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BGFIEND

A successful infiltration operation was completed on the night of October 15/16. Two men, one of whom is a W/T operator, were dropped by the OPC covert plane to reinforce the Pine Tree Team which has been operating in the Kukes region of Northern Albania since late May of this year. In addition to the men and their equipment, a quantity of supplies were dropped to this team. Previous to this operation, communications with this team have been by means of letters. This operation immediately followed the drop of eight men, making up two teams, on the night of October 15/16.

QKSTAIR

The IRO Chief in Greece has prepared a plan for the handling of refugees in Greece following the cut-off of IRO funds on 1 December 1951. This plan aims to clean up the refugee camps at Syros and Lavrion and to provide funds to maintain the camps at reasonable levels of operating efficiency. The [] terms this cleanup the "heart of plan" as camps are "cancerous elements" in present Greek refugee reception program, which contribute directly to poor morale of OPC recruits. The tentative budget is \$100,000, and it is hoped that ECA will assume one-half the cost. It is not planned that IRO will set up pre-Lavrion holding area or provide cover for OPC training. The [] believes such cover would be likely to blow on first STAIR operations a risk to Greeks and IRO unwarranted by facilities provided.

The [] has requested a minimum of three months additional training for STAIR agents now in training in Germany. It is hoped in that way to obtain better-qualified agents for future infiltration operations.

JBEDICT

No report.

QKBROIL

No report.

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