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History of OPC/EE-1, 1941 - January 1952 ^{Sept} 114.5
Organization as of
OPC, - 1949

Assistant Director for Policy Coordination (ADPC)
Deputy " " " " (DADPC)
Special Assistant to ADPC (SABO)
Executive Assistant to ADPC (EAP)
Executive Officer (EXO)
Chief of Operations (COP)
Deputy Chief of Operations (DCOP)
Chief of Plans & Projects (CPP)
Chief of Support (COS)
Cover & Deception

Mr. Frank G. Wisner
Mr. Merratt Ruddock
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FB-I Chief, [

] Feb. 1949-May 1950
] April 1950- Jan 1952 (EE-1)

Albania
Bulgaria
Czechoslovakia
Greece
Hungary
Rumania
Titeste
Yugoslavia

FB-I Chief, []

~~FB-II Poland, Baltic States~~ ?

FB-III Germany, Austria, Switzerland

Chief, []

~~FB-IV Near East & Africa~~ ?

with []
[] Chief of []
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The Office of Policy Coordination (OPC) came into being in 1948. Mr. Wisner, Assistant Director for Policy Coordination (ADPC) took over in August 1948, although OPC was preceded by a small staff known as the Special Projects Group (SPG) whose primary function was propaganda activities.

By November of 1948 there were about 15 people in OPC. It was divided into an operations and a plans and projects division with foreign branches under each. The operations branches were known as FB-I, FB-II, etc., while the plans branches were similarly designated FB-I, FB-II, etc. The operations division was divided into broad geographical areas under the over-all direction of the Chief of Operations (COP). In the early days there were so few persons that only the branches handling Germany/Austria and the Balkans were actually operating. [] headed the European (Germany-Austria-Switzerland) branch while [] handled the Balkans. During the course of the summer of 1949 OPC gradually built up its staff until there were people working on a French desk and a on Near East affairs. The rest of the world was still pretty well uncovered.

During the first months of its existence OPC activities abroad were conducted through officers of the Foreign Service especially delegated to handle such duties. As OPC gradually built up its staff the Foreign Service Officers turned affairs over to OPC personnel.

The Foreign Branch dealing with the Balkans, FB-I, was responsible for Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Hungary, Rumania, Trieste and Yugoslavia. The first chief of FB-I was [] who came He was replaced by [] in April 1950. over to OPC in February 1949. The other early members of FB-I were [], and [] all of whom joined the staff in April and [], who came in June.

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FB-I took over in Greece in early 1949 the activities formerly conducted by the "Athens Morale Group", which was an American committee made up of the Director of USIS, the ECA Information Officer, the Public Relations Officer of JUSMAPG, the Chief of Staff of JUSMAPG and the Military Attache, with a corresponding Greek committee composed of various Greek officials. These activities included leaflets distributed behind the Greek guerrilla lines, some propaganda directed toward the families of the guerrillas and cooperation with the Greeks on the line which should be followed in Greek radio broadcasts to Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania. Also taken over were the publication in Trieste of the Slovene-language newspaper "Demokracija" under

[] and the support of a Paris Hungarian weekly periodical under []

Aside from such minor activities, FB-I was engaged in the first months of its existence with the Albanian Plan, which was formalized in Project BGFRIEND and approved on June 22, 1949. In fact, the Albanian project at this time was the major interest of OPC as a whole and was regarded as the most urgent and sensitive operation being planned at the time by the U.S. In late 1949 and early 1950, after policy decisions modified the objectives of BGFRIEND, the Bulgarian plan took FRIEND's place as the most urgent FB-I activity. The Bulgarian [] was approved on 19 April 1950. It was about this time that planning for the Rumanian [] also began. During this period conversations also took place with Hungarian refugees

A 5 December 1949 summary of FB-I operations gave the status of operations in Greece and Albania and contemplated operations in the Balkans and countries of the Eastern Mediterranean as follows:

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a. Albania: Project BGFRIEND in the reevaluation stage.

b. Greece: JBEDICT. Establishment of an OPC []

[] to handle operations concerning Bulgaria and Albania and, when and if advisable, concerning Yugoslavia.

c. Balkan Satellites: Our contemplated operations in the Balkan countries are based primarily on the creation and/or development of indigenous anti-Kremlin underground movements..... Individual National Committees of the National Committee for Free Europe have already been established for Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Albania.

d. Yugoslavia:

(1) The policy of the U.S. Government as set forth in NSC 18/4 and 58 is aimed at keeping the Tito regime alive in order that the U.S. may promote a positive exploitation of the Tito-Cominform split with the resulting confusion and division in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. (Possible projects which could be undertaken by OPC to strengthen Tito were then listed.)

