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

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

ENEMY WAR VESSELS AEGEAN AREA NOW INCLUDE INACTIVE SAN MARTINO ACTIVE SOLFERINO 3 WAR PERTENOPE CLASS

PROBABLY ACTIVE 1 SUB ONLY. JOHN K SUDSENLOG INACTIVE SEEN STEAMING SOUTHEAST END SALAMIS STRAIT. 28 KEPIKIS IN ZERVAS HANDS. EARLY EVACUATION COREY POSSIBLE. WITHDRAWAL RHODUS WELL ADVANCED AND SYSTEMATIC DEMOLITION IN PROGRESS. PBROS GARRISON FORTY GERMANS

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

* 25 LETTERS MISSING; HAVE BEEN SERVICED.

16...ACT

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SECRET
From: CG Balkan Air Force
To: War Department
No: BAF 308
Date: 30 September 1944

AFHQ repeated AGWAR TROOPERS SHAEP HQ AAI Mideast
SOMTO Seventh Army from HQ Balkan AP 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 cut, thus isolating the rolling stock and stores in the sta.

(B) Albania. (1) Korce Area.

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

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 Convoy of 50 trucks which convoyed troops to Bilisht on 26th Sept and then returned empty.

b. In the recent BAP 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 troops, destroying an arm dump and damaging a further 30 vehs; civilian casualties were not high but German troops 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 mist and there are large tp concs in the farm near Dvoran at point N 025506.

(2) Valona Area.

There are approx 4000 German troops in the Mifol area.

(3) Central Albania.

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

(4) Berat Area.

On 26th Sept 40 German trucks passed over the Hassan Bey bridge from Ruc to Rucove; these vehs CM-IN-684 (1 Oct 44)
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from: GG Balkan Air Force

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were thought to be collecting fuel for the German base at Lus
Lushnjë. PXN forces fought a three hour battle in the Kuc
area on the morning of 26th Sept and are hoping to bottle up
the Germans between Hassan Bay and Kuc bridges.

(5) Mati area.

On night 26th/27th Sept the Germans
withdraw from their posts at Larch and Dolbinisht but reinforced
their poans at Milot.

5. Yugoslavia—operation unsuccessful.

End

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

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To: War Department
Nr: N 29705 30 September 1944

To 1200 hours 30th September ops southeastern Europe number 320 WDGBI site MDGBI 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 Lepoua E 79 and reported almost annihilated.

Macedonia, Salonika-Larissa line demolished in 18 places night 23rd/24th September by mission group operating in Aliinion 0 53 area.

Peloponnese. British Lo visited Figros 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 reported to have crossed the Danube into Yugoslavia and reached line Srza Palanka WE 76 Klokocevac WE 55. Milanovac WE 56. At Klokocevac they received a tremendous reception.

ACTION: G-P
INFO: CG/G, CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log
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COSINTREP NUMBER 447 PART 4. COSINTREP 446 PART 4 NOT I SSUED. FX 32045 SIGNED WILSON CITE PHCT.

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 PELOPONNASE.

2. NORTHWEST PELOPONNASE. SEABORNE REINFORCEMENTS
   CONSISTING OF A FURTHER COMMANDO AND 2 HLI (HIGHLAND LIGHT
   INFANTRY) WITH SUPPORTING ARMS HAVE LANDED IN THE CAPE
   PAPPAS

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by HILL, HRM, Date APR 1 0 1974
From: CO, Balkan Air Force, Bari, Italy
To: War Department
To AFG, repeated AGWAR TRCOPKS SHAEP HQ AAI Mideast
DOMTO 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 Krezice. 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 Rm 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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No: BAF 304 29 September 1944

have to be rebuilt.


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

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

2. Berat area. On 20 Sept Partisans of 8th Bde attacked German poons at Morave M 37 north of Besay; 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 poons further north.

3. Butia area. On night 24/25 Sept a small enemy MT convoy attempting move south from Scutari towards Yorre 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.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG/S, CGAAF, ODP, Col Park, Log
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Situation Report 

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 bombarded batteries and storage dumps in Franco Italian frontiers area. All targets well covered.

