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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBCEPUS/OBHUNT/0

SPECIFIC— Operational Plan for Friday Team

REF: SGAN-4063, 18 February 1954

Headquarters Action Required

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Decision on mounting of Friday Team
S/W guidance (see Section C para 4)
Clearance for Identity (1)
Traces on all internal contacts discussed herein.

Synopsis

The following operational plan has been prepared using paras 4.a. and b. of reference as a guide. It also incorporates several of the recommendations made in paragraphs 6.d. and e.

We propose an intelligence mission to be mounted into the area of Identity (2) using RNDOLLAR as leader. He will attempt to recruit his half-brother as a principal agent to establish sub-agents in Delvine, Gjinokastre, Tirana, and Durres.

The mission is outlined in Section A.

The plan is outlined in Section C. which includes phasing (para 1), net structure (para 2), communications (para 3) and security (para 4).

Training is discussed in Section D.

Costs are estimated in Section E.

General Comment may be found in Section F.

A. MISSION

The ultimate objective of this operation is the collection of intelligence against the following requirements:

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(1) KUYAWL Requirements -

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- (1) KUYAML Requirements -- Durres.
- (2) SCAM-1693, 4 May 1953 (KRYPTON): Interrogation Dossier and Interrogation Requirements Concerning Durres.
- (3) ID-2060 -- Tirana Intelligence Requirements.
- (4) IG-127 and confirmation of reports that a new airfield, replacing Tirana airfield, is being constructed near Vorre.
- (5) ID-1806 -- Telephone System in Tirana.
- (6) General military, political, and economic information concerning the areas of operation.

B. TEAM COMPOSITION

- (1) RNDOLLAR - Leader

This man's level of intelligence is well above the average and he has had 9 years of formal education. He has an excellent grasp of the Greek language as well as a working knowledge of Italian and German and a smattering of English. He is very quick to learn as evidenced by his excellent record while receiving his KUBARK W/T training and his able application of this training as Fig Team's W/T operator. His initiative is demonstrated by the fact that he first proposed going into his own area and, at our suggestion, prepared a fairly comprehensive plan.

RNDOLLAR certainly has the capacity to improve as an operational asset. If he does not, his failure will probably be the result of over-confidence and impetuosity - two qualities that may be tempered by age and experience. His most obvious motivation for this work is recognition by his compatriots. The writer can not yet judge to what extent it is combined with sincere patriotism and other less palpable motives. RNDOLLAR's sense of security is no better than that of other agents. We anticipate that it will be a continuing problem during periods of idleness. Operational security will be one of the major subjects in his projected training.

RNDOLLAR has had some difficulty with his stomach during the winter of 1953-1954. He was placed on a rigorous diet by [] which has substantially improved his condition. Other than this long standing complaint, he is in good condition. He is a wirey little man who is reported by [] to have unusual stamina.

- (2) Identity (1)

This man has only been interviewed once by [] at this writing. He was requested by RNDOLLAR as a team member because RNDOLLAR knew him well and trusted him, because of his recent exfiltration from Albania (March 1953), and because he knows the Identity (2) area. He will serve as a guide for

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RNDOLLAR and has support contacts that may be exploited, if necessary.

Identity (1) seems to be of average intelligence. Other comment must await more contact with the man.

(3) RNDOLLAR has requested Identity (3) as the third member of his team. We interviewed Identity (3) and determined that he is a man of 52 whose legs are failing him. He is obviously not suitable for this mission and will not be considered. On the basis of this development we will again attempt to get RNDOLLAR's agreement to infiltrate with one other man. If he categorically refuses, we will have to provide him with one of our cleared agents from another area. Rather than to hold up this plan any longer pending the solution of this problem, we will send it as is and follow it with another dispatch including comment on this and other developments as soon as possible.

C. OPERATIONAL PLAN

(1) PHASING: The mission will be divided into three phases:

(a) Infiltration for reconnaissance and training

1. Recruit support agent (s)
2. Recruit principal agent
3. Confirm capabilities and accessibility of projected sub-agents.
4. Receive principal agent's recommendations on proposed net.
5. Instruct principal agent in recruiting sub-agents, net construction, targets and security.
6. Establish dead-drop and alternate dead-drop with danger signals.

