

24 November 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT : Daily Log

SUMMARY

1. On the night of 22/23 November, a propaganda overflight of Albania was successfully completed. In addition to quantities of token food packets, some 300,000 Digests of the newspaper Shqipëria were dropped over major Albanian cities. Distant shell bursts were observed at one point in the flight. ( [ ] 5502 dated 23 Nov 53, IN 36523)

2. [ ] reports that a trusted emissary of former King Zog was sent from Istanbul to Yugoslavia in October to determine the fate of the Zogist team which is now accepted as having been under Albanian Communist control for some time. On his return, the emissary reported that the team leader was a prisoner in the Ministry of the Interior undergoing investigation by Interior Minister Mehmet Shehu, who was said to be transmitting deception materials using captured ciphers. The emissary's contact in Yugoslavia was allegedly a "reliable Albanian political refugee", whose wife is the sister of the team leader. This source reported on 23 August that the leader and three of his friends had been betrayed to the Sigurimi by a relative; two transmitters were seized at the same time. While in Yugoslavia, the emissary claimed also to have been interrogated by a Yugoslav Colonel regarding American and British efforts to send agents from Turkey to or through Yugoslavia. He then, reportedly, was asked to consider coming to Yugoslavia at Yugoslav expense whenever he learned anything of interest on this subject. (ISTA 608, dated 21 Nov 53, IN 36165)

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