5. Coastal force on patrol between Genoa and Sestri Levant (7e) night 22nd/23rd Sept were engaged by shore battery but sustained no damage. No enemy was sighted.

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

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

End
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

COSTINTREP number 447 part 4. COSTINTREP 446 part 4 not issued. FX 32045 signed Wilson cite FCGT.

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 Peloponnesse.

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

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
Adm. King
CC: Col. Park
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by RSP, MRR, Ret

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo Egypt
29 September 1944
Number MILID 435 AMSG 1085.

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

Samothrace reported evacuated by Bulgarians.

Greeks on Ikaria reported actually starving.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
Col Park
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CM-IN-28052 (30 Sep 44) 0503Z pa

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

To: War Department

No: M29650

29 September 1944

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

Part I. Greece

Macedonia (GSI and British L0's)

A. Movement to Yugoslavia of 11th GAP Div
reported at Skopje 16 September accepted by GSI.

B. German evacuation of Ytannis 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 L0'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
CM-IN-27818 (30 Sep 44)
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From: CG, US Army Forces in The Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

No: H 29650 29 September 1944.

Paranythia area 20-26 September.

C. British LO at Xerias 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 Canal 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 PO Division and 519 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

Corrected copy of CM-IN-27537 (29 Sep 44) G-2

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

Situation Report No. 443.
September 1944

1. H.M.S. LOYAL fired 434 rounds at gun position
   and batteries North Rimini on 23rd September. Areas
   effectively covered. Enemy battery fired at H/3 without
   success.

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

ACTION: CPD
INFO: CO/S, CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park Log

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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 ETO info Hq Com Zone ETOUSA info SHAEF signed Wilson FX 31523 cite PHBG this in NAP 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, CQAAF, OPD, Gen Bissell, Gen Billdring
Adm King, Log

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From: O.H.Q. Middle East
To: A.F.H.Q.
Rptd: War Office
Force 140
ADMAR
M.A. Ankara

No: 00/6322 28 September 1944
ONE: AIR OPS. NTR.
TWO: INT.

(A) GREECE. 11 GAP 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 re-
port 65 GRENADEX 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
FILIPI which was captured by Zervas Tps following day. CRETE.
Maj Gen KLEPS GOC 133 Fortress Div reported to have left
Island. Col BARTHMAHn OC 65 GRENADEX Regt commanding re-
mmants 22 PG Div. SYROS. 25 Sep 1100hrs on Island of which
500 permanent Grn remainder in transit.

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

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By RFP, BLR, Date APR 1 0 374

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FROM: G.H.Q., Middle East
No: 50/46322

28 September 1944

(W 88). 27 Sep Russians control entire loop South West
TURNUL SEVERIN to line DORJI MILANOVAC (W 56) RUDE GLAPA
(W 55) STOBIC (W 74) BRIZA PALANKA. Germans retiring on
NEGOTIN.

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

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

FIVE: SEA OPS. NIL.

T.O.O. 2821150

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INFO: CCS
     CG AAF
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     COL PARK
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By RUL, NLR, Date APR 10 1974

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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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From: CG US Army Forces in the Middle East Cairo Egypt
No: N 29573 27 September 1944
threatened with burning by Elas.

(c) Upon order of Lt Col Radeff British L0 reported
Druma Mission under house arrest September 25th.
End

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CC/S
        CG AAF
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        Col Park
        Log
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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
Nr: 431 27 September 1944

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 communication 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 Xanthi and Kavala 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.

End

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

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAOF, 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 Majic 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.

End
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 SHAEF signed Wilson
cite PHQEG. This is NAF 790 near 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.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy Gen Arnold Gen Handy Gen Bissell
Adm King CCAC Log

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GM-IN-25029 (27 Sep 44) 0800Z bem RHP 5-17-71

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GOVERNMENT WILL REQUEST THAT NO ALLIED
OPERATIONAL FORCE ENTER GREECE.

