

QKBROIL STATUS REPORT

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1. The actual undertaking of covert operations against the Communist Regime in Rumania, while considered as both important and desirable, has been subordinated to the mounting of certain other operations due to:

a. The necessity for concentration of effort by this Branch on the more vulnerable perimeter Satellites, and

b. The absence of a mechanism or vehicle representative of all Rumanian political factions in exile which could act as an overt sponsor for operations.

2. During the present project development phase and prior to the impending preparation of a formal country plan, the following positive steps have been taken towards mounting operations:

a. Attempts to build a fully representational mechanism

in whose name covert actions could be carried out,

b. General operational planning,

c. Psychological warfare planning, and

d. The selection, clearance, and training of qualified Project personnel for the necessary Field Staff.

3. Attempts to build a fully representational mechanism

At the time this Branch began the planning phase, the situation with regard to Rumanian exiles had deteriorated to the point where reconciliation between the two major factions appeared impossible. Seizing upon the fact that, although the King had bestowed his favor upon only

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one faction, both factions openly declared allegiance to Michael, an OPC mission was dispatched to Florence to contact the King and to invite him to this country on an informal visit during which his general consent and support for our proposed operations would be secured and his aid enlisted in bring about a reconciliation of the two factions and in the formation of a unified Rumanian group. It was planned that OPC would utilize this group in the selection of agent personnel and in the propaganda phase of the Rumanian project. Although the mission to Michael was initially received whole-heartedly and the King expressed his support of the proposal, it soon became evident that he was primarily interested in building political support for the Royal Committee. He seized upon our invitation, to visit this country, to draw in Visoianu, President of the Rumanian National Committee, first as his closest personal advisor and then as head of the only accredited Rumanian Refugee Organization. It was clear that the king was advised to follow this course of action by General Petre-Lazar, who has handled the King's business for the past three years. The King refused to deal with us through our representatives and requested that any communications with him be made through his representative, Visoianu. Since this was contrary to our request and since the attitude of Michael made a reconciliation of the Committee and the association most unlikely, our mission was withdrawn after waiting 45 days for an answer. In the meantime, Michael advised Visoianu of his intention to visit the United States under the sponsorship of the National Committee, further indicating the King's intention to play politics with our proposals and only secondarily support our operations in Rumania.

It is now proposed to place in the hands of Visoianu and Gafencu (leader of the faction opposing the National Committee) a report of the King's attitude in the hope that, in recognition of the opportunity to undertake actions in Rumania, the leaders of the two factions may jointly sponsor our operations. It is felt that when the Committee realizes that the Gafencu group will in all probability accept the proposition, Visoianu will insist that he and his Committee participate also, thus achieving the desired end.

4. General Operational Planning

In order to expedite operational planning for a Rumanian project, the services of a Rumanian consultant were obtained and the Hedding's plan was prepared. In general this plan embodied:

- a. The unification of all Rumanian exiles under King Michael in an advisory group which would act as the overt vehicle for operations.
- b. The selection and recruitment of the first 50 agents for training and infiltration as soon as possible.
- c. The selection, recruitment, and training of up to 500 agents in a holding area for infiltration at a later date.
- d. The establishment of a base of operations in the mountains of Rumania where resistance groups are reported to exist.
- e. The extension of this network throughout the country as other existing groups were contacted and organized.
- f. The infiltration and supply of all groups by covert aircraft was proposed.
- g. The establishment of clandestine broadcasting facilities for black propaganda purposes.

5. Psychological Warfare Planning

Generally the program of psychological warfare against Rumania will parallel that undertaken against Bulgaria. Existing facilities will be enlarged where this possible to obtain black radio coverage of Rumania. Leaflet drops are planned utilizing the covert aircraft and crews available to BGFIEND and QKSTAIR. It is planned that the establishment of the proposed fifty KW radio station in Greece will provide coverage for Rumania as well as other Balkan states. As an interim measure, two small 500-watt transmitters are on order for this Project.

6. The Selection, Clearance, and Training of Qualified Project Personnel

During the project development phase, the following personnel, who possess a knowledge of Rumania and the ability to speak the Rumanian language, have been selected and are being processed as an initial overseas staff for this project:

- a. Staff Employees - 4
- b. Contract Agents - 6 (3 Rumanians)
- c. *Consultants - 2

7. Recommendations:

That, the effort be continued to bring the two major factions of Rumanian Emigres together into a loosely-organized grouping under a joint steering Committee of Gafencu and Visoianu, and that this organization act as overt sponsor for our operations.

That, a Rumanian Project be presented in final form for consideration by the Project Review Board at the earliest moment in order to provide the necessary authority and funds for the recruitment of personnel and

* For present use in Washington

the procurement of supplies and equipment, and other preparations necessary for the immediate launching of operations within Rumania.

That, a formal Country Plan be prepared for Rumania, but that approval of the project itself be not withheld until this plan is approved.