(b) Infiltration for confirmation of network

1. Review and critique of action taken by principal agent.
2. S/W training for principal agent.

(c) Infiltration for servicing dead-drop.

(2) STRUCTURE: The

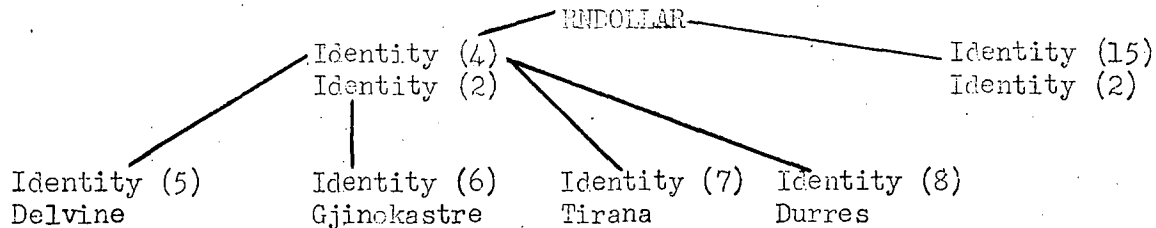
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(2) STRUCTURE: The proposed structure of the net is as follows: APR 6, 1954



RNDOLLAR comes from a large family of merchants which has substantial prestige in the Identity (2) area. Identity (4) is his half-brother who lives in Identity (2) and is now engaged in farming. He is 45 years old and married to a very courageous and trustworthy woman. RNDOLLAR attests to his intelligence and suitability as a principal agent.

Should Identity (4) be denied to RNDOLLAR, he proposes the recruitment of another half-brother, Identity (9), as principal agent. Identity (9) is a man of 55 who has been working as laborer in Identity (2) since the Communists took over. RNDOLLAR considers his wife extremely trustworthy as well.

As the third alternative ^{first cousin} for principal agent, RNDOLLAR suggested Identity (10), his 24 year old ~~full brother~~ who is unmarried and lives with his mother in Identity (2). He works as an accountant for an unknown enterprise in the town. RNDOLLAR has assured us that his mother will interpose no security problems should she become aware of the family's activities as she has had much past experience with such matters.

The family of Identity (5) which includes Identities (11) and (12), was very close to RNDOLLAR's family prior to the war. Although he does not know the family personally, his brother, Identity (4), does and would have a good chance of recruiting Identity (5), his brother or father.

Identity (6) is a schoolmaster in Gjinokastre. Both he and his uncle, Identity (13) are close friends of RNDOLLAR's family and well known to Identity (4). Identity (4) also knows one Identity (14) very well. This man is a mail truck driver in Gjinokastre. RNDOLLAR believes his brother could recruit any of these three men.

Identity (7) is a brother of RNDOLLAR's who used to be a tobacco dealer in Tirana. He now operates a small tobacco shop.

Identity (8), yet another brother of RNDOLLAR's, is a surveyor by trade. He is the most highly esteemed by RNDOLLAR of all the members of his family, although he was once a First Lieutenant in the Communist Army. He fell into disgrace and served a jail sentence for his political opinions. In spite of his record, RNDOLLAR claims he still has many Communist friends and would therefore be an extremely useful informant.

Identity (15) is

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Identity (15) is a 32 year old farmer who is single and lives with his brother. He is well known to and implicitly trusted by RNDOLLAR and would be used solely to provide food. Should he be denied to the team, Identity (1) could contact Identities (16) and (17) for support.

Of the potential sub-agents we regard Identities (7) and (8) as the first order of business. We have perhaps clouded the issue by the mention of the other possibilities at this time. We have done so, however, because it will be important for RNDOLLAR to have alternative plans given the high rate of attrition among Albanian citizens these days. The relatively large number of potential sub-agents is only intended to lend flexibility to the operational plan. Should Identity (4) succeed only in recruiting one of his brothers, we would consider the second phase of the operation successful.

(3) COMMUNICATIONS

Communications between the members of RNDOLLAR's family will be well covered by normal familial contact. Identity (8) is in the habit of spending his week-ends in Tirana with Identity (7). Both Identity (7) and (8) have good reason to write their brother in Identity (2), thereby covering S/W and to travel to Identity (2) to visit their old mother. (If one of them can be met there by RNDOLLAR during such a visit, third party W/T training could be arranged). Communications between sub-agents in Gjinokastre and Delvine and Identity (4) must be discussed during the first phase of the mission. After phase 2 of this mission, we will communicate with the principal agent through the dead-drop established in the first phase.