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(d) and (2) (a) (10)
OSD Letter, May 4, 1973

By RHP, Hard Date APR 2 1973

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3 to 88
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department.

Mr: N 29431 24 September 1944

To 1200 hours 24th Sept OPS Southeastern Europe number 314 WDOSI cite MKOSI 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 Peloponnesse 17th-18th Sept by rail.
   3. Piraeus Harbor area quiet. Reports of direct movement of transport from Yodecanese to Salonika continue.

(B) Levadhis D69 area LO report:
   1. Nazis prepared to demolish locks and flood Kipsia 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. klas forces under Orestes now concentrating at Villia HO6 with eventual object of occupying Athens.

Macedonia (British LO).

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

(B) Yianmitas garrison attacked 18th Sept by Elas Andartes with RSR and American OG support. Two truckloads of Nazis destroyed. Attackers lost five Andartes killed 20 wounded four '00's wounded.

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

(D) Three Beaufighters attacked transport for half hour on Ptolemais N63-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-Arta road from W99 to X09; Andartes recovered heights
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previously lost and took Stefani W99. Filippies X09 reported under attack from 24th Regt.

(B) Andartes attacked 0219 September 19th killing 60 Germans and seizing much booty with small losses to themselves.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S CG AAP OPD Col. Park Log

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**FROM:** HOTCHKISS AND SPENCER  
**DATE:** 24 SEP 1944  
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**FROM: HOTCHKISS AND SPENCER**  
**DATE:** 24 SEP 1944  
**TIME:**  

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**BRITISH STAFF OFFICER GREECE ADVISES PORT PARTIES 3**  
**GREEK OFFICERS 10MEN 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 SRAVINGS 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 KKCYDrANAOOS AMORGOS AND ANDROS REPORTED EVACUATED PAROS DOUBTFUL. SMALL GARRISONS REMAIN TINOS AND MYKONOS.
SHIPPING MOVEMENTS FROM SYRA POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH EVACUATION. DODEANESE IN PELOPONNES USE EVACUATION OF HYBRA REPORTED COMPLETED. FROM W/T EVIDENCE PROBABLE MONEMVASIA CLOSED DOWN.

16...ACT
NAVAIDE...200P...13...COMINCH...CNO...20G...

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OD 04 Letter 5.1
APR 9 1974
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 FHCIC.

1. General Nadoy formerly commanding Hungarian First Army accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Hovie, 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 Hovie 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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No: FX 29370 23 September 1944

5. Stated that object of mission was to ask what
Hungary could do to shorten war and mitigate Russian occupa-
tion, 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 govern-
ments.

End.

ACTION: GEN HANDEY
INFO: GEN McaPARIAND
ADM LEARY
GEN ARNOLD
GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
C OP S

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1975 memo, 1-4-74
By RHF, MLS, Date APR 10 1974
From: CC, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department

TS R N 29419 23 September 1944

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

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 surrender to two Allied companies and has delayed his withdrawal in hope that offer might be accepted.

Central Greece (British IO reports 18th, 19th September).

(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.

CM-IN-21832 (23 Sep 44)
From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Nr. N 29419
23 September 1944

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

(B) On 19th September Elas 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.

Epirus (British LO report 19th Sept.)

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

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

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

(C) Situation in Preveza (believed under Xervas control) has quitted and Natbands and Elas 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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From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
Nr. 29419 23 September 1944
remained closed 19th Sept.
(P) 2,000 Nazis reported just south of Yannina and large columns are moving from Yannina to Koritsa.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAP
OPD
Col Park
Log

CM-IN-21832 (23 Sep 44) 1816Z bjm

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COPY NO. 57
From: G.H.Q. Middle East
To: A.F.H.Q.
Rptd: War Office
Force 140
AGMAR (S.A.S. Washington pass)

Mr: GO/44420 22 September 1944
ME Balkan SITREP No. 312.
1. Air Operations.
   Greece. Two sorties successful one failed.
2. Int.
   Greece. Peloponnesse.
   Final stages of evacuation reached.
   One coy of 999 Troops and 617 (Naval) CA Battery reported by
   CX to form rearguard.
   Athens. Now reported Flevos GRN replaced not withdrawn.
   Roumaly. Missolonghi now held by
   Andartes. Units from Crete and Islands concentrating
   Brallos Y3332. Area Levadhi Kifissokhoroi Brallos prepared
   for reception further troops.

