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MY 291511 REFERS. TINOS, SIFNOS, SERIPHOS, IOS NOW CONFIRMED FREE OF ENEMY, EVACUATION MUDULO REPORTED

IMMINENT. 70 GERMANS NOW ON NAZOS. DECREASE IN ARMY OF OCCUPATION ATHENS AREA REPORTED. LARGER

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/SEABORNE TRAFFIC TO FROM CRETE AT VIRTUAL STANDSTILL PAST 15 DAYS. *

* 25 LETTERS MISSING; HAVE BEEN SERVICED.

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From: CG Balkan Air Force

To: War Department

No: BAF 308

30 September 1944

AFHQ repeated AGWAR TROOPERS SHAEF HQ AAI Mideast
SOMTO Seventh Army from HQ Balkan AF BAF/308. TOO 301130A.
Special Operations SITREP number 30.

1. No operations due to bad weather.
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. (A) Yugoslavia.

A report from Slovene Hq states that there has been no direct rail traffic from Ljubljana to Zndani Most.

VII Corps are reported to have destroyed the Stampetov br on 26th Sep. This is not confirmed; details and confirmation are awaited.

Croatia.

All rail lines around Sunja have been out, thus isolating the rolling stock and stores in the sta.

(B) Albania. (1) Korca Area.

a. Further German tps tks and vehs are arriving in Korca; the only confirmed departure was a

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convoy of 60 trucks which conveyed tps to Bilisht on 26th Sept and then returned empty.

b. In the recent RAF raid on Korca a German road block north of Korca was hit and 12 vehs destroyed; direct hits were obtained on the principal buildings killing approx 200 German tps, destroying an amm dump and damaging a further 30 vehs; civilian casualties were not high but German tps machine gunned crowds who had picked up leaflets and were trying to leave the town.

c. The ornamental gardens near Korca brewery are full of German mt and there are large tp concs in the farm near Dvoran at point N 025508.

(2) Valona Area.

There are approx 4000 German trs in the Mifol area.

(3) Central Albania.

It is reported that despite PXN attacks the Germans are attempting to repair bridges along rd Dibra-Librashd.

(4) Berat Area.

On 28th Sept 40 German trucks passed over the Hassan Bey bridge from Kuc to Kucove; these vehs
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30 September 1944

were thought to be collecting fuel for the German base at Lus Lushnje. PXN forces fought a three hour battle in the Kuc area on the morning of 28th Sept and are hoping to bottle up the Germans between Hassan Bey and Kuc bridges.

(5) Mati Area.

On night 26th /27th Sept the Germans withdrew from their posts at Lach and Delbinisht but reinforced their posns at Milot.

5. Yugoslavia--one operation unsuccessful.

End

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr: N 29705 30 September 1944

To 1200 hours 30th September ops southeastern Europe
number 320 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles msg number N 29705.

Part I. Greece (Allied LO's).

Central Greece. Company of Nazis withdrawing from
Kalimeri was attacked on 20th September by Andartes at Lepoura
E 79 and reported almost annihilated.

Macedonia. Salonika-Larissa line demolished in 18
places night 23rd/24th September by mission group operating
in Aiyinion O 53 area.

Peloponnese. British LO visited Pargos 25th Sept
in effort to prevent execution of 22 prisoners held by Elas.
Death sentence ordered by Elas Military Governor was
attributed to instructions from 3rd Elas Div.

Part II. Bulgaria (British LO). Eastern Serbia.

By 28th September three Russian Divisions are re-
ported to have crossed the Danube into Yugoslavia and
reached line Brza Palanka WE 76 Klokocevac WE 55: Milanovac
WE 56. At Klokocevac they received a tremendous reception.

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End

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| FROM CG AFHQ CASERTA | | ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE | |
| RELEASED BY | | WAR DEPARTMENT | URGENT |
| DATE 30 SEPTEMBER 1944 | | SHAEP MAIN | ROUTINE |
| FOR CODEROOM 0408 | | CG NORTH AFRICAN DIST | DEFERRED |
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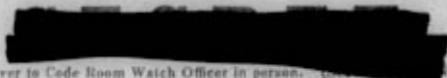
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1. KITHERA. A SMALL COMMANDO PARTY OF 60 HAS BEEN DISPATCHED FROM KITHERA AND LANDED AT KALAMAI (H 8850) ON THE MAINLAND OF THE SOUTHERN PELOPONNESE.
2. NORTHWEST PELOPONNESE. SEABORNE REINFORCEMENTS CONSISTING OF A FURTHER COMMANDO AND 2 HLI (HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY) WITH SUPPORTING ARMS HAVE LANDED IN THE CAPE PAPPAS AREA.

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By: [redacted], Date: APR 10 1974



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From: CG, Balkan Air Force, Bari, Italy

To: War Department

No: BAF 304

29 September 1944

To AFHQ repeated AGWAR TROOPERS SHAEF HQ AAI Mideast
DONTO Seventh Army TOO 291430A from HQ BAF BAF 304 Special
Ops Sitrep number 29.

1. A. Yugoslavia. No operations due bad weather.
- B. Albania. No operations due bad weather.
- C. Hungary no operations due bad weather.
2. Nil
3. Nil

4. A. Yugoslavia. Slovenia reports indicate that
approx 4,000 Partisans took part in the attack on Litija
bridge. Aircraft did not hit bridge or castle. Two bombs
at the east of bridge burned one house; rest in valley,
radius three miles each side bridge houses destroyed in
Litija and Kresice. No Partisan casualties after fierce
fighting and two hours after bombing, the castle was taken
41 units fought for four days to reach bridge but retreated
when strong Hun reinforcements arrived. The garrison
totalled 1,500 Germans, of whom 80 were killed and 44
captured. Two tks and the road and rly bridge across the
Sava were destroyed. Much arms and amm captured. A liaison
officer who observed the operation considers that bridge will

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From: CG, Balkan Air Force, Bari, Italy

No: BAF 304 29 September 1944

have to be rebuilt.

B. Albania. 1. Korca area A. On night
22/23 Sept 50 trucks left Korca for Florina.

B. The Germans
are reported to be proceeding from Korca to Yugoslavia via
the "Vjide-Podgorje-Monastir-Struga.

C. Large German
troop cones are reported in buildings at point M 968313 and
Rakove M 970252.

2. Berat area. On 20 Sept Partis-
ans of 8th Bde attacked German posns at Morave M 37 north
of Bezay; fighting lasted for two days during which enemy
barracks were burnt and 22 Germans were killed and eight
captured by Partisans who are now in possession of Morave
and threatening other German posns further north.

3. Muti area. On night 24/25
Sept a small enemy MT convoy attempting move south from
Scutari towards Verre was forced turn back after local
guerrillas had blown bridge at G 2774.

5. A. Istria. One operation successful night
27/28 Sept two tons supplies landed.

B. Yugoslavia. One operation failed due
weather.

End

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From: C in C Med

To: AIG 387
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No. 242312A

September 1944

Situation Report #442.

During the period 16th/23rd Sept available landing craft have been operating in Southern Dalmatian Island (?with commandos) and Partisans who have been harassing German withdrawal. Night 22nd/23rd 500 commandos were also landed on Albanian Coast. Night 18th/19th Coastal forces attacked escorted Seibel ferry in 45-07 N 13-36 E. Torpedoes were fired but result unobserved.

3. Night 20th/21st Motor Launches attacked 3 armed launches near Solta Island. 1 enemy reported damaged but all escaped in bad visibility.

4. On 22nd and 23rd Sept USS Edison and USS Woolsey bombed batteries and storage dumps in Franco Italian frontiers area. All targets well covered.

5. Coastal force on patrol between Genoa and Sestri Levante (?e) night 22nd/23rd Sept were engaged by shore battery but sustained no damage. No enemy was sighted.

6. HMS Tumult sank small caique North Suda on 23rd Sept.

7. HMS Zetland and HMS Brecon bombed 1000 ton merchant ship in Argostoli a.m. 24th Sept, result inconclusive.

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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, London, England
CG North African District, Algiers, Algeria
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, US Army, Paris, France

No: FX 32045 29 September 1944

COSITINTREP number 447 part 4. COSITINTREP 446 part
4 not issued. FX 32045 signed Wilson cite FHGCT.

1. Kithera. A small commando party of 60 has been
dispatched from Kithera and landed at Kalamai (H 8850) on the
mainland of the Southern Peloponnese.

2. Northwest Peloponnese. Seaborne reinforcements
consisting of a further commando and two HLI (Highland Light
Infantry) with supporting arms have landed in the Cape Pappas
area.

End

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From: US, Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To : War Department 435
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo Egypt 1085
29 September 1944
Number MILID 435 AMSME 1085.

Although Marathon Dam intact serious water shortage at Athens according Greek source.

Samothrace reported evacuated by Bulgarians.

Greeks on Ikaria reported actually starving.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in The Middle East
Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department

No: N29650 29 September 1944

1200 hours 29 September Operations southeast
Europe number 319 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles number
N 29650.

Part 1. Greece
Macedonia (GSI and British LO's)

A. Movement to Yugoslavia of 11th GAF Div
(reported at Skoplje 16 September) accepted by GSI.

B. German evacuation of Ytannitsa 0 46 occurred
23 September and civilians are returning.

C. Kogani N 81 was attacked by Elas 21
September but single company of German reinforcements from
Amindaion N 85 forced Andartes to withdraw on following
day just as barracks area was reached. Nazis suffered few,
Andartes 10 casualties.

Epirus (British LO's).

A. Yannina-Igoumenitsa road remained closed
26 September but nightly traffic was reported on Yannina-
Metsovon road.

B. Nazis lost 30 dead 108 taken prisoner in
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From: CG, US Army Forces in The Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

No: N 29650 29 September 1944.

Paranythia area 20-26 September.

C. British LO at Xeruas Hq estimated German losses since fighting at beginning of month at 187 killed, 252 captured, 226 trucks destroyed.

Thessaly (British LO's)

A. All rail installations in Volos T 70 area reported destroyed 24 September and Germans state they are also about to destroy harbor, factories and other objectives.

B. Corrected and likely total for Germans in Trikkala is 1400 not 14,000 previously reported (see OPS southeast Europe number 318).

Central Greece.

A. Two regiments 22nd FG Division reportedly left Athens for north (probably by 26 September.)

B. Two companies of 117th Jaeger Division have replaced departed infantry battalion in guarding Corinth Canan area.

Part 2. Islands.

A. Crete.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in The Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

No: N 29650

29 September 1944

1. EAM and EOK have reached complete accord according to LO's. (Canea under control brigade commander Sfakiotakes).

2. General Mueller departed 24 September with bulk of his staff. Most of 22nd PG Division and 619 Mountain Artillery Regiment have also departed and units of 133rd Fortress Division were leaving. LO estimates present garrison at 13,000.

B. Simi. Reported completely evacuated 26 September.

C. Lemnos. Garrison down to estimated 700 to 1000 September 27.

End

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J [REDACTED] *MS*

From: C. in C. Med.
To: A.I.G. 387
N.O. 1/c Alexandria
LAUZON

Situation Report No. 443.

September 1944

H.M.S. LOYAL fired 434 rounds at gun position and batteries North Rimini on 24th September. Areas effectively covered. Enemy battery fired at M/S without success.

2. H.M.S. TERPSICHORE and H.M.S. TERMAGANT destroyed convoy of 1 large caique 2 F. Boats and 2 small craft East Scarpanto on 24th September.

