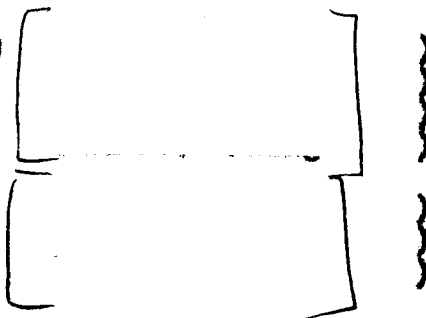


"VALUABLE/FIND".

Notes of Discussions between Representatives of FJGAPE and Jagged in BIRMINGHAM on January 14th, 1951.

Meeting:

Presents:



FJGAPE

Jagged

ACTION.

1. Exchange of Intelligence.

FJGAPE's [ ] office proposes to prepare a weekly summary of operational intelligence to be divided into:-

- a. Operational intelligence obtained from FJGAPE's own sources;
- b. General background intelligence obtained from various sources.

To these two sections would be added a third giving an outline of projected operations including propaganda.

It was suggested that sections (a) and (b) should be coordinated with Jagged, [ ] office, and that in both the FJGAPE and Jagged summaries of intelligence more information regarding individual sources would be given including names, etc. This is to avoid reports being taken as confirmation of previous reports received from supposedly different sources. Also, that each side should endeavour to evaluate the intelligence collected.

It was pointed out that the Italians doubtless have a considerable amount of useful operational or operations information, and [ ] undertook to investigate the possibility of approaching General Ro with a view to such information being placed at the joint disposal of FJGAPE and Jagged.

Jagged.

FJGAPE's [ ] office will pass a copy of the summary to Jagged, [ ] office, and forward a copy to [ ] for Jagged, Head Office. Similar procedure will be followed by Jagged with their summary in the reverse direction.

FJGAPE stated that [ ] office, and would be grateful [ ] could contribute to the information to be marked on the War Room maps.

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ACTION.

[ ] mentioned that a special section was to be formed in the Jagged office [ ] to deal with VAKHARLE affairs. Close liaison with its FJGAPE counterpart would ensure proper coordination between the two Services by the regular exchange of information for record on wall maps, card indices, etc.; by the exchange of intelligence briefs and by the formulation of joint operational plans.

It was agreed that there should be the maximum practicable exchange of information on the agents employed by the respective Services including their names and aliases, their location, etc.

2. Propaganda. (see also para. 6)

a. Coordination of Leaflet Material.

FJGAPE.

[ ] will discuss with [ ], FJGAPE'S representative and [ ], what machinery should be set up to provide for joint control of propaganda material.

It was agreed that Jagged and FJGAPE would delegate to [ ] and the FJGAPE representative [ ] respectively, the task of passing propaganda material prepared by the Sub-Committee without further reference to higher authority subject to the over-riding proviso that such reference would be made when material, though otherwise suitable, exceeded the scope permitted by the general propaganda directive agreed between FJGAPE and Jagged.

Jagged.

As the distribution of leaflets serves as cover for general dropping operations carried out by FJGAPE, Jagged will send to their [ ] office two or three thousand copies of each printed leaflet or cartoon for distribution inside Albania by American aircraft dropping agents.

Jagged.

Jagged undertook to give [ ] a supplementary brief, pointing out that anything likely to encourage those inside Albania to expect early intervention in force by the Western Powers should be avoided.

It was agreed that there should be a regular exchange of intelligence material, with translations attached, used by either side.

b. Broadcasting Ship.

Broadcasting ship which FJGAPE will be operating is expected to call at Malta on its way to Patras at about the end of February. [ ] wishes to meet her there in order to brief the Commanding Officer as to his mission. He will give Jagged prior notice of his visit to Malta so that [ ] can be warned. It was agreed that meetings between FJGAPE and Jagged representatives in Malta should be as far as possible kept covert.

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Broadcasting ship will broadcast on both medium and short wave at some distance from Albania from somewhere in the Ionian Sea or Mediterranean. It will operate as a "black" station supposedly inside Albania.

It was agreed that the setting up of machinery to provide for joint FJGAPF/Jagged control of material broadcast by broadcasting ship would be impracticable.

Broadcasting ship will broadcast for 15 minutes daily a news bulletin and commentary with a signature tune to introduce and sign off the emission.

g. Tactical Information and Maps.

FJGAPF would be grateful if Jagged could let them have a summary of such available U. S. Navy Intelligence as would be useful for the operations of broadcasting ship in regard to Italy and Albania.

Jagged.

Jagged would also let FJGAPF have for their information a note describing the experiences of the catina which carried out leaflet dropping operations by balloon in 1949 when sheltering near the Italy coast, or entering Italian ports.

Jagged.

