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Attn: Senior Representative,

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Security Review of Willow Team Operations

REF.: SGAW-4698, 28 April 1954
SGAA-8824 (KAPOK-2449), 9 March 1954

Headquarters Action Required: None, for information and file

1. We regret that second reference did not completely answer the questions put to field by Headquarters. However, we hope that the following information, as keyed to first reference, is adequate and fills the information gaps:

a. Selection and recruitment of AIRSHIP, AIRSLACK and AIRWORTHY:

- (1) AIRSLACK exfiltrated to Greece on 10 November 1948. He had been recruited and conducted out of Albania by a team the composition of which was RNORDAIN, AIRWISE, RNPUTLOG and others. AIRSLACK remained in services until 1951 during which time he was held in Ioannina but did not undertake any missions to Albania.

In July 1951 two Sigurimi agents, (Identities 1 and 2), entered Greece on an espionage mission. However, (Identity 1) revealed the espionage mission to services. (Identity 2) was persuaded to confess and during his confession he stated that a Sigurimi officer had told him that AIRWISE, AIRBRAKE and AIRBRED had, during one of their missions, come to terms with the Sigurimi services. Though this information was later proven to be false, it resulted in the arrest of AIRSLACK, AIRWISE, AIRBRAKE, AIRBRED and others associated with this group. AIRSLACK and company were kept in custody in Kastoria for 20 days and then transferred to the Island of Makronisos (an island on the coast shore of Attica which is used as a detention camp for Communists). Six months later AIRSLACK was detached from the original group and transferred to the Island of Syros and still later to Lavrion - as AIRSLACK was no longer considered suspect.

In the Spring of 1952, when interviewed RNORDAIN and recruiting of Willow was discussed, RNORDAIN suggested AIRSLACK as a candidate. arranged through GALATEA for an interview with AIRSLACK. recruited AIRSLACK

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and told him to return to Lavrion to await a call from GALATEA's office. A few days later GALATEA's office informed AIRSLACK to report to GALATEA's office in Athens where he was picked up by [] and installed in a local hotel. AIRSLACK later joined Willow Team at the "Farm" (OBHUNT safe house for 1952-53; for reference see 1337-GACWU, April 10, 1952).

- (2) AIRWORTHY was proposed by RNDEPLOY and was interviewed and recruited by [] In May 1952 AIRWORTHY, who was residing at Lavrion, was called to GALATEA's office where he was picked up by [] and taken directly to the "Farm."
- (3) AIRSHIP was proposed by RNORDAIN as RNORDAIN had been reared in AIRSHIP's home. As AIRSHIP was in a refugee camp in Salonika, [] had to arrange with GALATEA to have him moved to Lavrion. After AIRSHIP's transfer to Lavrion, he was interviewed and recruited by [] who made the necessary arrangements and in June 1952 AIRSHIP was picked up at GALATEA's office by [] and taken to the "Farm."

- b. As is stated in Para. L of second reference, Willow's efforts to establish the net of Kamenic were gradually progressing but certainly had not developed into well-established net; therefore our statement, "the set-up was partly used in 1952 and 1953 missions." The word "developed" should have been employed instead of the word "used."

Headquarters is correct in assuming that (Identity 12) of first reference was the principal agent. We are in the process of interrogating (Identity 12) who, along with 7 other refugees from Kamenic, escaped to Greece on 8 June 1954 []-7552). We hope that (Identity 12) will be able to give us a clear picture of Willow's net and its activities in Kamenic.

- c. RNORDAIN states that Willow had planned to contact (Identity 23) but when they learned of the presence of a police detachment in (Identity 23's) village the team decided not to attempt the contact. (Identity 23) is a distant relative of AIRWORTHY.

2. [] realizes the need of personality data on contacts and agents but as has been pointed out many times before it is most difficult to obtain this information from our agents, primarily due to intelligence limitations. However, future team leaders will be thoroughly trained and briefed in the technique of gathering personality data on their contacts and we look for improvement in the future.

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Enclosure:

1. Identities (under separate cover)

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Distribution:

- 3 - Wash (w/encl.)
- 1 - Chrono (w/encl.)
- 1 - Subject (w/encl.)
- 1 - XO (w/encl.)
- 2 - OBOPUS (w/encl.)

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TRUE NAME

Separate Cover Enclosure to SGAA-10946

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Identities are:

1. Muhamet QAMA
2. Sulejman Aslani XHABOKIKA