(2) On the other hand, a Yugoslav anti-Communist organization should be established and held in readiness for future eventualities, i.e., the initial step in this direction would be the creation of a Yugoslav Committee under the aegis of the NCFE.

e. Related Projects: In connection with contemplated operations mentioned above, the following existing projects are either in effect or are in the initial stages of development:

(1) [] - subsidization of the Slovene newspaper "Demokracija".

(2) [] - sub-project of [] proposing that research be conducted in Germany and Austria among emigres from the Balkan countries for the purpose of planning a psychological warfare campaign.

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(3) [] - over-all project being reconstituted as a research project aimed at devising techniques for the dissemination of propaganda by balloons.

(4) [] - completed project which may be reactivated, which subsidized G. M. Dimitrov's recent trip abroad for the purpose of contacting various elements of a Bulgarian underground.

(5) [] - the publication and distribution of a periodical ostensibly produced by Titoist Hungarian refugees.

(6) [] - the publication of a periodical ostensibly ~~put~~ put out by refugee peasant groups attacking the Communist-planned reform policy with strong Catholic overtones.

(7) [] - support of a Paris-Hungarian weekly which will be used more actively when a Hungarian project is constituted.

(8) An OPC representative is in Turkey collecting information bearing upon underground movements in the Balkans.

(9) Another OPC representative is in Lebanon making preliminary contacts and studying the opportunities for a clandestine propaganda campaign in the Moslem world.

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On 8 November 1949 ADPC appointed a committee to study the organization structure of OPC. On 15 December 1949 The committee recommended certain changes in the organization structure which would make it ~~more~~ similar to the basic organizational structure of OSO and which would be ~~the~~ a step toward integration of the two offices. ~~That~~

~~operational divisions and the operational projects and activities were established~~ which became effective in February 1950 ~~and~~ Under the reorganization there were ~~five~~ geographic area

divisions. They were as follows:

- Foreign Branch A Acting Chief: []
- FA-I : Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Greenland, Iceland
 - FA-II: Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium, Luxemburg
 - FA-III: France, Italy, Switzerland
 - FA-IV Spain, Portugal

- Foreign Branch B Acting Chief: []
- FB-I Yugoslavia, Rumania, Trieste, Bulgaria, Albania, Greece, Hungary and Malta
 - FB-II Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia []
 - FB-III Germany, Austria []
 - FB-IV USSR, Sinkiang, Outer Mongolia, Inner Mongolia, Tibet []

- Foreign Branch C Acting Chief: []
- FC-I Turkey, Cyprus, Iran, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Burma, Nepal, Ceylon
 - FC-II Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Israel, Trans-Jordan
 - FC-III Africa

At this time responsibility for [redacted] was transferred from FB-I to FB-II.

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Foreign Branch D Acting Chief: []

FD-I Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Indo-China,

FD-II China, Formosa, Hainan

FD-III Japan, Korea, Okinawa

FD-IV Australia, New Zealand, POA

Foreign Branch E Acting Chief:

FE-I South America

FE-II Central America, Mexico, West Indies

FE-III Alaska, Canada

Foreign Branch F Acting Chief:

The United States



a further reorganization took place and In May 1950 a new set of organizational symbols were established under which the Western Europe Division became WE, Eastern Europe Division became EE (FB-I thus became EE-1), The Near East-Africa Division became NEA, the Far East Division became FE and the Latin America Division became LA. The division covering the United States was discontinued. At this time Hungary ~~was transferred to EE-2~~ was transferred to EE-2. [] was designated Chief EE; [] became Chief EE-3 (Germany, Austria, (Balkans, Greece) Switzerland); [] became Chief EE-1; [] (Czechoslovakia, Baltic States, Poland, Hungary) became Chief, EE-2; and [] became Chief, EE-4, (USSR).

OPC and OSO were consolidated in January 1952, at which time the EE Division became the SE Division with [] as Chief and [] as General Deputy.

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