Other Contractual Services - Compensation	[]		[]
.07C Other Contractual Services - Subsidies and Proprietary Projects			
.07D All Other Operational Contractual Services	[]		[]
.08 Supplies and Materials			
.09 Equipment			
TOTAL	[]		[]

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Lines .01 through .09 equal TOTAL; Column 3 plus Column 4 equal Column 2.
2. The basis for each estimate in Columns 3 and 4 must be provided. For example, a statement of the necessity for the number and types of personnel in the field for which the funds are estimated on line .07B, Column 3.
3. Use a separate form if the estimate extends beyond the fiscal year indicated above.

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4. The OPC Budget Officer will assist in the preparation of this form upon request.

Prepared by []

Date 26 May 1950

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OPC ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOTMENT ADVICE

TO: Chief, Finance Division

FISCAL YEAR

1950

ALLOTMENT NO.

219

The following change(s) in allocations of funds for the projects indicated authorized:

PROJECT NAME	CODE	NET AMT. PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE	ORIGINAL ISSUE OR INCREASE	WITHDRAWAL OR DECREASE	REVISION
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	
BGFIEND	1B-10	[]		[]	[]
BGSPEED	1B-10.1		[]		[]

The original issue or increase of funds for Project BGSPEED to provide funds for the purchase and operation of a vessel, including installation of special equipment. This is a sub-project of BGFIEND.

The basis of withdrawal or decrease of funds for Project BGFIEND sub-allotment to BGSPEED.

PROJECT <u>BGFIEND</u>	PLANS OFFICER []	OPERATIONS OFFICER []	APPROVING OFFICER <u>CEE</u>
PROJECT <u>BGSPEED</u>	PLANS OFFICER []	OPERATIONS OFFICER []	APPROVING OFFICER <u>CEE</u>

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

DATE ISSUED

2 June 1950

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CS III

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ADPC

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MEMORANDUM RECORD OF OBLIGATIONS

ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER

219

ALLOTMENT AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD

[*11*]

BG SPEED

DATE	REFERENCE NUMBER	DOCUMENT	PURPOSE OF OBLIGATION	AMOUNT	AVAILABLE BALANCE

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12 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT: BGSPEED

1. Cover-Operational. The vessel will be purchased by a cutout who has already been security-cleared, briefed, and is standing by to consummate the purchase. After conversion and refitting, this owner will lease the vessel on a "bare boat charter" basis, i.e. the owner will lease the vessel as it stands on a supposed flat fee, payable in advance; while the person who will take over the vessel will be obligated to return it, after a stated period of time, in the same condition as received. Thus, the vessel will be chartered to a nonexistent [] for which special letter heads will be printed, and which will be untraceable. However, a sterile address will be procured in order that any mail addressed to it can be received. This Institute will send a letter of endorsement to the chief OPC officer on board the vessel stating that he is being employed for scientific explorations in the Mediterranean which are in connection with studies carried on by [] . Ostensibly a Panamanian vessel was leased by [] for the purpose since, of the vessels available, it was the best suited and the least expensive. Furthermore, Panamanian registry made possible the hiring of a crew on more reasonable financial terms than a comparable American crew.

2. Implementation of the Propaganda Program. There is being set up in Athens a joint BGFIEND and QKSTAIR propaganda operation central. All BGFIEND broadcasts prepared in this central will be based on a joint propaganda policy-directive approved by both the Americans and the British, in accordance with the existent agreement. The British will not be cut-in, however, on the operational level.

The feeding of broadcast material to the vessel will operate as follows:

a. One of the stations in the operational central system in Athens will transmit to the BGFIEND vessel a daily teletype broadcast. (in cypher) *722*

b. A W/T administrative circuit along with a twenty-four hour W/T guard channel for the boat will be also operated from

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this station in Athens. The daily broadcast from Athens will give to the station on the vessel material for the next day's program. Spot broadcasts will be transcribed on board the vessel. At least two or three contacts on the administrative circuit will be made each day.

3. The station on board the vessel will have three operator-technician-cryptographers to take care of the two separate cryptographic links required on the boat: one for broadcast material and one for the administrative and guard channel traffic. There will also be on board the vessel one senior OPC official and one Albanian speaking person to read the Albanian propaganda texts and to make voice recordings of them.