[ ] stated that we had asked for a complete set of Italian charts of Adriatic which are believed to be more accurate than the British charts. He agreed that we should endeavour to obtain a set of these charts for FJGAPF also, together with the latest aerial reconnaissance photographs of the area in the north east corner of Albania round about Kukës.

Jagged.

It is believed that German maps of Albania are very good, and an effort will be made by Jagged to obtain copies if possible.

Jagged.

FJGAPF also would be grateful for the following:-

20 sets of the G.S.G.S. map of Albania in two sheets to a scale of 1:200,000.

100 copies of the G.S.G.S. map of Albania to a scale of 1:100,000, Number or 5824.

\*1 copy of the N.I.D. Handbook on Albania, BR/542.

\*NOTE:

2 copies of this handbook were sent to Jagged office in Washington for FJGAPF in December, 1949. [ ] will endeavour to obtain one of them for FJGAPF's [ ] price.

3. Manual Scheme.

[ ] asked whether VJCAPE wished to come in on the scheme on which Jagged are working for the disposal of Albanian agents' rejects. [ ] replied that they did not desire to participate in connection with the immediate disposal of their present rejects, but they will definitely wish to do so if and when agents had to be disposed of in the future.

Afternoon Meeting.

Present:- As for the morning meeting with the exception of [ ]

4. Inland Operations in 1951.

[ ] explained that the operations carried out to date have accomplished all that could be expected of parties intended chiefly to carry out local reconnaissance.

Operations in 1951 would aim at putting in a limited number of small parties into the south, center, and north, whose mission will be to establish themselves, and to form nuclei as rallying points for any Follow-up Force which might be employed at a later date.

The intention is to put in two or three parties into the south, two in the center, and two in the north, each consisting of 3 - 4 men, comprising one leader, one fully trained W/T operator, and one or two runners or couriers.

Four W/T operators are now undergoing training in Germany, and it is hoped to find two more to replace those who have been found unsuitable.

The leader, and other members of the parties, will be selected from men personally recommended by Abas Kupi, Said Kryeziu, and other members of Committee for Free Albania. These men will probably be found from among Albanians who have recently escaped into Greece, and are now in camp in that country. In addition, there are nine able-bodied and willing men in the Fortress in Malta, so that Jagged have available now 13 men, leaving another 13 to be found by the Committee for Free Albania plus two replacement W/T operators.

[ ] stated that he hoped to start Infiltration Operations sometime in April, parties to follow each other at intervals so that all have a chance of establishing themselves in good time before the advent of winter.

It is hoped to equip each party with Number 121 W/T set, but it is not yet certain whether this will be possible. Failing Number 121 W/T set, the parties will be given B-2 suitcase set.

Number 121 W/T net was produced for the inspection of the FJGAPF's representatives.

The meeting was continued on January 23rd.

ACTION:

Morning.

Present:- The same as during the morning session of the 22nd January less [ ]

5. Before beginning to discuss other points, [ ] mentioned that an Albanian named Bajram Krasniqi is now undergoing imprisonment at Troni Eari in Italy. He is a native of the Rukes area, and FJGAPF are very anxious to have him join the party recently infiltrated into that area. They asked whether Jagged would endeavour to secure his release from prison through General Re.

A telegram was consequently sent to Rome.

6. Preparanda.

Leaflet Raids by Charter Aircraft.

It was explained that the members of the crew of the charter aircraft cannot be covered by ordinary commercial insurance outside the confines of United Kingdom owing to the special circumstances of such flights. The crew have, therefore, requested that compensation should be paid to their dependants in the event of death or total disablement during a flight, and FJGAPF had been asked whether they were willing to assume responsibility for half this liability in the same way as they are bearing half the operational cost. [ ] informed the meeting that the question had been referred to Washington who replied definitely in the negative, and that in fact if Jagged made this a condition of FJGAPF sharing in the leaflet dropping operations, the latter would prefer not to do so. The insurance risk must, therefore, be borne entirely by Jagged.

7. Payments of Agents.

[ ] reported that in the course of his recent conversations in London with Abas Kupi he had mentioned that FJGAPF's agents were being paid 50 dollars per month, and that Jagged were not anxious to pay more to their own agents than the £1 per week pocket money with which they had hitherto been supplied to their apparent satisfaction.

[ ] explained that the payment of 50 dollars was based on the rates of pay to Privates in the Guard Company in Germany.

It was agreed that [ ] would discuss this point with the Committee and [ ] Junta in Rome, but in any case it was his intention to stick to the basis of above mentioned payment if possible.