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ACTION: OPD

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: FX 31523

28 September 1944

To AGWAR for CCS info Central District UK Base Section London for ECS info Hq Com Zone ETOUSA info SHAEP signed Wilson FX 31523 cite FHGEG this is NAF 791.

1. Instructions have been given to ACC in accordance with FAN 427 and details of assignments will be sent when available.
2. We used the term "Agreed model" because our officers responsible for planning our representation in Roumania have in fact always had in mind the analogy of Soviet representation in Italy. Any wrong impression conveyed to you is regretted. No discussion is contemplated with Soviet representation in Italy on this subject.

End

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy, CGAAF, OPD, Gen Bissell, Gen Hilldring
Adm King, Log

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From: G.H.Q. Middle East

To: A.F.H.Q.
Rptd: War Office
Force 140
AGWAR
M.A. Ankara

No: GO/46322 28 September 1944

ME BALKAN SITREP NO 318

ONE: AIR OPS. NTR.

TWO: INT.

(A) GREECE. 11 GAF DIV. CX reports Div at SKOPLJE
16 Sep.

COMMENT: Accept move of Div to YUGOSLAVIA. 22 PG DIV. Two Regts reported left area ATHENS for North. Unconfirmed report 65 GRENADIER Regt left CRETE. ATHENS. Elements 749 Jaeger Regt concentrated LEOSIA and AKHARNAI E 3956. ATHENS Elements 749 Jaeger Regt concentrated LEOSIA and AKHARNAI E 3956. ATHENS radio announces from 26 Sep circulation of populace in streets forbidden from 2000 to 0500 hrs. EPIRUS. Night 23 Sep 5000 Inf reported by Force 133 moving North from FILIPPI which was captured by Zervas Tps following day. CRETE. Maj Gen KLEPS GOC 133 Fortress Div reported to have left Island. Col BAETHMANN OC 65 GRENADIER Regt commanding remnants 22 PG Div. SYROS. 25 Sep 1100Tps on Island of which 500 permanent Grn remainder in transit.

(B) NORTH EAST SERBIA. CX states Russians crossed Danube 22/23 Sep between ERZA PALANKA (WE 76) and DAVDOBCAC

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From: G.H.Q. Middle East

No: GO/46322

28 September 1944

(WE 88). 27 Sep Russians control entire loop South West
TURNUL SEVERIN to line DONJI MILANOVAC (WE 56) RUDNA GLAPA
(WE55) STUBIC (WE 74) BRZA PALANKA. Germans retiring on
NEGOTIN.

THREE: POLITICAL. GREECE. MACEDONIA BLO reports 24 Sep
Drama situation deteriorating Bulgarian Tps taking action
against PAO and Capitanos bands.

FOUR: LAND OPS. GREECE. THESSALY. BLO reports 19 Sep
Andartes killed 25 Germans captured 5 trucks burned 2 on
road TIRNAVOS T24 ELASSON T 26.

FIVE: SEA OPS. NIL.

T.O.O. 282115C

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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No: N 29573

27 September 1944

WDGBI cite MEGBI sgd Giles N 29573, to 1800 hrs
September 27th Political Intelligence Southeastern Europe
nbr 317 A.

First Part.

Bulgaria.

General. OSS and British Mideast Sources.

(A) At request of local Russian commander Soviets
are arranging withdrawal of British LO's and OSS personnel
from Sofia. That LO's already being escorted to border is
belief. That these groups not properly accredited to Bulgar
government is Russian contention.

Second Part.

Greece.

Eastern Macedonia. British LO's.

(A) Permission reported received from Bulgarian
commander by Capetanos to occupy towns now occupied by
troops.

(B) Certain towns thus occupied by Capetanos are

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No: N 29573 27 September 1944

threatened with burning by Elias.

(C) Upon order of Lt Col Radeff British LO reported
Drama Mission under house arrest September 25th.

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INFO: CG/S
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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department

Nr: 431

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Message number 431. To MILID Washington, D.C.

Prediction that Bulgarian Cabinet will fall soon and be replaced by Red Government made by Deputy Chief Turk Intelligence. Holds Russians will brook no British or American interference with plans for complete communization of Balkans. Says Reichstag Dimitrov was expected in Bulgaria soon and would head Russian organization created to spread Communism in Balkans. Considers sending other Dimitrov into Bulgaria was disastrous mistake and predicts he will be liquidated by Russians. Expects Russians to move southward into Greece encouraging spread Communism.

Says British told Bulgars they wanted to put military mission of some kind ashore at Xanthe and Kavalla but Bulgars said they were subject to instructions Moscow which objected to their landing in those areas. This sounds dubious.

At time Turk spoke he knew OSS and British intelligence lads were being run out of Bulgaria by Russians. Neither British or Americans had told him. Obviously Turk desires gain American as well as British support for Turkey against possible future Russian aggression and hence may exaggerate.

However, he is regarded in Ankara as Russian expert. Best American observers here feel any British and Americans

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

Nr: 431

27 September 1944

in Bulgaria or Rumania will shortly have almost no freedom of action.

With Dimitrov and Machanov went into Bulgaria Mister Walker of Socony Oil by car.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CGAAF
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From: US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
No: 38 GY 26 September 1944
For Bissell from Larrabee msg number 38 GY

Kythera Island occupied by 600 British 24 September
who have contacted EAM according to cable from Bari to OSS
Cairo.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAAP, OPD, Col Park, Log.

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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To : War Department

Nr : 265 26 Sept 44

JICAME number 265 from Mejc signed Giles N 29527.

Source B-2 advises Greek cabinet yesterday voted disapproval use of Allied troops in Greece. This source similar to that of Office of War Information.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Main, London, England
United Kingdom Base Section, London, England
Headquarters, Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, U.S. Army, Paris, France
Nr: FX 30604 NAF 790 26 September 1944

FX 30604 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff info
Central District UK Base Section London for British Chiefs
of Staff info hq Com Zone ETOUSA info SHAEP signed Wilson
cite FHOEG. This is NAF 790 reur PAN 409 of 8 Sept 44.

Request urgently clarification of correct designation
for the headquarters supervising relief and rehabilitation
in the Balkans and for each of headquarters for Albania,
Greece, and Yugoslavia. Hitherto they have been referred to
respectively as Allied Military Hq Balkans, and Allied
Military Liaison (Greece) (Yugoslavia) (Albania). In view
of para 9 of PAN 409 and of the omission of word Allied in
chart referred to in PAN 394 showing chain of command clar-
ification requested.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Gen Handy Gen Bissell
Adm King CCAC Log

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FROM SPENCER
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 GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST THAT NO ALLIED
 OPERATIONAL FORCE ENTER GREECE.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East,
Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department.

Nr: N 29431 24 September 1944

To 1200 hours 24th Sept OPS Southeastern Europe
number 314 WDOBI cite MEOBI signed Giles N 29431.

Central Greece (British LO's).

(A) Athens LO reports following:

1. 2000 troops of 22nd PG Div arrived from Crete 16th, 17th Sept in small ships.
2. 500 troops with equipment arrived from Peloponnese 17th-18th Sept by rail.
3. Piraeus Harbor area quiet. Reports of direct movement of transport from Yodecnese to Salonika continue.

(B) Levadhia D69 area LO report:

1. Nazis prepared to demolish locks and flood Kipais Y70 area.
2. Recent Elas obstructionism has ceased owing to Cairo intervention with Elas GHQ and all but one of his agents have been released.

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3. Elas forces under Orestes now concentra-
ting at Villia E06 with eventual object of occupy-
ing Athens.

Macedonia (British LO).

(A) As result of recent attacks by Pao and Rallists
over 100 estimated dead in Yiannitsa 046 and terrorized
population are living on mountain. 100 houses burned in
Palaion 046.

(B) Yiannitsa garrison attacked 18th Sept by Elas
Andartes with RSR and American CG support. Two truckloads
of Nazis destroyed. Attackers lost five Andartes killed 20
wounded four CG's wounded.

(C) Continued heavy movement northward on Salonika-
Devdelija line reported.

(D) Three Bessufighters attacked transport for half
hour on Ptolemais N83-Amindaion N85 road 20th Sept. Of 300
vehicles attacked LO reported more than 100 destroyed or
seriously damaged.

Epirus (British LO).

(A) Heavy fighting reported 20th Sept south of
Yannina-Arts road from W99 to X09; Andartes recovered heights

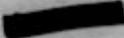
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previously lost and took Stefani W99. Filippias X09 reported
under attack from 24th Regt.

(B) Andartes attacked S0219 September 19th killing
60 Germans and seizing much booty with small losses to them-
selves.

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FROM **HOTCHKISS AND SPENCER** DATE TIME GCT

BRITISH STAFF OFFICER GREECE ADVISES PORT PARTIES 3 GREEK OFFICERS 10 MEN ENROUTE MYTILENT AND CHIOS. LEMNOS PARTY TO FOLLOW ON COMPLETION GERMAN WITHDRAWAL. CONSIDERING OPENING KALAMATA. 4 SUBMARINES IN NORTHERN SPORADES AND AIRCRAFT CARRIER TASK FORCE BETWEEN CRETE AND MAINLAND HAMPERING ENEMY WITHDRAWAL. EXPRESSED FEAR EGYPTIAN GREEK SRAUINGS WILL ATTEMPT DESERT ON ORDER ORDER TO SAIL. SHIPPING REPORTS INDICATE PETER PROBABLY SUNK DRACHE BURNED OUT AT KORTVATH. PELIKAN POSSIBLY DAMAGED AT LEROS. EVACUATION REPORTS INDICATE CRETE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS HESAKLION AND SUDASOMECD DEFENSES PREMATURELY UNMANNED AND RADAR DISMANTLED. CYCLADES SPLO KKCYYDRANAQOS AMORGOS AND ANDROS REPORTED EVACUATED PAROS DOUBTFUL. SMALL GARRISONS REMAIN TINOS AND MYKONOS.

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EVACUATION. DODEANESE IN PELOPONNES USE EVACUATION OF
HYBRA REPORTED COMPLETED. FROM W/T EVIDENCE PROBABLE
MONEMVASIA CLOSED DOWN.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

To : War Department.

No : FX 29370 23 September 1944.

FX 29370 action to TROOPERS, AGWAR for eyes only of Field Marshal Brooke and General Marshall Personal from General Wilson cite FECIC. [REDACTED]

1. General Nadoy formerly commanding Hungarian First Army accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Howie, South African Forces, POW from Tobruk who escaped and has been working last year in Budapest on Polish movement in contact with War Office and has been recognized by officer this headquarters, came out of Hungary in GAF plane which crashed in Italy last night.

2. General Nadoy at interview today stated he had arrived as representative of Regent and government to ask for armistice which seemed to be prompted by fear of Russian occupation especially post war of his country.

3. General Nadoy had brought no written credentials due to fear of Gestapo and necessity for secrecy but was vouched for by Howie who also brought verbal message from Regent confirming object of mission.

4. Questioned as to military situation on eastern frontier stated position very weak, divisions: German 8; Hungarian 7; latter short of equipment. Many gaps in line and Russian occupation inevitable.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

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5. Stated that object of mission was to ask what Hungary could do to shorten war and mitigate Russian occupation, and that government was prepared to turn against Germany but only if assurance could be given that British and American troops would participate in post war occupation of country, otherwise determined to fight it out.