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

CM-IN-23597 (25 Sep 44)
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From: G.H.Q. Middle East
Nr: 00/44420 22 September 1944
En concentrating in Filaites R 5647.

COMMENT. At least two coy's believed now left Corfu Macedonia. Serres F 4390 and Alexandroupolis M 365% now occupied by Andartes.

Rhodes. Believed evacuation of Rhodes town begun 00S 13 and 14 September rest of 10 Fortress En 999 left. Most of 1l Fortress En 999 now awaiting air transport at Antimachis.

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

3. Political

Greece. Peloponnesse. LO reports.

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

4. Land Operations.

Greece. Apirus. 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
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Macedonia. LO reports.

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

End

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By RFP, NLR, Date APR 1 0 1974

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S
OG AAP
OPD
Col. Park
Log

GM-IN-23597 (25 Sep 44) 1457Z whc
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

MEDCOS 192 FX 28356. For your information following is a 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 Romania or Russia. Will keep you informed of further developments.

T.O.O. 211858A Wilson

ACTION: CC/3
INFO: Adm. Leahy
      Gen. Arnold
      OGD
      Gen. Bissell
      Adm. King
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From: CG, US Army Forces, in the Middle East
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.


Epirus (British LC):

(A). Attacking throughout 17th September Nazis
gained heights to east and west of Arta X09, Yannina S04
road. Fighting was heavy and enemy loss 200 killed on
17th alone. Roads Incumenitsa-Yannina and Yannina-Metsovon
remained closed.

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

(C). Hatbands in Preveza W37 were attacked by
ELAS who crossed from south side of Arta Gulf by boat.

Central Greece (British LC):

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

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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 16 German casualties.

Peloponnesse (British L0):

Germans reported demolishing Patras-Corinth railroad 18th September.

Part 2. Ionian Islands.

(Greek L0'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.


(GSI source):

Russians reported restoring arms to Bulgar

ON-IN-19849 (21 Sep 44)
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.

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INFO: CGS
CG AAF
OPD
COL PARK
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CH-IN-19849 (21 Sep 44) 1708Z wos

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| SITREP AEGEAN AREA. PATRAS AND CORFU ONLY GREECE PORTS IN OPERATION. PELOPONESES TO CHANGE FROM INVASIA. PART OF ARGOSTOLI REPORTED AS DESTROYED. CORINTH RAILWAY DESTROYED AND SEVERAL BRIDGES CORINTH AREA DEPLETED. DEMOLITION REPORTS INCLUDE VAGUE REPORTS OF INTENTION TO DESTROY CORINTH CANAL. ZANTE PORT NOT DEPLETED AND ATTEMPT TO DESTROY PORT CAPTURING REPORTS. C-3 UNSUCCESSFUL. ENEMY PREPARING DETERMINED ATTEMPT TO DESTROY FACILITIES SCARAMANGA AND DEMOLITION PREPARATIONS REPORTED SALONika WHERE EVACUATION MOVEMENTS INTENSIFIED. ONE THIRD QUAY DESEEEVA DESTROYED 1400 FEET BERTHAGES STILL IN PLACE. ONLY DAMAGE KALAUDA CRATERING PART OF WEST QUAY NOT DEPLETED VISIBLE IN TORN. HALF SAMS GARRISON EVACUATED. MILOS PABOS MIKANO'S GARRISON RGimeING SYROS. EVACUATION RHODES AND KOS CONTINUES BY AIR. THE THOUSAND TROOPS WAIT EM-BARKATION LNMONS. HALF GARRISON OF EIGHT HUNDRED SCARPANTO BELIEVED WITHDRAWN WAITING NEAR PASSAGE TO RHODES. ESTIMATE TOTAL AIR OPERATIONS LEFT GREECE AEGEAN AREA REDUCED TO 400 TROOPS PER DAY. NIGHT 16TH 19TH DIRECT BOMB HIT STERN POMEZIA AT RHODES. NEW SUB SUNK SOUTH OF MILOS CANDIA BOMBARDED. 400 TON VESSEL PROBABLY CONCRETE BARGE ASHORE ANDধনুকৰ বিষয়ের জন্য এই উপাদান অনুপ্রাণিত করুন। (See Art. 7.9 (4) NAVREGS.)