It was agreed that it was necessary to supply the agents infiltrated into Albania with a certain sum in gold, and that action in this respect should be coordinated between Jagged and FJCAPE after consultation with [redacted] pointed out, however, that to be found in possession of gold in any quantity might cause an agent serious trouble, and that experience had shown that for all practical purposes useful articles for barter, such as medicines and cotton, cigarette papers and lighters, safety razors with blades, quinine, aspirin, iodine, etc., were held in high esteem by the parties infiltrated by Jagged.

For the information of the meeting it was reported that the parties infiltrated by Jagged in 1949 were given 50 gold sovereigns per man, and that a considerable proportion of this sum was retrieved when the agents came out of the country. In 1950, parties were given 30 half sovereigns per man. There is no information here at the moment as to how much, if any, of this was recovered on the agent's return.

### 8. Communications.

#### a. With Agents in the Field.

[redacted] stated that parties to be infiltrated in the future by FJCAPE would communicate back to Athens by W/T, the Motorola equipment with which the parties recently infiltrated were supplied not having proved entirely reliable. They were recruiting 6 Polish W/T operators for the parties to be infiltrated this year.

#### b. Binary to Parent Ship.

Jagged are developing R/T communication and would be willing to let FJCAPE share in the results.

#### c. Homing Device.

Jagged are also working on a homing device for aircraft en route to its target.

#### d. Secret Ink.

In order to supply them with alternative means of communication with the outside world, parties should also be furnished with secret inks and addresses to which their letters should be sent.

### 9. Follow-up Form.

[redacted] reported that he had mentioned to Kupa that whilst he had no authority to discuss such a project in concrete terms, he was authorized to discuss the preliminary plan which might be required in advance of a possible decision by the Western Powers actively to assist

the liberation of Albania at some date in the future. [ ] added that he regarded such a preliminary plan as a purely internal measure designed to furnish Jagged with some idea of the logistical requirements. [ ] stated that this was consistent with the FJCAPE line of thought.

[ ] said that it was the intention to send delegates of Committee For Free Albania to Greece and Turkey to investigate the recruitment potential in these countries for such a Follow-up Force. He added that FJCAPE had evidence that there were in refugee camps in Italy a number of foreign nationals other than Albanians willing to join any Albanian Army of liberation which might be organized.

ACTION.

[ ] mentioned that in response to a recent approach to Foreign Office a reply had been received to the effect that whereas they had no objection to the use of a base in Cyrenaica for stockpiling, they would not agree to the establishment of an Albanian holding unit in that country.

Since the establishment of a base in Cyrenaica poses difficult political problems, the study above referred to would have to be limited to the requirements for a site elsewhere to provide the necessary facilities; to the arms requirements, and to the method of putting the Follow-up Force into Albania. In the course of discussion, the point was raised that when considering the mounting of such a Follow-up Force, and its maintenance, thought should be given to the question of whether such operations lie within the scope of the Jagged organization.

Jagged.

[ ] stated that FJCAPE were in agreement with the proposal that Jagged should prepare such a skeleton plan and they would be grateful if Jagged would communicate to them the result of their planning; a general report on the possibilities in this direction would then be submitted to Washington.

FJCAPE.10. Muharrem Bajraktari.

[ ] informed the meeting that an offer from Bajraktari had been received from Jagged [ ] office to establish several contacts in Northern Albania to which Jagged had replied that they might want to incorporate this project in their plan of operation for 1951.

FJCAPE stated that one of their parties now in Albania already had two courier contacts in the Puvren area, and it was mutually agreed that for Jagged to develop similar contacts independently in that area would be mere duplication of effort. It was therefore decided that it would be better to hand over Bajraktari's contacts to FJCAPE to provide them with a second string of reserve.

11. N/T CHEVROLET TRAINERS.

FJGAPF.

[ ] undertook to press for an early decision regarding the re-integrating into the Guard Company the two Jagged trainees who have been found unsuitable. He feared, however, that the paper work involved at present appeared to present a formidable difficulty. Moreover, he thought that policy objections could be foreseen which would virtually rule out this solution. It therefore appears that some other way of disposing these men has to be found.

12. FJGAPF Plans for 1951.

Before describing their plans, [ ] explained that the areas to which the parties recently infiltrated by FJGAPF had been selected solely because they were the home ground of the men constituting the various parties.

ACTION.

Continuing, [ ] stated that it was FJGAPF's intention to recruit a further 30 - 40 men to form 10 teams additional to those already in the field, and that a few more men might possibly be selected for special tasks, such as to establish contacts with members of the Albanian Army with a view to encouraging them to become Defectors.

The men comprising the 10 parties referred to would be recruited mainly from the Guard Company in Germany, and the Committee for Free Albania would be relied upon to provide from other sources any balance which could not be supplied from the Guard Company.

The areas to which the parties would be sent have not yet been decided except that it is FJGAPF's intention to distribute four of the parties along the Albanian littoral.

Highly said that the areas to which Jagged parties will be sent will depend on the geographical background of the selected agents chosen by the Committee for Free Albania.