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J. J. J.

16 June 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: CHIEF, EIE

SUBJECT: BGSPEED—Purchase of the Irmay for Implementation of the Propaganda Phase of BGFRIEND

1. Attached herewith is the survey of the two vessels under final consideration for use in the implementation of the propaganda phase of Project BGFRIEND. The survey party has shown preference to the Irmay and finds it suitable in all important respects.

2. A sub-project, BGSPEED, covering the acquisition of this vessel, has been approved by ADPC this date.

3. It is, therefore, the intention of E-I to proceed immediately with the purchase of the Irmay.

[]
Chief, Foreign Branch E, Area I

cc - #1 - addressee
#2 - F-I
#3 and 4 - Registry

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1 June 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: ADPC

SUBJECT: Project BGSPEED

ENCLOSURE: Project outline on subject (TS 41679)

1. This memorandum is being written pursuant to EAD's request for review and comments on the enclosure. Although relatively small, this is one of the most complicated operations that has thus far been undertaken by this office. I should like to commend the Chief, EE Division, and his staff for the very extensive work that has gone into the planning for this project. The following comments pertain to those aspects of the operation which generally fall within the purview of Staff II:

a. Logistic Support.

(1) Equipment. Very careful consideration has gone into the type of vessel as well as the specific selection for this purpose. A qualified representative of Staff II recently inspected two craft and recommended one as being easily adaptable provided that adequate radio equipment can be installed.

(2) Operational Base. Although it has not yet been possible to anticipate all the problems that will arise with regard to a base for this vessel, it is assumed that these can be worked out satisfactorily if the cover can be established and maintained.

(3) Fiscal. A review of Attachment A indicates that accurate estimates have been made on most of the items for acquisition and maintenance. It is probable, however, that some additional expenditures will be required for procurement of special equipment for radio broadcast.

(4) Personnel. Preliminary arrangements have already been made with a person who appears to have qualifications to serve as master of the vessel and he has given assurance that he could obtain an adequate crew.

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(5) Training. It is assumed that the master and crew will be able to perform their duties with very little additional training and the Commo Division should be able to provide any necessary technical training for operators of the radio and broadcast equipment.

b. Cover.

(1) After considerable exploration of the problem it was agreed that the best possible cover would be that of a private yacht. A vessel has been selected that conforms with this cover.

(2) Appropriate consideration is being given to selection of an American cut-out who will become the cover owner.

(3) It is proposed that this vessel be transferred to Panamanian registry. We understand this step is being taken primarily to permit the use of the particular master who is under consideration. There is some doubt whether this contributes to the strength of the cover. Such a transfer would be so unusual that it might draw attention to the vessel and would not prevent trace of ownership to the American cut-out.

(4) Consideration is also being given to the establishment of scientific or cultural cover for the cruise as well as the possibility of a cover sale to a European owner.

c. Operational Security.

This operation involves a high degree of calculated risk. It will certainly be possible to determine that these broadcasts are being made from a ship and to locate that ship with comparative ease even though it cruises about. It will, of course, be possible to jam the broadcast. This action is anticipated if the broadcasts are effective, but the effort required to jam effectively would in itself be a beneficial result. It is also possible that offensive action might be taken against the ship itself.

d. Operational Control.

The most serious difficulty in the entire operation seems to be the limited control that can be maintained effectively over this operation once it is launched. The master of the ship will be required to exercise his own judgment to a large degree in the event that any emergency should arise. It will also be difficult to exercise complete control over the content of the broadcasts.

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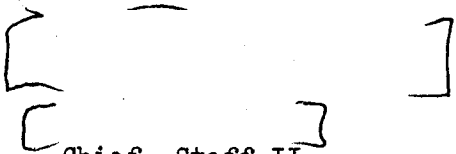
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e. General Comments.

This is a very complex operation with limited control and a relatively high degree of operational risk. However, in addition to the substantive results (which we have not attempted to evaluate) the operation would provide a wealth of practical experience for future operations of this general nature. It is suggested that final approval should be based on the following three factors:

- (1) Calculated risk.
- (2) Substantive value.
- (3) Training value.

2. The above comments have been reviewed by the Chief, EE Division, and the Chief, EE-1 Branch.


Chief, Staff II

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