6. Mission brought own cypher and has been allowed to report arrival only.

7. Report is being sent through diplomatic channels to Foreign Office and State Department.

8. Mission detained here pending decision of governments.

End.

ACTION: GEN HANDY

INFO : GEN MacFARLAND
ADM LEAHY
GEN ARNOLD
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From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Mr. N 29419

23 September 1944

To 1200 hours 23rd September OPS Southeastern Europe
number 313 WDOGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles N 29419.

Greece.

General. Evacuation of Peloponnese practically
completed (see below). In Piedus area Elas and Natbands are
concentrating to occupy Agrinion Arta and Trikkala. Heavy
enemy movement on Arta-Yannina road continues.

Peloponnese.

(A). According to German Commander at Patras only
Nazis remaining in Peloponnese are those at Corinth and 600
at Patras.

(B). Patras Commander has already offered to surren-
der to two Allied companies and has delayed his withdrawal
in hope that offer might be accepted.

Central Greece (British LO reports 18th, 19th Sept-
ember).

(A) When Elas 24th Regiment moved in to occupy
Agrinion it was discovered that Rallist commander was old
friend of Commander 7th Elas Brig. Following amicable accord
reached:

1. With exception of officers (allowed to
retain their arms) Rallists turned over arms and ammunition
to Elas.

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2. Supplies left by Nazis for Rallists were distributed among townspeople.

(B) On 19th September Elás 7th Brig was moving on Arta where 600 Nazis were reported on northern outskirts.

(C) Athens LO reported 20th Sept that remaining 80 tons explosives were removed from galleries of Marathon Dam and dumped into lake.

Erinus (British LO report 19th Sept.)

(A) In attack on Arta-Yannina Road 24th Regiment was reported pushing towards Stavros R 91 from Papadhates R 91 and Xervas R 91.

Comment: Presumably refers to 24th Matband Regiment (9th Div) normally operating that area.

(B) Elás still concentrating near Yannina and infiltrating large numbers into Corfu.

(C) Situation in Preveza (believed under Xervas control) has quieted and Matbands and Elás 24th Regiment are reported sharing honors of occupation.

(D) Mission members recently demolished Arta-Yannina Road at S 035296.

(E) Roads Yannina-Igoumenitsa and Yannina-Metsovon

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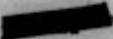
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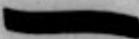
(F) 2,000 Nazis reported just south of Yannina and large columns are moving from Yannina to Koritsa.

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From: G.H.Q. Middle East

To: A.F.H.Q.

Rptd: War Office
Force 140
AGWAR (B.A.S. Washington pass)

Nr: GO/44420 22 September 1944

ME Balkan SITREP No. 312.

1. Air Operations.

Greece. Two sorties successful one failed.

2. Int.

Greece. Peloponnese.

Final stages of evacuation reached.

One coy of 999 Troops and 617 (Naval) CA Battery reported by CX to form rearguard.

Athens. Now reported Fleves GRN replaced not withdrawn.

Roumeli. Missolonghi now held by Andartes. Units from Crete and Islands concentrating Brallos Y3332. Area Levadhia Kifissokhori Brallos prepared for reception further troops.

Epirus. CX reports PW taken area Kannina from 654 Arty Regt and 689 Sigs. En. 1007 Fortress

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From: G.H.Q. Middle East

Nr: GO/44420

22 September 1944

Bn concentrating in Filiates R 5647.

COMMENT. At least two coys believed now left Corfu Macedonia. Serrai F 4390 and Alexandroupolis M 3654 now occupied by Andartes.

Rhodes. Believed evacuation of Rhodes town begun COS. 13 and 14 September rest of 10 Fortress Bn 999 left. Most of 11 Fortress Bn 999 now awaiting air transport at Antimachis.

General. 11 GAF Div expected to follow 4 SS Div to Yugoslavia, its place being taken by 117 Div.

3. Political

Greece. Peloponnese. LO reports.

Elas controls all south Peloponnese except Garglioni H 45 Sparti J15 Yithion J21 where security Bns besieged.

4. Land Operations.

Greece. Epirus. LO reports.

17 September Andartes killed 38 Germans out of large force of Germans and Turko-Albanians who attacked them in Paramythia R 73 area.

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From: G.H.Q. Middle East

Nr: GO/44420

22 September 1944

Macedonia. LO reports.

16 September Mission and Andartes
blew up Salonika-Larissa railway line between Plati 054 and
Aliakmon Br 053 in 5 places.

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From: A.F.H.Q.
To: Air Ministry for British Chiefs of Staff for action
Info: J.S.M. Washington for U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
No: FX 28356 21 September 1944

MEDCOS 192 FX 28356. For your information following is paraphrase of cable sent by me to Marshal Tito dated 16th September.

Text begins

"Because of very fluid conditions at present in the Balkans I should be glad if you would inform me of any plans that you may have for your future movements. If you intend to move your H.Q. in the near future from VIS I will of course arrange for the present British Mission to accompany you."

"Text ends."

The following was received dated 20th September from AOC Balkan Air Force.

text begins

"On 18th September at meeting with Marshal Tito he asked that General Wilson be informed that he was intending to move to Serbia during next 10 to 15 days with all his staff. He did not wish to go in until an area had been sufficiently secured to set up his headquarters undisturbed and therefore the move depended on developments in Serbia."

"Text ends."

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From: A.F.H.Q.

No: FX 28356

21 September 1944

A further signal has now been received which states that Marshal Tito has left VIS it is believed on night 18/19 September in a Russian Dakota. Colonel Bakic, Chief of Staff to Tito, has stated that Tito had decided at the last minute to fly to Serbia and was unlikely to return to VIS. Colonel Bakic further stated that exact location of Tito will not be known for a few days. This and fact that no further members of his staff are known to have accompanied him makes it doubtful whether he has gone to Serbia. It is suggested he may have flown to Roumania or Russia. Will keep you informed of further developments.

Wilson

T.O.O. 211858A

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm. Leahy
Gen. Arnold
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Gen. Bissell
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Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department

No. N 29301 21 September 1944

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To 1200 hours 21st September operations SE Europe
Number 311.

Part 1. Greece.

Epirus (British LO):

(A). Attacking throughout 17th September Nazis gained heights to east and west of Arta X09, Yannina 304 road. Fighting was heavy and enemy loss 200 killed on 17th alone. Roads Inoumenitsa-Yannina and Yannina-Metsovon remained closed.

(B). In enemy attack in Inoumenitsa R53 - Filiates R54 area (where Andartes are now attacking) Germans lost 27 and Turko-Albanians 11 killed.

(C). Natbands in Preveza W87 were attacked by ELAS who crossed from south side of Arta Gulf by boat.

Central Greece (British LO):

(A). Morning 16 September RSR and Andarte force ambushed and held 100 truck Nazi convoy north of Lamia Y35.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

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During 24 hour hold-up many trucks were destroyed and numerous casualties inflicted.

(B). Second convoy attacked 16 September on Lamia-Stilis Y45 road resulting 18 German casualties.

Peloponnese (British LO):

Germans reported demolishing Patras-Corinth railroad 18th September.

Part 2. Ionian Islands.

(Greek LO'S):

(A). Kefallinia. Leaders of ELAS, local police and Home Guard have apparently reached friendly agreement to avoid bloodshed. ELAS retain control and are seeking authority from ELAS 7th Brigade to disarm Italians.

(B) Xante. ELAS units on Island have been ordered to return to reinforce ELAS in Peloponnese. Andartes are seizing German war material left on Island.

Part 3. Bulgaria.

(GSI source):

Russians reported restoring arms to Bulgars

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

No. N 29301 21 September 1944

Forces previously disarmed during Soviet advance
through Dobrudja. Troops involved are 4th Infantry
Division Shumen and units at Varna and Ruschuk.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CCS
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SITREP AEGEAN AREA. PATRAS AND CORFU ONLY GREECE PORTS IN OPERATION. PELOPONNESUS TO CHANGE MONEMVASIA. PART OF ARGOS-CORINTH RAIL WAS DESTROYED AND SEVERAL BRIDGES CORINTH AREA DEMOLISHED. DEMOLITION REPORTS INCLUDE VAGUE REPORTS OF INTENTION TO DESTROY CORINTH CANAL. ZANTE PORT NOT DEMOLISHED AND ATTEMPT TO DESTROY PORT FACILITIES ARGOSTOLI REPORTED C-3 UNSUCCESSFUL. ENEMY PREPARING DETERMINED ATTEMPT TO DESTROY FACILITIES SCARAMANGA AND DEMOLITION PREPARATIONS REPORTED SALONIKA WHERE EVACUATION MOVEMENTS INTENSIFIED. ONE THIRD QUAY AGESEEVEZA DESTROYED 1400 FEET BERTHAGES STILL INTACT. ONLY DAMAGE KALAMATA CRATERING PART OF WEST QUAY NO DEMOLITION VISIBLE IN TOWN. HALF SAMOS GARRISON EVACUATED. MILOS PABOS MIKANOS GARRISONS CONGREGATING SYROS. EVACUATION RHODES AND KOS CONTINUES BY AIR. ONE THOU. TROOPS AWAIT EM-BARKATION LEMNOS. HALF GARRISON OF EIGHT HUND SCARPANTO BELIEVED WITHDRAWN REMAINDER AWAITING SEA PASSAGE TO RHODES. ESTIMATE TOTAL AIR TRANSPORT LEFT GREECE AEGEAN AREA REDUCED TO 450 TROOPS PER DAY. NIGHT 18TH 19TH DIRECT BOMB HIT STERN POMEZIA AT RHODES. ENEMY SUB SUNK SOUTH OF MILOS CANDIA BOMB BARDED. 400 TON VESSEL PROBABLY CONCRETE BARGE ASHORE AND

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DESTROYED ANDROS. VESSEL REPORTED MY 181419 CONSIDERED OLD WRECK
NOT DRACHE. KHIOS OCCUPIED RAIDING FORCES PORT CLERR FACILITIES

LITTLE DAMAGED. KITHERA BECOMING BRIT OPERATIONAL BASE. LATEST
REPORTS INDICATE INTERFERENCE WITH CRETE EVACUATION MAKES COM-

PLETION OF AEGEAN WITHDRAWAL PROBLEMATIC AND MAY IF CONTINUED
LEAD TO REVISION OF ENEMY PLANS AND SACRIFICE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

NEED NEW PAD.

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From: Headquarters Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No. GO 43415

20 September 1944

Mideast Sep 192025 FREEDOM repeated AGWAR TROOPERS
SHAEP Adv AAI HQ BAF SOMFO Force 140 EKT BAF pass SOMFO EKT
GO 43415. Mideast Balkan Sitrep number 309.

First Cipt.:

One. Air ops. WTR.

Two. Int. Greece. Levkas. Force 133 report oc-
cupied 14 Sep by Zervas tps.

Thessaly. Large numbers German tps arrived Volos
from Aegean Islands.

Epirus. Rd Jannina Metsovo claimed completely blocked.

Crete. CX reports 22nd Div to be evacuated within
4 weeks time. 133rd Div within 7 weeks. Tps from Crete
are to hold the Struma line.

Rhodes. Unconfirmed.

End

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From: General Hqs US Army Forces in the Middle East,
Cairo, Egypt.

To : War Department.

Nr : GO 43415 20 September 1944.

Second Cipt of GO-43415 dated Sep 192025.

Report Fusilier Bn Rhodes has left. Lemnos. Grn
believed 1030.

