

Security Information

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QKSTAIR

No report.

QKBROIL

No report.

JBEDICT

[ ] the OPC medical officer for [ ]  
departed 26 October for duty [ ]

BGFIEND

A Radio Tirana broadcast on 24 October, monitored by FBIS, announced the "annihilation<sup>of</sup> 13 ... spies dropped by parachute on Albanian territory by United States Espionage Services". The broadcast announced the names of eight of the men shot. Four of these victims constituted the entire complement of the Oak Tree team, parachuted near Shkoder in Northern Albania on 23 July 1951. One victim was the leader of the Chestnut Tree team dropped on 14 October, and one was a member of the ill-starred Olive Tree team, which was ambushed near Gjinokastre on 27 July 1951. This man was first reported to have escaped the ambush and, subsequently, reported killed. The remaining two men mentioned in the announcement have not yet been identified by this office. It was further stated in the broadcast that the names of the additional agents killed had not been definitely established but that documents found on their bodies revealed they were also trained by the "Munich United States Espionage Center".

NOTE: [ ] plans to thoroughly discuss [ ] 0913 (IN 36741) which discusses current British thinking on VALUABLE as presented at the Rome BGFIEND meeting. [ ]