It was agreed that on this question of the selection of agents by the Committee for Free Albania and Military Junta, a joint FJGAPF/Jagged approach should be made. The timing of this approach, however, will depend on the movements of the members of Committee for Free Albania and Military Junta, some of whom it is hoped are shortly to visit the Guard Company in Germany and other places. Incidentally, it was agreed that it would be a good thing if [ ] whilst he was in Germany, also paid a short visit to the Jagged operator trainees.

Be this as it may it was agreed that the approach should be made as soon as practicable after the return to Rome of those concerned.

13. Committee for Free Albania Representative in London.

Jagged feel that it is very desirable that an accredited representative of the Committee for Free Albania - though not



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necessarily one of their number - should be located in London. Vasil Andoni has been considered for this post, but he suffers from the disadvantage of being a member of the Balli Kombetar. Further consideration is therefore being given to this subject.

14. Committee for Free Albania Meetings.

[ ] suggested that the Committee for Free Albania should convene at regular intervals of say, five or six months, somewhere outside Rome, either New York or Paris, or elsewhere. On completion of these regular meetings, Committee for Free Albania might issue a proclamation or other pronouncement to which maximum publicity could be given.

15. Re-location of Committee for Free Albania.

Committee for Free Albania have expressed to [ ] their alarm at the prospect of remaining in Rome in the event of the world situation growing more tense. They appear to fear a State of Emergency being declared in Italy at a time of grave international crisis, which might result in some, if not all, of them being imprisoned. [ ] reaction was that if war did break out, the Committee for Free Albania would have to take its chance like everybody else, but at the same time he felt confident that they would not be abandoned by their British and American friends.

This incident brings up for consideration whether the present location of Committee for Free Albania in Rome should be changed. Whilst there are undoubted advantages in the Committee for Free Albania having its headquarters in Rome, it is a fact that the movement of its members in and out of the country depends entirely on the goodwill of the Italian Authorities. Furthermore, Rome offers to Committee for Free Albania members abundant opportunity for indulgence in their favourite pastime, political intrigues. It must be borne in mind, however, that a move out of Rome might well increase Italy's suspicions and encourage them to suggest their support of Ismail Veriasi and his followers.

On examination, it appeared that of all the possible alternatives Switzerland offers the least disadvantages. [ ] stated that FJGAPE have not yet entirely abandoned the idea of Committee for Free Albania being moved to Paris, but that Washington had not yet formulated any concrete counterproposals to overcome British objections to such a course.

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It was agreed that Jagged would ascertain the views of their representatives in Switzerland in regard to a possible move of the Committee for Free Albania to that country. It is thought that whilst the Switzerland authorities might be prepared to receive the Committee for Free Albania they would be considerably disturbed should complaints be made of the Committee's activities such as those received not long ago by the Italian Government following leaflet raids over Albania.

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Jagged will instruct their office to publicise to General Be the recent visit of Krupt to London. It was also decided that an invitation should be extended to Said Kryeziu to visit London and Washington.

16. Ali KLISSURA GROUP.

Jagged reviewed the present situation regarding this group and stated that there had been no change since the Paris meeting in October, 1950, and the subsequent approach by the Balli Kombetar in Rome. [ ] stated that he was not in a position to discuss the subject at the moment. It was, however, mutually agreed that from the operations point of view the Ali KLISSURA Group was causing no trouble.

It was reported that Hassan Dosti is anxious to bring about a closer tie-up between the Balli Kombetar on the one hand, and Krupt and the Legitimists on the other.

[ ] made the suggestion, in which [ ] concurred, that it would be tactically advantageous if Kryeziu were to visit London and Washington as Krupt.

ACTION.

At this point [ ] signed the meeting.

It was explained to [ ] that the subject of Politburo Force had been discussed earlier. He explained that according to the latest JIG appreciation, it is not considered of immediate importance.

It is held that satellite forces now being expanded for possible action against Yugoslavia at some future date will not be ready before the autumn of 1951, or the spring of 1952. In this connection,

[ ] who had by this time also joined the meeting, stated that Western Powers assistance for Yugoslavia in the event of an attack on that country, would be reviewed in the near future, and that thereby the opportunity would present itself for consideration of what contribution VALUABLE/VIEWED might make.

[ ] suggested that Jagged and FJCAPE might go ahead with estimating the potential resistance elements available outside Albania without consulting the Committee for Free Albania or any Albanians, or in any way raising their hopes of an early intervention in force by Western Powers. Jagged suggested that when studying this question the Turks might be consulted as to the number of Albanian refugees in their country.

17. Trieste:

FJCAPE are still anxious to start economic warfare in Trieste and have designated an officer to go there sometime soon to study what might be done in that connection.