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SUBJECT:	BGFIEND Talks With in Athens on 18 June and	2 July 1951.

- 1. According to the delays in removing the Dreamer W/T trainees from the cump nas set FIEND agent operations back approximately six weeks. Four teams (16 men) plus li W/T operators were in training as of 18 June and four teams were being rushed for infiltration during the moon period of July.
- 2. Certain FIEND staff contracts need renswal.

 does not wish eontract renswed since the latter is a trouble-maker. Some of the other contracts may be difficult to rensw unless we have something more to offer the men. is doing a very good job. He is reliable and honest and should certainly be paid no less than the others. In fact, he is better than was, and has been insisting on good work, promptness, neatness, etc, and is very fair in his handling of personnel. As a training officer he is the best that is seen anywhere and is highly recommended for permanent status.
- 3. With regards to the Committee recruiting team which is to visit other countries, there has been a great deal of delay due to lack of documents and Washington must do something to help. There are approximately 63 useable men in the Lavrion group of whom 30 are outstanding and 30 good. These men should be moved to a guard company as soon as practicable.
- h. The reject problem is still very serious and is likely to continue giving us concern unless we can provide some mechanism for moving rejects to other areas. At the moment it would be desirable to return certain people from the guard company to IRO as they are of no use to us. This includes two recent deserters from the camp who were caught (actually, the problem of these two men has been solved, I understand, by firing them from the camp and turning them loose on the German economy.) The rejects who are

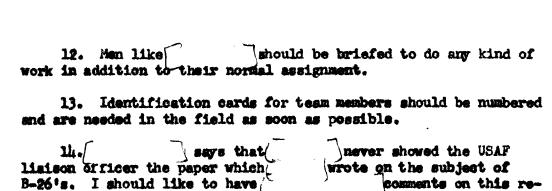
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being held by the Greeks in the Peloponnesus are being extremely troublesome because they are embittered and swear they'll get even with us. thinks they should be brought back someplace when they can talk with their Committee members as they are sending out a number of dangerous letters.
5. The men in the guard company are getting somewhat spoiled and are reaching the point where they actually demand certain brands of eigerettes.
that he had to attend to the entire administrative load, handling such matters as pay, supplies, etc., and is not getting enough administrative support
7. is faced with serious problems in securing extension of visas, German passes and other papers in the case of Polish personnel. The Pole whom is has at the training camp came without any papers at all and the German station did nothing to help him for weeks.
8. would like to have a couple of trainers to help him in training agents for special missions. These two trainers would be in addition to the regular training staff in Germany and would be used continuously in preparing selected men recruited from Levrion.
9. With regard to the Matiani group, their training will have to be postponed until after the July moon period. Seven men will be trained in Athens and was to have a radio man for them.
10 has turned into a very good man and has been working as an intelligence officer in addition to other things.
11. Cover is a big problem for and he hopes that

12. Men like

problem once and rer all.



15. says that Capt. Holmes has done an excellent job in handling the vessel and he feels that it would be a mistake to replace him at this time. His accounting system has been good and is perfectly adequate according to

mark.

feels that a Greek crew might be the best solution for our operational vessel, or we could use a Greek crew for normal missions and have special crews for specially hazardous assignments.

- 17. The Matiani teams will begin training about 20 July for the August moon period and will be dropped by parachute. They will consist of eight men, including Matiani himself.
- 18. Tewfik Kuka will be glad to assassinate anyone if asked to do so, but at the moment the Greeks are using him and don't want to let us have him for the next couple of months. He is in Albania now and considers himself too old to be brought out, so he will be glad to perform any little assignments that may be thrown his way through contacts available to
- 19. IXELER feels that the renewal of the Wangness Estate lease is a matter which must be cleared up as soon as possible. I wish this lease to be maintained as long as we can, pending the establishment of a reliable training organisation in Germany outside our own sphere of operations.
- 20. expects to put a new group of Albanian trainees into the camp immediately after the completion of the present infiltrations and hopes to prepare them for infiltration in October, with W/T operators.
- 21. desires instructions for disposition of the radio announcement leaflets. Please send him a cable telling him to destroy them.

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possible.]and(should take cars with them if
requested manent change of	temporary action by station.	duty orders expired in April. 5293 in May and desires a per-

- 24. The question of a meteorologist is very important for Athens operations. We must develop a way for reimbursing the man presently employed as he is doing a great deal of work on his own free time. Are we authorised to pay him directly, as there is no way of handling this as overtime work within CAA? Can we pay him a regular retainer fee? Sometimes he works for three days at a stretch in preparation for an operation. He is often called on for assistance and advice at least three times a week and simply cannot be expected to keep on giving us him own time free of charge. I should like this matter investigated immediately and a proper arrangement worked out with our financial people.
- 25. With reference to says we will lose him on the lst of September if we cannot pay him more, as he can go on active duty as a Lt. Colonel anytime he wishes. thinks he is worth about \$7200 and is not asking for anything unreasonable that other people around Athens do not receive. His loss would be a serious matter to
- in Germany is not recommended by
 for parament status as he is spoiled and feels the world owes him
 a living. If he does not want to renew his contract, somebody else
 can undoubtedly be found.
- 26. As of 2 July, was having difficulty in finding a W/T operator to be prepared for infiltration with the Matismi group.
- 28. With regard to propaganda supply drops, the field is anxious for Washington to develop some means for packing propaganda supplies such as food, needles, medicines, etc. in such a way as to simplify handling in the field.
- 28. There is an alien interrogation center in Greece where the Greeks and OSO interrogate new border crossers. (wonders if arrangements could be made for direct interrogation by OFC personnel since OSO has neither the time now the staff to look after our interests properly. Please see if something can be worked out here to permit us to instruct the field to set up a joint system.

30. _____wondered

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- wondered whether we ought not to concentrate on the central portion of Albania in order to get away from the Yugoslav-dominated area. I personally see no advantages in pulling back as any such action represents a retreat in the face of pressure from the Yugoslav-sponsored Committee.
- 31. is pushing UNICEF aid for Albania. Please find out more about this.
- 32. FIEND could make good use of radio homing devices. What are the chances of getting some?
- 33. confirmed the need for having assigned to his office on a full-time basis.

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