(4) SECURITY

The now well known characteristics of our charges force us to approach the subject of security with a certain pessimism. We can only establish the most appropriate safeguards, belabor the subject during training and hope that a modicum of what is said will be taken seriously. The security precautions outlined below will no doubt open us to the charge of academicism.

The team will be briefed to infiltrate to the area of Identity (2) and recruit a support contact. This done, RNDOLLAR will proceed to recruit his principal agent without telling the support contact what his mission is. Neither will he inform the principal agent of who is supporting his team. Conversations between RNDOLLAR and his principal agent will not be attended by member(s) of his team. This procedure will completely separate the support from the productive elements of the net and limit knowledge of the net's details to two persons - RNDOLLAR and the principal agent. Once phases one and two of the operation are completed, RNDOLLAR's part of the job will be finished. Identity (1) will guide another agent, possibly CADUTTER, who is from Identity (2) to the dead-drop and he will service it thereafter. This having been accomplished, the servicing agent will neither know who the principal agent is nor possess any information regarding the net. He will therefore be unable to compromise it, if captured. A danger signal in the vicinity of the dead-drop will be

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established in such a way that safe approach is only indicated when material has been securely delivered to it by the principal agent. This safeguard for the servicing agent may be supplemented by a new contact he can establish to ascertain whether or not there is unusual security activity in the area.

We propose that the principal agent prepare his messages in S/W on newspapers, if this is technically feasible, so that should the drop be blown the contents might be accepted at face value as material of interest to a Western service.

It will fall to the principal agent to insure that he does not reveal the identities of his Delvine and Gjinokastre contacts to each other or to his brothers in Tirana and Durres and vice versa. The physical separation of these agents should be helpful in maintaining this compartmentation.

In an attempt to improve the security of all teams during the training and staging period we have decided to discontinue the practice of flying them to Northern airfields.

We propose to pick up Friday Team and equip it in Athens. We will then move it black to OBATLAWIS for training. At the completion of training the team will be conveyed in the Identity (18) to a point between FURECALE H-3454 and Identity (19) for delivery to KYP for infiltration. The last minute briefing on border conditions will be secured by Victor T. Sacavage and delivered to the Identity (18) at some secure rendezvous point. This procedure will eliminate the unusual activity in Ioannina that has attended our team mounting in the past. Sleeping and eating accommodations for the team can be arranged in the Identity (18).

D. TRAINING

Now that [] is relieved of his current duties by the return of [] detailed prospectus of training for this team will be prepared and forwarded to Headquarters. The major portion of the training planned will be directed at RNDOLLAR as the job of the man or men who accompany will be a relatively simple one. Apart from physical conditioning, weapons and tactical defense training, the course of instruction will be devoted to security, clandestine organization and devices, Albanian security techniques, counter surveillance, secret writing, reporting and target identification. The primary objective of this course will be to prepare RNDOLLAR to instruct his principal agent in the operation of an intelligence net. It will be tailored to the requirements of this specific mission. Fortunately, RNDOLLAR has already received some training during the winter in most of these subjects.

E. FINANCE

To estimate the cost of this operation for the first 6 months period - April 15 to October 15, 1954, we have assumed three agents on the payroll at all times.

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Subsistence is computed at the rate of \$1.65 per man per day. About \$100. of the estimate below represents case officer subsistence in the field. Salaries are \$50. per month while the agent is in his area of operation. Equipment and supplies includes operational clothing, rations, arms and ammunition. Transportation and fuel is computed for the Identity (18) at 23 cents a mile and for vehicles at .04 cents a mile.

Subsistence and salaries	\$1000.00
Equipment and supplies	300.00
Transportation	1000.00
Gold	600.00
Exigencies	700.00
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TOTAL	\$ 3,600.00

F. COMMENT

It was quickly ascertained in an interview with RNDOLLAR that his enthusiasm about a trip to Tirana has cooled. He said, as was expected, that he would go. He added, however, he would require qualified guides to get him there and back and that he did not know any persons who qualified. Per our discussion with [] he refused to consider the possibility of exploiting monestaries as safehavens in traveling about the country. Like our other agents, RNDOLLAR is unwilling to trust any man he doesn't know and have confidence in, be he holy or otherwise. We do not consider RNDOLLAR's position on these points to be a serious detriment to his usefulness and feel that the following plan has a reasonable chance of productivity.