Andros. Force 133 report Andartes now control island.

Three. Political.

A. Bulgaria.

BLO reports. OF authorities gave him friendly re-
ception in TRN WP 83. 16th Sep in conversation with Governor
Rof Plovdiv Governor stated OF regime now firmly installed and
consolidating its poen initial danger of trouble from army
units averted by demobilising undesirable OPFRS and sending
OF agitators talk to soldiers.

B. Greece.

LO reports. Magedonia. 14th Sep Foulos and Sec-
urity Bn tps in their attack on Yannitea O 46 ran amok shoot-
ing civilians indiscriminately. Threatened severe reprisals
if ELAS attacked Germans.

End.

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To : War Department

Hr : GO 43415

20 September 1944

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SITREP number 306-16.

Security Bn tps burned Palaion O 46 and Neapalaion.

3. Delete sub-para B and substitute following.

Greece. Elas proclamation signed by Serafia 3 Sept.
offered to forgive Rallis Bns and other organizations which
joined Elas bringing arms and amn with them.

4. Land Ops.

A. Bulgaria. BLO reports general situation 17th
September. According to Gen Sirajoff Comdt Bulgarian II
Corps Germans attacked in force against Petrich on Bulgarian-
Yugoslavian border. Bulgarians due to counter-attack follow-
ing day and confident of holding Germans.

B. Greece. Epirus. LO

End.

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From: Headquarters Middle East Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

No. GO 43415

20 September 1944

Four finpart of GO-43415 dated Sep 192025.

Reports.

14th Sep. Zervas occupied Lefkas W75 killed number of Germans captured by guns and motor boats.

16th Sep Germans had occupied Variades R92 several times but finally repulsed by Andartes.

Night 11th Sep Andartes demolished parts of Yannina-Metsovo rd. Macedonia.

Night 14th Sep Andartes cut rly in 10 places east of Arnissa N96 destroyed rd br 01665, Roumeli.

LO Reports.

13th Sep Andartes again blew rly north of Petramagoula Y28. During intensive activity previous week Andartes crippled 105 German trucks by mines and mtr fire. Thessaly.

LO Reports.

Night 14th Sept Andartes blew up rd S3460 Kalambaka S64 Metsovo S35. 5. Sea ops Po NTR.

ACTION: G-2

End

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG

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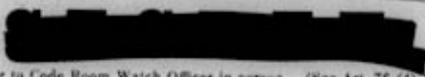
BRITISH AND GREEK AUTHORITIES BELIEVE TROUBLE BREWING
 AMONG CREWS GREEK SHIPS CONCENTRATED IN ALEXANDRIA
 PENDING
 RETURN TO GREECE. EAM PAMPHLETS BEING CIRCULATED
 DEMANDING DEATH FOR "MURDERER" VOULGARIS.
 NO OVERT ACTS YET BUT SOME FEAR EAM GLOTTO SEIZE SHIPS
 ON ARRIVAL GREECE.

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(TO NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT FROM LT COMDR EARLE.)

GABROVSKY FORMER BULGARIAN MINISTER AREEKGEF HERE TODAY CALLED UPON ME TO OFFER TO SURRENDER HIS PERSON TO AMERICA.

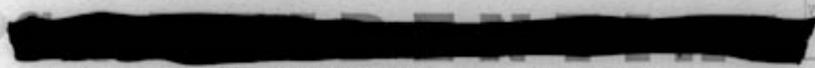
I INFORMED HIM I WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD ACCEPT SUCH SURRENDER AND IF SO HE COULD EXPECT ONLY A TRIAL AS A LEADING WAR CRIMINAL.

IN MY OPINION HE IS PROBABLY MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN ANY OTHER BULGARIAN FOR EVERYTHING REPREHENSIBLE DONE BY HIS COUNTRY. PLEASE INSTRUCT.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: GO/43056 19 September 1944
Second CIPART of GO/43056 Sept 182145

Traffic. Andartes claim road Kalambaka Metsovo completely blocked.

3. Political.

A. Bulgaria. BLO reports. Indication that Bulgars now ceased fighting Greek Pzns and fighting Germans instead. Bulgar Army being reorganized on communist lines. All ranks wearing red flashes.

B. Greece. Macedonia. BLO reports. Handing over of civil admin of Drama to a joint Bulgar-EAM committee began 10 Sept. Great enthusiasm shown for communism though communist element small in that area. Bn of Bulgar Pzns arrived Drama night 15th Sept. Peloponnise. ALO reports. 15 Sept Security Bn prisoners captured at Kalamata being tried by ELAS who say 17 condemned to death and five released 14 September.

End

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From: Headquarters Middle East, Cairo Egypt.

To: War Department

Nr: GO 43056 19 September 1944

Third part of GO/43056 SOP 182145

All Greeks impatiently awaiting arrival of first relief ships. Official and professional circles presenting petitions to Greek Government. Committee of National Unity of Akhain and Iliis urge that Greek Government or Allied reps. arrive immediately, prevent bloodshed and make Eam obey Government.

Thessaly. ALO reports. 16 September German Comdr. of Skopelos 247 stated to ELAS wish to surrender to Allied Officer.

C. Crete. ELO reports. 18 September he has issued general leaflet begging for law and order, postponement of political problems and trial of traitors, until government arrives.

4. Land Ops. Greece. Roumeli. LO reports. 13th September RSR caused many casualties by shooting up train.

End

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From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr: GO 43056 19 September 1944

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Near Dhermeli T 10. Thessaly. LO report 19 Sep
ELAS attacked Metsovo Grn and forced it to retire into
center of town causing some casualties. Grns in Mourgania
S 65 and Kersasi S 55 also attacked.

5. Sea ops. NTR.

End

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
Hqs, North African District, Algiers, Algeria
Headquarters, Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, U S Army, France
No: FX 27094 18 September 1944

COSITINTREP number 435 Part 4. FX 27094 from
AFHQ for action to COSITINTREP addressees signed Wilson cite
PROCT. Part 4 COSITINTREPS number 400 to 434 not issued.

A Commando force has landed on Kithera Island off the
Southern Peloponnese. The island has previously been reported
evacuated by our Naval reconnaissance. Some equipment was
lost due to rough seas. The reception of the population
of the island was friendly.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S
CG AAF
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Adm King
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[REDACTED] UHR *WJ*

From: U. S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.
To: War Department. 411
CG, U.S. Army Forces in Middle East, 1053
Cairo, Egypt.
18 September 1944

Number MILID #11 AMSME 1053

Former Agrarian leader Pimitrov, some of whose associates are in present Bulgarian Cabinet, was scheduled to come to Turkey on ATC plane Saturday but did not do so. However according British source B 2 he is now in Istanbul on way to Sofia. Has been in Cairo for some time and apparently regarded by British as one of their men. Trip kept secret. Reported that he will have important place in Bulgar Government.

His return to political prominence in Bulgaria would be important at time when so many assume entire Balkans are on way to unadulterated communism. Looks as if British might be trying to compete with Russian influence.

Incidentally for first time orange ribbons of Agrarian Party appeared Thursday on Sofia streets.

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INFO : OPD
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From: A.F.H.Q.

To: War Cabinet Officers for British Chiefs of Staff
J.S.M. for United States Joint Chiefs of Staff

Info: B.A.F.
OCTAGON

Nr: FX 26293

16 September 1944

MEDCOS 190. Reference COSMED 183.*

Following is my appreciation.

2. I have assumed,

A. That object of proposed operations will be achieved by establishment of Greek Government together with British forces in any reasonably important Peloponnesian Port and that extensive military occupation of Peloponnesse is not contemplated.

B. That in view paragraph one COSMED 183 I may be required to carry out operation before the end of September. Time available for detailed planning and mounting is therefore 10 to 14 days which rules out any question of undertaking an opposed landing.

3. Present indications are that, while German forces in Peloponnesse are likely to be reduced by end of September to holding Corinth Isthmus and Patras and to controlling coastal routes between these two points, enemy is likely to maintain substantial forces totalling some 10,000 - 15,000 in the Corinth-Athens area until well into October with the object of denying us entry into Athens. Enemy may well also

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leave sufficient forces in Patras and Missolonghi to prevent our unopposed seizure of either of these ports and consequent access to the Gulf of Corinth.

4. A. As regards choice of a port as objective of the operation, Patras is therefore ruled out since it is likely to be in enemy hands. The next most important area and port in the Peloponnese is Kalamai which according to my information has already been evacuated and has not suffered any extensive demolitions. There is an airfield in close proximity which will however require repair before it can be operated.

B. Possible alternative to Kalamai is the port of Nauplion. Although it is nearer to Athens and would therefore be more suitable for subsequent operations to occupy Athens after German withdrawal, I consider it too near the main enemy forces in the Corinth-Athens area to justify its selection as the objective for the present operation, unless a force in the order of one division was to be employed. Moreover from present information there can be no certainty that a landing here would be unopposed.

5. To carry out the initial operation at Kalamai and to install the Greek Government, a force of one infantry battalion or its equivalent with some artillery and engineers would be sufficient. It would be desirable to follow this up with a small (airforce ?) fighter component as soon as the airfield has been made useable. The probable scale of enemy air attack is so small, and could be so further restricted by bombing his airfields, that the provision of A.A. defences on any scale would not be justified in view of the

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increased movement and administrative commitments entailed. This force could if necessary be rapidly reinforced by the commando which should be established on Kythera by 16th Sept.

6. German counter operations to eject such forces are improbable I consider nevertheless that adequate reinforcements must be held ready to meet such a threat should it develop, and I estimate the maximum commitment in this event at one brigade group together with such air forces as could operate from the Kalamai airfield. This would probably be a minimum of one squadron fighter bombers.

7. The ground forces referred to in paras. 5 and 6 above could be found in all or in part from the following sources:

A. The whole could be found either from a division in Italy or from Force 140. The provision of forces from a division in Italy would be at the expense of operations of AAI which I consider unacceptable and therefore reject. The objection to calling on Force 140 is that it would disorganize and reduce a force which is already mounted and intended to take immediate advantage of an opportunity to occupy the important Athens area. Moreover, it is no more than adequate to carry out this task. Delay in the occupation of Athens would therefore result when the appropriate situation developed.

B. The initial force referred to in paragraph 5 could found from LFA. The disadvantage of this is that it would materially interfere with the current operations

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of LFA and BAF which are yielding good dividends in harassing and delaying the withdrawal of German formations in Albania and on the Dalmation coast.

8. On balance I consider that the only practicable solution is to find the initial force (para. 5) from LFA and if necessary to reinforce it (para 6) from Force 140, since in this latter event the early occupation of Athens area by Force 140 is unlikely to arise.

9. My outline plan, if ordered to carry out the operation, would therefore be:

A. To despatch a force of one infantry battalion or its equivalent with some artillery and engineers to Kalamai with the limited tasks of -

- (i) Local occupation of the port and airfield area.
- (ii) Installing the Greek Government
- (iii) Negotiating local relief measures.

(Para. 5.) This force would sail in LST's and LCI's accompanied by appropriate escorts and minesweepers and land under air cover provided by escort carriers, if available.

B. To follow up the above forces with limited fighter airforces as soon as the airfield has been made operable.

C. In the unlikely event of German counter operations developing, to despatch such additional forces

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as circumstances may require up to the probable maximum indicated in para. 6.

