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To : Chief, SE  
Attn: [ ]  
FROM : [ ]

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: GENERAL- BGFIEND/PARAM  
SPECIFIC- Orange Tree and Plum Tree Plan and Briefing

1. a. After delaying our drop date for 5 days, waiting for Apple/3's ex-filtration, the 3 man Orange Team plus the Plum Team leader and 2 supply containers were dispatched to D/Z G-1513 on the night of 4 June. The two remaining members of Plum Tree, RNDEPART and AIRBLOWN, were not dispatched due to: a. RNDEPART's freezing for a few seconds and b. lapse of safe drop time (estimated at 5 seconds).

b. Up to the date of this report we have had no news regarding the drop. The reception committee reports that they never received men or bundles. A detailed report covering all points of discussion regarding this drop will be forwarded at a later date.

2. Composition:

- a. AIRMETER, Orange Leader
- b. AICHIP, Plum Leader
- c. Identity (1)
- d. GADUMMY

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3. Mission:

a. To be airdropped to G-1513 to a reception committee set up by Apple Tree and friends. Both teams are to remain with Apple Tree until they are brought up to date on conditions within the country and then move to their respective areas of operation; Orange Tree to move to the Elbasan area and Plum Tree to the Mirdita area.

b. Purpose of the mission:

(1) To attempt to locate and establish contact with friends in government, military circles and elsewhere. Locate D/Z's for body and supply drops and areas for caching supplies.

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(2) To conduct

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(2) To conduct reconnaissance and determine conditions in their areas of operation.

(3) To establish W/T contact with base and send out all items of information which were covered in their briefing.

c. Duration of mission:

Both Orange and Plum plan to remain within the country as long as conditions permit.

4. Briefing:

a. The team briefings were conducted jointly as far as operational security would allow. Special attention was given to conditions within the country, types of contacts that are desirable, manner of making contacts and proper reporting techniques. Though the team leaders were supplied by RNCASTING, it was felt necessary to inform the teams members that politicking on a party basis would lead to hard feeling and disharmony among the team members. It was pointed out that it was essential that party affiliation should not be the basis on which aid and assistance should be given to friends within the country. Furthermore, because the majority of the team members have not been active within the country for long periods of time and for general security reasons, the teams were instructed that base should be informed of all contacts in military and government circles prior to such contacts being made.

b. Recognition signs:

(1) Orange Team is to use the letter "O" Morse code as a recognition signal on drops.

(2) Plum Team will use the letter "P" as a recognition signal.

(3) Team names will be used as the code word for exfiltration.

5. Training:

a. A very thorough training program comprised of the following subjects was carried out: parachute training, jump techniques, survival, weapons, first aid, map reading, compass problems, physical training consisting of mountain climbing and hiking, reception committee procedure including air supply and resupply message writing and reporting techniques.

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b. In addition to

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b. In addition to the above, the W/T operators reviewed on the air procedure, ciphering, deciphering, proper use of control signals plus construction and erection of antennae. Attachment 2 hereto is a complete breakdown of W/T training. A high degree of interest was shown by the students in all subjects covered.

6. Remarks:

a. The persons making up Orange and Plum Teams were picked after much discussion between [ ] and [ ] It is felt by this office that the best possible men available to us were utilized for this operation. Although Identity (1) and RNDEPART can not be considered high level agents, they do, nevertheless, have experience in covert operations which should prove very helpful. [ ] proved very helpful in many ways and it was gratifying to find that he did not consider it necessary to mastermind training operations, etc.

b. Absolute security was maintained throughout the training period.

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Attachments:

1. Identity (1) (under separate cover)
2. Breakdown of W/T training (herewith)

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Distribution:

- 3 - Washington, w/attachments as noted
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FINAL STAGE TRAINING OF W/T OPERATORS - AIRBLOWN AND GADUMMY

1. AIRBLOWN, assigned to Plum Tree Team, and GADUMMY, assigned to Orange Tree Team, joined their respective teams and commenced the final phase of their training on 7 May 1953.

2. Their communications phase covered a full review of their entire training to date, an evaluation as to their abilities, a concentration on their weak points, and thorough absorption of the necessary danger/control signals to be used on their individual operation. In addition, a thorough comprehension of their specific signal plans, crypt systems, and method of radio operation was realized.

3. Specifically, the following is a breakdown of the training:

- Radio procedure
- On-the-air radio training
- Radio theory (superficially)
  - 1. batteries
  - 2. transmitters
  - 3. crystals
  - 4. antennae
- Radio security
- Cipher practice
- Special equipment (URC-4 modified)
- Equipment caching
- Danger signals

4. On 2 June 1953 a final briefing was given to both operators individually. These briefings were attended by [ ] Radio Operations Officer; [ ] Instructor for AIRBLOWN; and [ ] Case Officer and Instructor for GADUMMY. During these briefings, the following was covered:

- Check of radio equipment
- Signal plans and crystals checked, issued and discussed
- Danger signals reviewed
- Cryptographic material assigned, checked and discussed
- General discussion of important operational procedures, including activation instructions for back-up plans.

EVALUATION AND SUMMARY OF OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF GADUMMY

Throughout his entire training, GADUMMY impressed his instructor with his excellent motivation, his willingness to learn, his application to hard work and the sincere desire to train himself to enable him to do a better job in the liberating of his country. Although handicapped with very little formal education middle age, and peasant mentality, he was able to develop into a capable W/T operator. He very ably grasped the mechanics of his cipher systems but could not develop the technique of message writing and consistent errorless enciphering or

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deciphering necessary in such a system. It is felt, with some other person writing his messages, this would eliminate most of any difficulties he would encounter.

SUMMARY ON AIRBLOWN

Although not blessed with brilliance, AIRBLOWN performed well during his training. Occasionally his performance would become erratic. This particular trait appeared due to forgetfulness. Nevertheless, he has demonstrated the qualities and ability necessary for a good W/T operator.

Despite the fact that he did not possess the ambition of his fellow trainees, he has always been cooperative with his instructor and other students. Because of his age (40), good nature, sense of humor and good work in the field (keeping up with the pace of the younger students), he commanded the respect and admiration of other students. His morale is good and he is well motivated.

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*SE/ER/CA.*

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Identity (1) Zemun Gjolena

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