The exclusive mission of the Friday Team is that stated in paragraph 2.a. of reference - positive intelligence. We feel it is wise to limit the team to this objective at least until it is firmly established. A diffusion of objectives is very likely to confuse the neophytes we will attempt to recruit and train.

We are in full accord with your views on the subject of the size of teams, but we failed in our first attempt to get RNDOLLAR's agreement to infiltrating with one man on the first trip. He only reluctantly settled for two "rifles." He based his argument on the fact that he had not been in his own area for some time and did not know what to expect there. If all went well on the first trip, said RNDOLLAR, he would be willing to make subsequent trips alone. The function of the one or two men accompanying RNDOLLAR will be limited to providing protection, support contacts if necessary, and more current experience in the area.

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We hope to have an operational clearance for Identity (1) in time to begin the OCEANIC training the week of 19 April. If this date is realized, we will attempt to infiltrate the team the week of 10 May. We do not feel that the first trip should exceed 2 weeks duration and believe it can be accomplished in 10 days. We should permit at least a month to elapse prior to the mounting of phase two to give the principal agent time to make his contacts. If phase two is successfully completed during the latter part of June or early July, we should begin to service the dead-drop in early August.

We will not overlook the possibility of third party W/T training mentioned above, but believe further consideration of this project should await the successful establishment of the net.

In weighing the validity of the operation outlined above, we feel the following assets and liabilities should be considered:

(1) Assets:

- (a) The target area is only four to six hours walk from the border permitting frequent short term missions, if the net is developed.
- (b) RNDOLLAR is an experienced agent who has demonstrated intelligence, shrewdness, courage, and loyalty.
- (c) The fact that RNDOLLAR will deal with relations should provide an unusual degree of control and security.
- (d) The prospective contacts in Tirana and Durrës, while not particularly well placed, are reportedly intelligent and sincere anti-Communists.
- (e) The cost of this operation is relatively low.

(2) Liabilities:

- (a) The projected network is based on dated information. It is entirely possible that many of the assets RNDOLLAR believes he has, have been neutralized.
- (b) Although RNDOLLAR has been commended by AIRWISE for his performance on missions, he has occasionally demonstrated a lack of mature judgment in off-season. There is no guarantee that he can perform effectively as a leader.
- (c) We have reports that the complement of two of the four battalions of the Sarande border guard brigade have been increased. It is likely that the Ident. (2) battalion has been enlarged as well. The recent exfiltrations in that area should encourage increased vigilance.

(d) The current KUEARK

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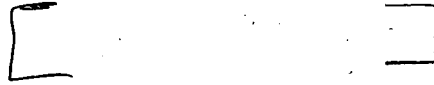
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(d) The current KUBARK program to induce flight from Albania will certainly tend to stiffen border controls, and may deny us access to the dead-drop at a later date.

(e) Known and suspected anti-Communists in border areas are subject to unusually close surveillance.

In conclusion, we feel that the mounting of the first phase of this mission is justified. We have no way of determining the value of RNDOLLAR's contacts without testing them. On paper they look worthwhile and the price of confirming their value is relatively low. We should also emphasize our conviction that the success or failure of this mission, if RNDOLLAR accomplishes the recruitment of principal agent, will depend largely on the effectiveness of the training RNDOLLAR receives. Any recommendations Headquarters may have on that subject will be particularly welcome.



Attachment under separate cover
Identities

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Identities:

- (1) Xhelal Veshi
- (2) Konispol
- (3) Emin Elmas Malo
- (4) Beqo Plaku
- (5) Raqip Kalapodi
- (6) Hasan Sazani
- (7) Mero Plaku
- (8) Muzhir Plaku
- (9) Osman Plaku
- (10) Mehmet Plaku
- (11) Bido Kalapodi, brother of Raqip
- (12) Ilmas Kalapoki, brother of Raqip
- (13) Boudin Sazani
- (14) Xhemal Zeko
- (15) Kaso Badea
- (16) Tefik Bade
- (17) Musa Shehu
- (18) POSEIDON, KUBARK support vessel
- (19) Igoumenitsa area.