10. Unless action in paragraph 9(C) above is to be taken the whole operation will have no adverse effect on my subsequent ability to carry out MANNA. I am strongly of the opinion however that the occupation of Kalamai with the object of putting in the Greek Government will not by itself be the most useful action that could be taken in Greece at this present juncture. In view of the approach of Russian forces to the Greek frontier, I feel that more positive action on our part is called for, and that all forces that can be made available should be used to harass the enemy in Greece wherever possible and to effect his piecemeal surrender. It will also be necessary to hold small commando forces available for immediate despatch to any port at which German elements indicate that they are prepared to surrender to us. My conviction is that the Germans in Greece have for the most part had enough, and that we should take every opportunity to encourage their surrender and thus assist to bring about conditions in which operation MANNA will be possible before the Russians can forestall us.

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To: OCTAGON

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CORDITE 178 , 13th September 1944.

For Prime Minister from Foreign Secretary.

Following telegram received from His Majesty's
Ambassador to the Greek Government Caserta No. 10
12th September 1944.

Begins - My telegram No. 6 (sent by bag Sept. 12)

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M. Papandreu has reported to me discussion which took place in Greek Cabinet this evening on the subject of Bulgaria. The two Communist Ministers could not conceal their satisfaction at the presence of the Russians in Bulgaria and urged that the Greek Government should request Russians to look after their interests by asking them to withdraw Bulgarian troops from Greek soil. M.S. and Askoutsis in order to maintain a united front with Communists backed this proposal.

2. M. Papandreu countered this by saying that as Greek Government had already dealt with British and American Governments on the subject of armistice terms any approach must be made to three principal Allies and not to the

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Russians alone. This was finally accepted.

3. M. Papandreu has asked me to telegraph to you urgently on this matter. He says that intrusion of Russia into Bulgaria has upset calculations on which E.A.M. entered the Government. The Communist Ministers realise that there is a new situation and intended to see that M.S...toes the line. Their sympathies are wholly with the Russians and S...(group undec.) is becoming less important as the Russians get nearer. Collaboration will become more difficult in proportion as they think Russia and not Great Britain may call the tune in Greece.

4. Most of M. Papandreu's colleagues are now disturbed. They know nothing of our operational intentions and have the impression that we are so heavily engaged in Italy that we have nothing to spare for Greece. They feel therefore that before we can act in Greece the Russians may produce a situation which will catch us unawares.

5. I am in a difficult position as I can say nothing definite to allay these fears.

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Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England.
CG, United Kingdom Base Command, London, England.

Nr: FX 24515 NAF 779 13 September 1944.

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and UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff information
SHAEF, Hq MAAB, CINC MED ~~NAF 779~~ signed Wilson cite FBGCT.
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and PAN 360 refer.

1. Preliminary examination discloses that present supply limitations are such that no appreciable portion of the Yugoslavian Army of National Liberation under Tito could by next spring be organized and equipped for anything more than guerilla operations. It is therefore proposed to continue present supply arrangements without alteration.

2. The present overall situation in the Balkans, and particularly the Russian advance across Rumania, makes it unlikely that the Germans will be able to hold in strength the general line Transylvanian Alps-River Danube-River Save-Istrian Peninsula on which the appreciation contained in NAF 733 was based.

3. Consequently propose to discontinue examination.

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FX 24724 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and
to USEFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAEF for in-
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NAP 780.

The following are my comments on draft agreement
with the Greek Government to provide for the operation of
a British Occupational Force and an Allied Relief Force in
Greek territory:

1. I presume that in conformity with Para 9 of
FAN 409 the word "Allied" will be deleted from
the agreement where appropriate. This will
necessitate detailed amendments throughout the
agreement.
2. Paragraph 1. I suggest the addition of the
following sentence: "Where necessary he may
delegate his powers in these areas to the approp-
riate commander".
3. Paragraph 8 (A). As at present drafted this
subparagraph excludes the trial of Greek subjects
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the insertion of the following opening clause:
"Except in areas declared by the commander to be
military areas".

4. Paragraph 10. The deletion of the word "Allied" presents particular complications in respect of this paragraph. I suggest it be redrafted to read: "Without prejudice to the provisions of Paragraph eight British and/or United States courts and authorities will have exclusive jurisdiction over all members of the British force, over personnel of the Allied Military Relief Mission and over all persons not belonging to such force or such mission who are Nationals of any country other than Greece and who are employed by or who accompany such force or such mission and are subject to British or United States Naval, Military or Air Force law. The question of jurisdiction over Merchant Seamen who are Nationals of any country other than Greece and who are not subject to British or United States service law will require special consideration and should form the subject of a separate agreement".

5. Paragraph 11. I suggest the first sentence of this paragraph be redrafted to read as follows: "Persons thus subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of British or United States service courts and authorities may however be arrested by the Greek police for offenses against Greek law but shall be handed over without delay with the necessary documents for disposal to the appropriate British or United States service authority". The purpose of

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this proposed amendment is to ensure that disposal of such cases is not held up by a delay in the production of the necessary documents.

6. Paragraph 14. Wording similar to that in the revised Para 10 should be used to render the clause applicable both to the occupying force and the relief mission.

7. Paragraph 17. The present wording raises the question whether UNRRA personnel of other than British or American nationality could or should be made subject to the jurisdiction of British or American service courts. I suggest the following might be substituted for the second sentence of this paragraph: "All personnel of UNRRA and of voluntary societies serving with UNRRA who are Nationals of any country other than Greece shall be exempt from taxation in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 14. Such personnel, if of United States or British nationality, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction respectively of United States and British service courts, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10. The question of jurisdiction over UNRRA personnel other than those of Greek, United States or British nationality will require special consideration and is reserved for later settlement".

If this version is accepted, reference to Para 17 will be required in the first line of Para 10.

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
No: 390 12 Sept 1944
Number MILID 390 AMSME 1028.

Evacuated since Sunday is Chios after considerable German demolitions. Mytilene also evacuated. Germans left supplies and turned over to Greek Bishop. Continuous movements of fairly large craft to and from Salonika for ten days. Germans burning papers in Volos.

Turk Staff says more than 5000 have been recently evacuated from Crete. Part of 11th GAF Division has gone north according same source also 36 guns of 88 millimeter and many smaller guns have gone north from Athens.

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Communist uprisings have been fairly general in Bulgaria according American Air officer who had chance to get around. Occurred both in Sofia and small towns.

Turk correspondent in Sofia says city is mass of red flags and flowers with communist demonstrations occurring continually. Partisans from the mountains and armed civilians parade streets singing communist songs. Occasional shots heard. Similar conditions prevail in other cities in Bulgaria.

Our aviators being returned from Bulgaria saw Russian and Greek flags flying together on Greek soil in region near Turk border.

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Broadcasts emanating from Radio Sofia on 10 and 11 September, according to Dimitrov in Cairo, indicate revolution in Bulgaria. The People's Militia, newly formed by the Communist Fatherland Front along with Partisan forces and supported by Red Army are believed to be clashing with Bulgarian troops. The Georgiev government is expected to collapse momentarily in favor of a completely Communist Fatherland Front government.

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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
Headquarters Communications Zone European Theater
of Operations, U.S. Army France

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I will keep closely in touch with the discussions in Cairo and if negotiations are resumed will send a representative there immediately to sit in at the meetings. Recommendation of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in para 3 FAN 412 is duly noted.

From information available here, there has been considerable change in the Bulgarian situation very recently because of the declaration of war by Russia on Bulgaria. In view of this change it is considered probable that negotiations will not now be resumed in Cairo but may be transferred to Moscow. The exact situation in this regard is no doubt much better known in Washington and London than it is here. In view of the above further guidance is requested and latest information as to whether or not negotiations are expected to be resumed and where, and who will sign on behalf of Russia. Please inform me also of any change in the designation of the person to sign the armistice terms on behalf of

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the United Nations, should negotiations be conducted else-
where than Cairo.

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CG Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers

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and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated to MIDEAST
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1. I had an interview today with Messrs Papendreau and Svolos, Prime Minister and Finance Minister respectively of Greek government, who have just arrived in Italy.
2. They expressed grave concern over information they had received as to the probable armistice terms with Bulgaria by which Bulgarian forces would become co-belligerent, and in consequence would be in a position to operate against the Germans on Greek soil.
3. Both Ministers stated that this would be an insult to Greek sovereignty which could not be tolerated.
4. They asked me to represent their protest and to request that the armistice terms include the evacuation of Bulgarian forces from Greece and an interdiction to their return to Greek soil under any pretext.

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5. Similar representations are being submitted through diplomatic channels.

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INFO : Adm. Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Handy, Gen Bissell
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To : War Department
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Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, US Army, France.
CG, European Theater of Operations, US Army, Rear Echelon, London, England.
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria.

Nr : FX 94342 NAF 775 9 September 1944

To AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated to MIDEAST for information signed Wilson cite PHCOS. This is NAF 775 ~~SECRET~~

1. I had an interview today with Messrs. Papandreu and Svolos, Prime Minister and Finance Minister respectively of Greek Government, who have just arrived in Italy.
2. They expressed grave concern over information they had received as to the probable armistice terms with Bulgaria by which Bulgarian forces would become co-belligerent, and in consequence would be in a position to operate against the Germans on Greek soil.
3. Both Ministers stated that this would be an insult to Greek sovereignty which could not be tolerated.
4. They asked me to represent their protest and to request that the armistice terms include the evacuation of Bulgarian forces from Greece and an interdiction to their return to Greek soil under any pretext.

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PROGRESS. CONSIDER ANY ATTEMPT ON PART OF ALLIES TO
MOVE INTO GREECE OR AEGEAN WITHOUT A SUPPORTING OPERATION
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THE AREA OF WHICH THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS WOULD BE
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OSD letter, May 3, 1972

By RHP, NASS, Date APR 2 1973

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Combined Chiefs of Staff
Col. C. R. Peck 7750

8 September 1944

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Commanding General
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Forces
Main Echelon
London, England

Commanding General
European Theater of Operations
United States Army (Rear Echelon)
London, England

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TOPSEC to Wilson for action, SHAEF London for Eisenhower and ETOUSA London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 409 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Fan 394, NAF 759 and NAF 772 are the references.

1. It has been decided that the control of the arrangements for Balkan relief will be transferred to Allied Force Headquarters from the middle east.
2. To enable this to be done satisfactorily Military Headquarters (M. H. Q.) (Balkans) will be transferred to Italy as soon as possible together with the country sections for Yugoslavia, Albania and Greece.
2. M. H. Q. (Balkans) will under these arrangements leave an integrated Anglo-American rear link in Cairo to watch relief stockpiling and to effect liaison with United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA). You will discuss with Governor Cochran details of the consequent

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readjustments necessary in respect of UNWRA.

4. You will centralize directly under your headquarters:

- a. All operations for the occupation of Greece in the event of a German withdrawal or surrender, and to pave the way for the establishment of a Greek government.
- b. Arrangments for the provision of relief supplies in Greece.

5. In exercising your responsibility for the military operations referred to in paragraph 4 a above you will act in your purely British capacity. You will appoint a British Commander and you will nominate a British force to be under his command for the purposes indicated in paragraph 4 a, supplemented by the use of such United States transport aircraft as are available to you and can be spared from your other operations.

6. The arrangements for the provision of relief supplies in Greece referred to in paragraph 4 b will be an Allied undertaking and in exercising your responsibility for their execution you will therefore act in your capacity as Allied Commander-in-Chief.

