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BGFland/BGFlume Progress Report, 15 December 1951 - 15 January 1952

A. Radio

Program Content. HTGrubby broadcast daily in the period 15 December - 15 January, with the exception of two days at Christmas-time. The staff was given a rest on these days and a well-deserved holiday. It was felt that little would be lost since the target area is largely Moslem. Among the highlights of the month's broadcast were:

(1) A news item concerning the first BGBegood drop. This was broadcast on December 19. The method of distribution was left vague in the news report. It was merely stated that the HTNeigh had found means to send material help to the people of KMWaahtooland despite the refusal of the regime to cooperate.

(2) New Year's greetings and comments were broadcast on New Year's Day and New Year's Eve.

Intelligence. During the month almost no information was received from inside the country, except the monitored broadcasts of Radio Lyceum. The lack is due to the falling-off of the flow of refugees during the winter season. The lack was made up by drawing on the collective imagination of the staff.

Signal -- We continue to be uncertain as to the signal quality inside the target area. The change in atmospheric conditions during the winter season requires a shift to the 3 megacycle band for the time and distance involved. Unfortunately, this band does not exist on ordinary sets such as those in use in the target area. As a compromise we have been broadcasting in the neighborhood of 6 megacycles, but the technicians are highly dubious about reception. During the week before Christmas, [] traveled to northern LCFlake with a portable radio in an effort to check reception. He listened on four separate nights with the following results: at a point two miles south of the KMWaahtool border, in the neighborhood of the LCFlake town of Identity (1), the program faded in about halfway through and increased in strength until sign-off. The frequency was very close to a JBCraft DTethyl program which interfered with reception. On subsequent nights, at Identities (2), (3), and (4), the program was not audible. As far as (2) and (4) are concerned, these are off the broadcast beam and the fact that the program was not audible there is of little significance. The trip confirmed what the technical people had predicted, namely that reception in the target area is highly uncertain.

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One other solution proposed is to broadcast a morning program to supplement the 1730 (GMT) broadcast, since daylight broadcasting solves the frequency problem. For various reasons, Commo has not been able to do this hitherto but arrangements are now (January 26) being completed for a repeat broadcast at 4:30 (GMT) which is 5:30 a.m. in the target area. Although it would be greatly preferable to broadcast at 5:30 (GMT), Commo states that it is unable to meet this schedule. We must therefore assume that listening is highly uncertain and will continue to be so until atmospheric conditions improve.

Jamming. Although there have been some reports of jamming by the Commo staff, I heard no jammers while he was in northern LCFlake. Commo states that it will soon have equipment installed which will make possible a more definitive report on jamming.

B. BGBegood

The first BGBegood drop was successfully carried out on the night of December 18-19, 1951. There has been no overt reaction by the regime known to us. There has been no reliable intelligence on the effect of the drops. A team which was prepared to infiltrate the area of one of the BGBegood drops was unable to cross the border because of snow in the passes and was forced to return to LCFlake, where it awaits better weather.

C. Leaflets.

No leaflets were dropped in the period under consideration.

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Identities for MSFiend/BGFlume Progress Report

- (1) Konnitsa
- (2) Larissa
- (3) Kastoria
- (4) Balonika

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