7. The operations in paragraph 4 a and b above will be commanded by a single commander. His responsibility for operations under paragraph 4 a and for relief and rehabilitation under paragraph 4 b will be as set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of NAF 772 and for the purposes of relief and rehabilitation only he will have a U. S. Deputy Commander.

8. You will not allow operations in Greece to interfere

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with the progress of the campaign in Italy and southern France.

9. Reference NAF 772, appreciate that commander of British forces in Greece will have Greeks as well as British under his command, but as combined U. S. and U. K. participation approved for Greece is limited to relief and rehabilitation the term "Allied" must not be used. Reference paragraph 5 NAF 772, for the above reasons only proclamations relating exclusively to relief and rehabilitation may be issued by an Allied Commander. All other proclamations, including those relating to civil administration matters, must be signed by a British Commander.

10. Any necessary adjustment to the control of special operations executive or office of Strategic Services in Greece will be the subject of a further communication.

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INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy
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4 TO 5 THOUSAND GERMAN INFANTRY AND ABOUT 15 FIGHTER PLANES IN CRETE.

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LESS THAN 8000 PELEPONNESUS.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department 376
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1013

7 September 1944

JCZI to MILID 376 AMSME 1013. [REDACTED]

Sudden Russian Declaration of War on Bulgaria regarded as open announcement that Russia intends dominate Balkans as well as Eastern Europe. Action will cement Russian control over Bulgaria and at same time frustrate what Russians felt was British attempt to take advantage of them in handling Bulgarian negotiations at Cairo.

Believed Russians were incensed at not being asked to mediate terms of Bulgarian surrender and certainly they did not like way negotiations were being conducted. Doctor Black believes taking negotiations to Cairo was attempt by British to partially exclude Russians and conduct talks in atmosphere they could best exploit. Says Mouchanav was strongly opposed to going Cairo and was virtually shanghaied there.

In recent days Russians have done about face on Bulgaria according Black in wanner indicating duplicity. Earlier attitude indicated compliance in surrender to British and Americans but Russia moved in when Russian troops reached Bulgar borders because it is in Russian interest to dominate Bulgaria, to keep it fairly strong and give it an outlet on Aegan which with Russian interest predominant in Bulgaria would react in Russian favor.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

No: MILID 376 AMSME 1013 7 September 1944

New Bulgarian Cabinet did not have complexion Russians desired as it contained too many democratic and argarian representatives whose greatest concern was to preserve integrity of Bulgaria and protect land owning elements.

Privately British representatives here say Russia pulled extremely fast one and they are gravely worried over what it portends in future. Publicly, they have been pumped on this by Turk Chief of Staff, they say it was all according to plan and strengthens British attitude greatly. One British Amar frankly says British were asleep and also blundered in taking Bulgarians to Cairo where they at once put themselves in position to play British and Americans against Russians. Probability of such Bulgarian attempt has been predicted by Dr Black.

W3/ Turk diplomat says Russians paid off British for attempt to play underhanded game. Says Russians solved question to own advantage with their usual political mastery as they did in matters of France and Italy. Says they will soon get a Bulgar Cabinet more to their own liking, they have insured selves dominant role in negotiations with Bulgars, they have opened way to get Russian controlled port on Aegan Sea and they have again served notice on British that they do not intend, in matters Russian considers important, to tolerate any under cutting tactics. Says Cairo delegation might as well pack up as future negotiations would be elsewhere.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

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French observer predicted Russians would soon start to undermine King as principal obstacle to complete Russian over Bulgaria domination.

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ACTION: GEN BISSELL

INFO : GEN ARNOLD
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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department 371
CG, US Army Forces, Cairo, Egypt 1007

6 September 1944

Number MILID 371 AMSME 1007.

It is the Bulgarian Minister in Ankara who stated today that the Bulgarian Council of Ministers met yesterday in Sofia for the purpose of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany. Before the meeting was over but after break had been voted, they received notice of the Russian Declaration of War on Bulgaria. It was voted to request an armistice with Russia, and in addition to the contacts made in Sofia the Bulgarian Minister at Ankara called on Russian Ambassador here at midnight to ask that the request for an armistice be sent at once to Moscow. This was done but up to noon today no reply had been received. Same source reports that 5000 Germans have recently been disarmed in Bulgaria and that 200 boats on the Danube have been taken into custody. Nothing has been heard by Bulgarians here of any Russian attempt to cross the Bulgarian frontiers.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Nr: FX 92781

6 September 1944

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Information received from OSS representative Bucharest dated 3 Sept summarized as follows. Text of original follows by fast air together with location map.

1. Attitude of Roumanian Army. Extremely friendly to Anglo Saxon. In dread of Russian Army with whom attempting cooperate. Latter standing them off. No contact yet between Russian Field Commanders and Roumanian GS. Roumanians fighting Germans and Hungarians Transylvania. Effective action also against Germans Arad area. Moldavia and Wallachia claimed cleared of enemy.

2. L of C. Except of Transylvania L of C in Roumanian and Russian hands. Axis withdrawal followed up at respectful distance by Roumanians. Germans using yards Oradea, Cluj, Dej and these lines.

3. Reinforcements. Germans and Hungarians reinforcing Transylvania via Hungary. No news this being done by air. Same troops brought into Arad area from Yugoslavia.

4. Internal situation. Following believed German occupied: Cluj Turia, Oradea, Satu Mare and Arad. Roumanians driving NE across river Oltul north of Brasov.

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FX 92781

6 September 1944

Small operations in Valea Maros. Progress slow opine low quality troops. GS making this into crusade to regain lost Transylvania.

5. Strategy. Deduced from military conversations Germans will try defend high beyond south lines Cluj-Oradea-Arad-River Maros-Szeged. German line of withdrawal seems to be south Hungary and Atea Belgrade.

6. Bulgaria. All German units said to be disarmed except some which escaped into Yugoslavia. Bulgar attitude one of strict neutrality.

7. Russians. Have CP in Bucharest. Maj Ven Burenin is CC. Russian 6th Armoured Army in Bucharest with lot of American trucks and jeeps but mostly British tanks. Heavily requisitioning civilian property particularly vehicles. Russians driving west of Ploesti to Targoviste.

8. Miscellaneous. Civilian air service (Lares airline) resumed Istanbul-Bucharest. Bombing Bucharest lasted three days causing much damage. Water still off in certain sections of city.

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ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
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 GREECE AND CONCENTRATION IN SALONIKA AREA POINTING IN
 BRITISH DIVIDE IN INTERPRETING AS INTENT TO ESTABLISH
 DEFENSE LINE THIS AREA OR AS PRELIMINARY TO WOLESALE
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By SLR

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From: Aluslo Alexandria
To: CNO
No. 041522 September 1944

Movement of German troops from Ionian Islands and Cephalonia into Peloponesus confirmed. 800 Germans left Crete by air during past weeks. Some thinning out Khios Garrison. Thinning of Aegean Garrison believed to affect unnecessary personnel only. Troops moved from Aegean Islands being landed in Piraeus area and islands to east. Anticipated that they will from there take up defence positions in north. My 031327 refers. Still no indications of evacuation.

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INFO : CG AAF
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GREER (DUBLING) RALLIS REACHED OCS TO HAVE AMERICAN OFFICIAL APPOINTED TO DEAL ON MATTER OF SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS IN RETURN FOR LEAVING MARATHON DAM HARBOUR INSTALLATIONS AND POWER PLANTS INTACT. SAME PROPOSAL SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE TO BRITISH. EMBASSY ADVISES OSS AND BRITISH WORKING ON JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS TO WASHINGTON AND LONDON.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 1.10 and 1.11, or (b)
OSD Letter, May, 1, 1975; CIA Mr. 5-14-75
By SLR Date MAY 30 1975

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr: N 28462 3 September 1944

To 1200 hours 3rd September ops Southeastern Europe
number 292 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles N 28462.

Part 1. Greece.

General.

A. (Athens agent reports steady withdrawal of German forces through Attica. Echelon IXVIII Corps departed for Salonika 1st September. Portion of 117 Jaeger Div has arrived in Athens area. Agent also reports northward movement bulk of 10th Regt of GAF signals and auxiliary services of 11th GAF Div. Steady increase in northbound traffic of heavy armament and personnel reported with many empty trucks arriving from north.

Movement underway from North Peloponnese of troops supplies and ammunition. OSS reports further substantiate evidence of withdrawal from Greece and indicate thin out of Islands as well.

B. Rallis reportedly claims Germans will withdraw without destroying installations such as Marathon Dam Piraeus harbor and electric power plants if Allies and Greeks avoid attacking withdrawing Nazis.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
Nr: N 28462 3 September 1944 Page -2-
Macedonia.

Allied LO reports burning of Pyl 0 58 and Pyl 0 59
by Germans as reprisal for attack on Mavro Dendro chrome
mine.

Thessaly.

Br LO reports destruction two German trucks and
probable damage to others in sabotage operation with Andarte
cooperation on Vhlos T 70-Velestion T 60 road.

Part 2. Bulgaria.

Heavy westward movement Germans reported on Sofia-
Nis railroad. LO reported 18,000 Nazis in Nis 31st August.
Large movement of Germans reported along line Pirov-Nis-
Belgrade.

Part 3. Roumania.

Roumanians reportedly regard Red forces unfavorable as
Army of occupation. Several cases of murder and pillage are
alleged and ruthless requisitioning of Roumanian transport.
Reds and Roumanian authorities cooperating in restoration of
discipline.

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INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Lbg

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BELIEVED STILL AT SEA MAY INTERN TURKISH PORTS
RUMANIAN UNITS INTACT CONSTANZA.

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FROM SPENCER.

OFFICIALLY ADVISED BY BRITISH OF ADHOC PLAN FOR GREECE:
 25000 BRITISH TROOPS TO MAINTAIN ORDER ATHENS PIRAEUS AREA
 WILL BE TRANSPORTED FROM ALEXANDRIA TO PIRAEUS ON HMS AVER-
CA (old)
OFFICINA AND 5 GREEK DESTROYERS. GREEK CNO BRITISH STAFF
 OFFICER FOR GREECE AND AUL STAFF FOR ATHENS DISTRICT WILL
 ACCOMPANY. THIS SEPARATE FROM PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RELIEF
 OF GREECE PLAN WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY.
 BELIEVE ADHOC PLAN WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON
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FIELD STAFF PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO GREECE IN ABOUT 3
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From: US Military Attache, Ankara Turkey
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt
Nr: 362 2 September 1944
JCZI to MILID 362 AMSME 994

New Hungarian cabinet according pro Allied Hungarians here may be described as cabinet of political survival. All are professionals with little political leaning except general staff as whole is under German influence although faith is weakening. Power now is mainly in hands of Regent and Army.

Premier is Colonel General and was Chief Staff of First Army on Russian front in 42. Considered politically neutral. Minister Interior Bonczos replaced Jarossan 18th August and from our viewpoint is improvement. Defense Minister Csatay remains. Minister of Education Rakovsky was Minister of Home Affairs in Bethlen Government in 28. Is middle of road. Minister Industry Gzulay was former Secretary General of Hungarian Chamber Commerce. Ministers of Finance and Agriculture held over. Minister Justice Vladoris Judge Hungarian Supreme Court, leading Hungarian jurist, former secretary in Ministry Justice and considered mildly anti Nazi. Minister Commerce Marlos was legal adviser to Hungarian railroads and former undersecretary in Ministry Commerce.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara Turkey

Nr: 362 2 September 1944

Former Premier Sjzotay said to have died how and why unknown.

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From: US Military Attache Bern Switzerland
To: War Department
Nr: 1704 2 September 1944
1704 to MILID Washington, DC.

In event breakdown his communications to Budapest
2347 states has requested arrangements be made for Budapest
courier plane land Ankara. States Turks will agree with
Allied consent.

Source says 3 generals in new cabinet all ready
to break with Boche.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department

Nr: N 28405 1 Sept 1944

WDGHI cite MEGEI signed Giles N 28405.

Increased volume of evidence from OSS and British field sources indicates that large scale German withdrawal from Greece is underway.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

To: War Department

Nr: N 28404 1 September 1944

To 1200 hours 1st September OPS Southeastern Europe
number 290 WDGBI cite BEGBI signed Giles N 28404.

Part 1. Greece.

Macedonia (Allied LO Report). Elas Andartes with RSR and OG support successfully attacked Mavro Dendro 0 49 chrome mine 28th August capturing northern half of mine before enemy mortar fire, scarcity of ammunition and enemy manning of pillbox positions forced Allied withdrawal. Dam supplying power house turbines completely destroyed besides two compressors. Quantities munitions and supplies captured, 14 Italian workmen released. Nazis lost six dead; Andartes suffered two killed seven wounded besides one RSR wounded. Successful simultaneous ambush on road to Piyi 0 58 also reported. Mavro Dendro output previously estimated 1000 pounds chrome concentrate daily.

Peloponnese (Allied LO Report). Coaster SS Silva and four escorted Siebel ferries reportedly left Patras for Preveza 26th Aug carrying 210 Nazis of 749th Jaeger Regt (117th Jaeger Div) plus equipment and transport. SS Silva again departed on same voyage 28th Aug with six Siebel ferries and six escort vessels (carrying ack ack guns mules and animal transport). Ferries carried artillery tractors ammunition and miscellaneous transport.

Central Greece. Athens agent reports sabotage of train loaded with gasoline night 18th/19th Aug at Rendi
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station. 30 cars full of gasoline drums estimated at 79530 US gallons reported destroyed besides 20 empty cars nearby.

Part 2. Islands.

Crete. One mission reports whole island suffering from wave of German terror with over 1500 persons executed during past week. Another LO source reports destruction of six villages in Amarai B 72 area.

✓ Kefallinid. Greek LO reports but two bns Germans remaining on island as result of recent departures. Major Nennstiel has reportedly arrived as Island Commander.

✓ Part 3. Bulgaria. Germans reported compensating for Bulgar withdrawal from Serbia by increasing their own Macedonian commitments. Elements Prinz Eugen Div reported taking over in Prokuplje WJ 93. Two separate LO's have reported clashes between Nazis and Bulgars at Nis WK 24 and Kursumlja WJ 72.

✓ Part 4. Roumania. American Airforce Colonel and staff arrived Ploesti Leordeni Airfield 29th Aug to facilitate evacuation imprisoned airmen.

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INFORMATION: CC/S OPD Log
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No: GO/37057 1 September 1944

Middel East Balkan SITREP Number 290.

1. Air Ops. Nothing to report.
2. Int.

A. Bulgaria. Reliable source confirms disarm-
ing of German troops entering Bulgaria and reports indication
German standing garrison may be moving towards Yugoslav
Frontier.

Serbia. Same source declares Bulgaria oc-
cupation troops began withdrawal 26th August. CX 28th
August reported fighting Germans/Bulgariens area Leskovac
where according to Partison Communique on 30th August Germans
tried disarm Bulgars who withdrew towards Partisan Forces.

B. Greece and Aegean. Further evidence 749th
Regt leaving Patras for Preveza by sea. CX reports that move

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originally through Athens and Salonica cancelled 22nd August. Between 23 and 30 August 3 Bn and part 2 Bn left Patras. Unconfirmed report troops moving direct from Zante Cepfalloniou to Preveza. RF report following islands North Sporades not held by Germans:

Skiathos
Skyros
Psara
Stdati
Gioura

Captured document Feb 44 shows 1029 Feldkdr 81 LS Regt Staff 789 Turk Bn under Salonica Aegean Comd.

Comment. Strong indications 1029 Feldkdr Larissa controlling Kreiskdr CC Olos Larissa Trikkala. 81st LS Regt likely to be regt identified Larissa June. 789th Turk Bn may be bn identified Edressa same month.

C. Roumania. CK. 17th August reports German 3 PZ and 1 Inf Divs had recently withdrawn from Southern Front. 26th August Hungarian and German troops approaching frontier.

3. Political. Nothing to report.

4. Land Ops.

Greece. Athens. Agent reports. Night 18/19 August incendiary bombs placed in 30 wagons loaded with

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From: G.H.Q. Middle East

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petrol drums and 20 empty wagons destroyed.

Macedonia. LO reports. 28th August ELAS with RSR and OG attacked Chrome Mine at Mavrodendro 049. 2 compressors and dam for Turbine destroyed considerable amount explosive mm captured. Confirmed German cas 6 killed ELAS cas 2 killed 7 wounded RSR cas 1 wounded. Successful ambush laid on Main rd from Figi 058 to mine. Details not yet known.

5. Ses Ops. Nothing to report.

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INFO : CC/S, CG-AAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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FROM SPENCER

RESIGNATIONS MY 281604 ACCEPTED. APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED COLON SOPHOUL IS LIBERAL MINISTER WELFARE TSQUEROS GOVT AND TSACOPOULOS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. HELM IS FOR TRANSPORT. PAPANDEOU ASSUMED MINISTRY MARINE BUT STILL SOME HOPE MYLONAS AND OTHERS WILL REJOIN CABINET. EAM REPRESENTATIVES AT BARI YESTERDAY EXPECTED CAIRO TODAY. KING GEORGE DEPARTED YESTERDAY FOR LONDON LEAVING PRINCE PAUL AS REGENT. PLAN TO MOVE GOVT TO ITALY PROCEEDING DESPITE OBJECTIONS MOST MINISTRIES CONCERNED.

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department.
Nr : N 28372 31 August 1944.
WDGBI cite MEOBI signed Giles msg number N28372.

Resignation of Venizelos Rendis and Mylonas accepted by Greek Cabinet 30th August and three new ministers without portfolio sworn in. Appointment of Populists Spiros Tsakopoulos and Dimitri Khelmis results in disproportionate Royalist representation in govt. Emmanuel Sofoulis, and independent with moderate Leftist tendencies also appointed. Leftist representatives from Greece reached Bari 29th August and should arrive Cairo by 1 September.

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From: G. H. Q. Middle East

No: GO/36181

30 August

destroyed in TYRNAVOS T 24 area and on rd DEASOJN T 35
AMBELON T 25.

C. ROUMANIA. BLO reports. 27 Aug. Situation
in BUCHAREST chaotic and CENTRE of town largely destroyed.
Pop confined to shelters by bombing. Food scarce and cater
supps and telephone service ceased. Communists reported
very active.

FOUR: SEA OPS. Nothing to report.

T. O. O. 302000C

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INFO: CG AAF
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ONE. INT. Nothing to report

TWO: POLITICAL. Nothing to report

THREE: LAND OPS

A. CRETE. Communist Band raided. Police Stn at ARYIROPOULIS B 43 and captured rifles.

B. GREECE. EPIRUS. ZERVAS reports 25 Aug German transport coln of 50 trucks attacked on rd PANNINA S O 4 GOUMENITSA R 43 eight trucks destroyed.

MACEDONIA. LO reports. Second attempt to attach train on Main Rly between SALONIKA and DJEVDJELI J 50 by Andartes with RSR and OG support failed owing presence German tps.

THESSALY. LO reports. Week ending 23 Aug 65 Germans killed and wounded and 3 trucks 1 Staff Car

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From: US Military Attache, London, England
To: War Department
No. 14049 30 August 1944
From Dunn sr nr 14049

Czechoslovakian Intelligence A1 report states Slovakian Army on 29 Aug revolted and declared self part of Czechoslovakian Army and commenced action against Germans to forestall impending occupation.

Slovakian Field Army Corps of 2nd Div eastern Slovakia fighting way toward Dukla Pass effect junction with Russian Army, whose 3rd Czechoslovakian Brigade penetrated Dukla Pass 29 Aug.

Home or territorial army in western Slovakia endeavoring contain two German SS divs sent occupy country; Slovaks slowly retreating in west appealed for Russian aid and Allied supplies via parachute designating dropping fields.

Slovaks C in C General Catlos personally apparently has not yet taken definite stand.

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INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
London, England
CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England
Re: FX 88353 NAF 766 30 August 1944

FX 88353 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated to SHAEF and MIDEAST for information signed Wilson cite FHCOS. This is NAF 766. TOP SECRET.

I must ask most urgently that I receive instructions as to the extent of my responsibility in connection with the situation which has arisen in Roumania and will certainly arise in Bulgaria within a short time.

If I am required to despatch to Roumania either British and American missions or an integrated American-British mission, I have no suitable officers of the requisite rank available to head the mission, and personnel for the lower ranks is also quite inadequate.

I am powerless to take any action either on the planning or on the executive side without further direction. Specific requests for assistance which are coming in from King Michael already make it desirable that I should have a small liaison mission in Roumania to let me know what measure of assistance is in fact required and is feasible. Unless I receive immediate guidance I must warn you that many opportunities will slip and that I cannot draw the best

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FX 88353 NAF 766 30 August 1944

advantage from the rapidly developing situation.

My most pressing need is for instructions in regard to Roumania. But I am also without instructions on the action to be taken in the event of a collapse in Bulgaria and Hungary and am similarly prevented from making any plans or provision to take advantage of rapid change in the situation in those countries.

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ACTION: CC/S

INFO: ~~Adm Leahy~~
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From : Chiefs of Staff
To : A.F.H.Q.
Info : J.S.M., Washington
Dtd : 29 August 1944

COEMED 175.

Following from Chiefs of Staff.
Reference MEDCOS 178, and NAF 766.

1. You should not send party of R.A.F. and British Army officers to Roumania until we have obtained Soviet concurrence. Foreign Office have already telegraphed to Moscow.
2. Similarly despatch of DANARM Party must be postponed. Admiralty have already signalled C in C Mediterranean to cancel their departure. When sent, they should ostensibly form part of Liaison Mission.
3. Further instructions will follow on receipt reply from Moscow.

T.O.O. 291315Z

End

MEDCOS 178 is CM-IN-26962 (29 Aug 44) CCS

ACTION: CCS

INFO : ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, OPD, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING
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From: Chiefs of Staff
To : AFHQ Italy US St AF
Info: J.S.M. Washington
Dtd : 29 August 1944
COSMED 176.

Following for General Wilson and General Spaatz
from Chiefs of Staff.
Reference COSMED 71.

Priorities for bombing effort in South-East Europe.
In view of recent developments in Roumania and
Bulgaria strategic bombing of targets in those countries
should be suspended, unless concerted with Roumanian or
Russian High Commands. Bombing of oil targets in Hungary,
as well as Ingeustrim and Czechoslovakia should have top
priority. Bombing of communications in Hungary, and in
Yugoslavia and Greece in consultation with Partisans, would
impede any plans for restoration of the situation in Roumania
by reinforcements from outside. Bombing of communications
on Yugoslavia and Greece would also enhance the difficulties
which the Germans already experienced in maintaining their
forces in Greece and would hamper any plans they might have
for the withdrawal of troops from that area.

T.O.O. 291553Z End.
COSMED 71 is CM-IN-19010 (27 Mar 44) CCS

ACTION: CCS
INFO : ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD OPD, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING
MR STIMSON, C OF S

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From: AFHQ (Signed Wilson)
To : British Chiefs of Staff
Info: J.S.M. Washington for U.S.
Joint Chiefs of Staff and
Rptd. to Mideast for information.
Dtd : 29 August 1944
MEDCOS 179
FX 89313

Further to MEDCOS 178.
Cancel last sentence of para. 3 (A). US Army Air
Force Officer will not now be included with O.S.S. party
for operational function. This will now be performed by
RAF officer included in party referred to in para. 3 (B).

T.O.O. 291657B

End

MEDCOS 178 is CM-IN-26962 (29 Aug 44) CCS

ACTION: CCS
INFO : ADM LEAHY
GEN ARNOLD
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GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
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From: CG, U S Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: N 28241 29 August 1944

To 1200 hours 29 August ops southeastern Europe
number 287 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles N 28241.

Part 1. Greece (Allied LO Report).

Peloponnese. Elements 117 Jaeger Div reported
evacuating Peloponnese; Divisional Hq expected to reach
Preveza W 87 via Patras C 68 as some units are already
reported with clashes between ELAS and Security Bns.

Part 2. Crete (Allied LO Report).

800 Nazi soldiers ready to evacuate Crete by air
27 August. Having received their winter issue, their
baggage was already loaded on steamer in Sunda Bay destined
for Piraeus with 150 Greek and Italian prisoners and 100
Nazis.

Part 3. Roumania.

(A) German entry from Bulgaria via Ruse XH 57
was imminent 27 August. Further concentrations (including
Hungarian) reported at Sfantul Gheorghe YB 49.

(B) On 24 August all Roumanian airfields reported
under Roumanian control.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Nr. N 28241 29 August 1944

(C) Daily capacity of Roumanian refineries reduced
from 2,000 to 180 cars daily.

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INFO : CC/S, CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department 350
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 986
29 August 1944
Number MILID 350 AMSME 986.

Comment in Turk Press regarding defection of Rumania and Bulgaria almost unanimously forecasts approaching collapse of Germany. Anticipated loss of Ploesti called serious blow.

Sadak in Aksam attributed Rumanian defection as achievement of Soviet Russia and indicates doubt whether Allied bombing of Bucharest or insistence upon unconditional surrender were responsible. Several papers claim Turk break with Germany was cause.

Yalcin in Tanin expresses "Great satisfaction" of Turkey adding that imposition of heavy and unjust terms upon Rumania would not be compatible with principles of Allies.

Tasviri Evkar says Russian offer to guarantee Rumanian territorial integrity is good omen for future.

Benice in Son Telgraf mentions possible usefulness of Rumanian troops against Hungarian armies as well as German. Several friends stressed necessity of Bulgaria to take similar action quickly.

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

29 August 1944

Yalman in Vatan believes Germans now must from
Balkans and Aegean withdraw.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
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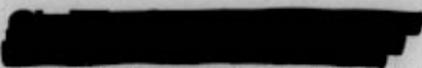
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AUGUST 29 SUMMARY.

311TH AIR FORCE LIBERATORS NEAR KASHIWABARA 0940 TO
0958 DROPPING 3 TONS INCENDIARIES 1 AND 1/2 TONS FRAGS
10 PHOTO FLASH WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. MEAGRE INACCURATE
AA ENCOUNTERED. ALL LIBERATORS RETURNED SAFELY.
4 FLEET AIR WING 4 VENTURAS BOMBED KASHIWABARA. SURIBICHI
AND SHIMUSHU 0725 TO 0750 WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 50
VENTURA RETURNED DUE MECHANICAL TROUBLE. EACH CARRING
1200 POUNDS INCENDIARIES. ANTI AIRCRAFT MEAGRE INACCURATE
ALL VENTURAS RETURNED SAFELY. ALL TIMES ZEBFA.
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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: N 28200 28 Aug 1944

To 1200 hours 28th August Ops Southeastern
Europe number 286 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles msg
number N 28200.

Part 1. Greece.

Central Greece (Allied LO reports).

A. Senior OSS representative commented on discipline and effectiveness of ELAS Forces in Voulgara X 88 area and noted that he had previously experienced such behavior from ELAS Forces not "subjected to political attacks".

B. Allied Lt near Levadhia D 69 reported ELAS extremists have vowed to reduce population to three million pro-Communists and added that ELAS in his area was making good attempt. ELAS 34th Regt reportedly effected 53 throat-slittings in "Anti-reactionary" campaign directed by ELAS 5th Brigade.

Part 2. Islands.

Crete. Unconfirmed reports received claiming one hundred Cretans shot in Nazi drive in Amari area.

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Date MAY 30 1975

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Nr: N 28200 28 Aug 1944

Rhodes. Germans have been on alert since 24th August according to one source who also reports bridges are being prepared for demolitions.

Kefallinia (Greek LO report). Seven vessels and two lighters arrived Lixourion B 59 on 26th Aug to evacuate two companies 966th Fortress Grenadier Regt to mainland. All troops and transport embarked during afternoon and were scheduled to depart for Patras that night.

End

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INFORMATION: CC/3
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From: AFHQ (signed Wilson)
To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M. Washington for U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
MIDEAST.
No: FX 89028 28 August 1944

MEDCOS178 FX 89028. Reference NAF 766.

An officer of the Roumanian Air Force arrived here 28th August in Roumanian aircraft accompanied by an officer of the U. S. 15th Army Air Force. Roumanian officer had been in command of a fighter group supporting Roumanian Army defending the Galatz Gap and after King Michael's proclamation on 23rd August had been ordered by Roumanian Government to withdraw and take part in the defence of Bucharest. In the course of this operation the Roumanian officer's group has shot down 12 German aircraft. The U. S. Army Air Force officer was recently shot down over Roumania and was released from a prisoner of war camp by the Roumanian authorities on 24th August. The flight of these two officers was made with the agreement of the Roumanian Government.

2. These officers have informed me that the Roumanian Government have the situation in Bucharest fairly well in hand although there are still a few isolated pockets of German resistance. The airfield from which they took off, about five miles to the South of Bucharest, is well held by the Roumanians and has not yet been bombed by the Germans.

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From: AFHQ (signed Wilson)

No: FX 89028 28 August 1944

3. On the basis of this information I have issued instruction that the following action will be taken:

(a) On 29th August the Roumanian officer will return to Bucharest in his own aircraft. The same day a B-17 with fighter escort will fly to Bucharest and will land on receipt of prearranged signals from the Roumanian officer that the airfield is still securely held by the Roumanians. This aircraft will land an OSS party whose instructions are to make arrangements for the rescue of American air crews which have crashed in Roumania. The OSS party will take with them a wireless transmitting set for communication with MAAF Caserta and will be accompanied by one U. S. Army Air Force officer whose duty will be to report to MAAF operational information required for directing the air effort in support of Roumanian resistance.

(b) As soon as possible after this a party of R.A.F. and British Army officers will be flown in to Bucharest with instructions to act as my representatives with the Roumanian Military Authorities until the establishment of a regular mission. They will report to Caserta the operational information required for the direction of air support of Roumanian resistance. This British party will also have its own wireless transmitting set for communication with Caserta.

(c) I have informed Commander in Chief Mediterranean that I wish Commander Wolfson, in charge of the Danarm Party,

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From: AFHQ (signed Wilson)

To: FX 89028 28 August 1944

Who is at present standing by at Istanbul, to proceed at earliest opportunity to Roumania to collect and transmit information on the operational situation in Roumania. Commander Wolfson, on arrival, is to make contact and keep in touch with the Air Liaison Missions despatched from Italy.

4. I have issued instructions that if any questions of armistice terms or negotiations is raised with the Missions referred to above on their arrival in Roumania, they are to say that they are not empowered to discuss such matters but that the American, British and Soviet Governments have agreed that negotiations with the Roumanian Government should take place in Moscow; and the Roumanian Government should therefore send fully qualified emissaries to Moscow as soon as possible.

T.O.O. 282052B

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm. Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
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From: CG Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: FX 88968 28 August 1944

FX 88968 TROOPERS for DMI, AGWAR for G2, info Mideast
from G2 AFHQ signed Wilson cite FHGBI. From AIREY.

Roumanian airman who left Bucharest 27th August
interrogated here today provided some air intelligence but
little military. Situation on front definitely not known
to him. Considerable doubt and confusion evident in Roumanian
Armed Forces between Declaration of Armistice, which did not
define attitude to be taken up towards Germans, and Declara-
tion of War on Germany. Even now Roumanians considerably
dazed but are definitely taking anti-German action in
Bucharest. City in Roumanian hands and reinforcements re-
ported arriving from east. Ploesti area in German hands
but part surrounded. Germans also control Hpoteni, Popesti
and Craiova Airfields at least.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS
CG AAF
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COL PARK
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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

No: F 88780

28 August 1944

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Present policy guiding this headquarters is that outlined in AGWAR message W 4949 of 12 March this year. Reference your W-87313, 26 August 1944.

Believe that current developments in Balkans make it essential that plans now be made for establishment and participation of American Intelligence Representatives in that area.

The scheme to be finally recommended will depend on outcome of any negotiations regarding active American participation in the Balkan area.

Condition 1: If Balkans continue as Combined Theater of Operations believe American War and Navy Department Intelligence Representatives should function as a Staff Section of the Senior Headquarters but under the operational control of the Senior American Intelligence Officer in the Senior American Command.

Condition 2: If Balkans are divided between British and American commands, the British Zone can be covered by attachment of military observers from JICA resources. The American Zone can be covered by establishing the American

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From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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War and Navy Department Intelligence Representatives as a Staff Section of the Senior American Command but working under the operational control of the Senior American Intelligence Officer in the Senior American Command.

Condition 3: If Balkan responsibility is dual (like in Cairo with USAFIME and General Headquarters Middle East established in the same city) believe the American War and Navy Department Representatives should be established as Staff Section of the Senior American Command but working under the operational control of the Senior American Intelligence Officer.

Condition 4: If there is no American participation and the Balkans become a British Commitment exclusively, American Representatives should be attached from JICANA sources as military observers with British formations. These observers can provide the desired coverage while working under the supervision of the Senior British Intelligence Officer for the Senior British Command.

Under conditions 1, 2, 3, believe that existing JICANA and JICAME facilities are sufficient to augment personnel of the American commands established in that area.

Under condition 4, the present JICANA and JICAME facilities are not considered adequate to provide the desired initial coverage. Do not recommend the establishment

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of a separate Balkan JICA. Believe that initial coverage can best be obtained by establishing military attache representation in each country and to be coordinated under operational control of Military Attache Turkey. Tables of Organization and Equipment should be provided to permit continuous extensive operation and should provide enlisted personnel sufficient to furnish all secretarial and administrative services as civilians and WACS cannot be used in initial phases. All personnel must have sufficient equipment and transportation to be self contained and mobile. Believe personnel can be procured in part from within theater. Some equipment can possibly be made available. These details can be considered at a later date following your comments and clarification of overall Balkan responsibility.

Concur in the recommendation of the Military Attache in Turkey to be appointed Military Observer in Bulgaria. His nearness and knowledge of the local situation are of prime importance and his coverage should be most desirable pending the establishment of a permanent system of representation.

End.

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