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer. (See Art. 7.6 (4) NAVREGS.)

201456 NAVY 4662
DESTROYED ANDROS. VESSEL REPORTED BY 181419 CONSIDERED OLD WRECK NOT DRAKE. KHIOS OCCUPIED RAIDING FORCES PORT CLEAR FACILITIES.

LITTLE DAMAGED. KITHERA BECOMING USEFUL OPERATIONAL BASE. LATEST REPORTS INDICATE INTERFERENCE WITH CRETE EVACUATION MAKES COMPLETION OF AEGEAN WITHDRAWAL PROBLEMATIC AND MAY IF CONTINUED LEAD TO REVISION OF ENEMY PLANS AND SACRIFICE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

NEED NEW PAD.

16...ACT

COMINCH...2E0...CNO...NAV...2E0P...2E0Y...2E8...190...13...
WAR DEPARTMENT
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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 SONGO Force 140 BAF pass SONGO BAF GO 43415. Mideast Balkan Sitrep number 309.

First Cipart.

One. Air ops. MTR.


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

Epirus. Rd Jamma Metsovo claimed completely blocked.

Crete. GX 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

CM-IN-18802 (20 Sep 44)
From: General Hqss US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.

To: War Department.

Nr: 00 43415 20 September 1944.

Second Clipart of 00-43415 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 reception in TRH WF 83. 16th Sep in conversation with Governor Rof Plovdiv Governor stated OF regime now firmly installed and consolidating its poan initial danger of trouble from army units averted by demobilising undesirable OPPRS and sending OF agitators talk to soldiers.

B. Greece.

LO reports. Magedonia. 14th Sep Poulos and Security Bn tps in their attack on Yannitsa 0 46 ran amok shooting civilians indiscriminately. Threatened severe reprisals if ELAS attacked Germans.

End.

CM-IN-18802 (20 Sep 44)
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"AMUG"

From: Headquarters Middle East Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: GO 43415 20 September 1944

Third part of GO-43415 dated September 192025. Ref
SITREP number 306-16.

Security Bn tps burned Palaion 0 46 and Neapalaion,
3. Delete sub-para B and substitute following.

Greece. Elas proclamation signed by Sarafis 3 Sept.
offered to forgive Rallis Bns and other organisations which
joined Elas bringing arms and amm with them.
4. Lend 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. 00 43415 20 September 1944

Four finpart of 00-43415 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 14th Sep Andartes cut rly in 10 places east of Arinissi 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 835. 5. Sea ops Po NTR.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGS, CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG
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COMINCH FROM SPENCER.

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" VOUCHARIS.

NO OVERT ACTS YET BUT SOME FEAR EAM GLOTTO SEIZE SHIPS ON ARRIVAL GREECE.

16...ACT

COMINCH...CNO...200P/...20G...NAVAIDE...13...
(TO NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT FROM LT COMDR EARLE.)

Gabrovsky former Bulgarian Minister Areekoff 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.

NAVAIDE...ACT

CONING...OND...280...16...280P...13...
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 FNs 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. En of Bulgar FNs arrived Drama night 15th Sept. Peloponissia. 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

CM-IN-18296 (20 Sep 44)
WAR DEPARTMENT
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From: Headquarters Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department
Nr: 00 43056 19 September 1944

Third part of 00/43056 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 Ilis 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. ALO reports. 18 September he has issued general leaflet begging for law and order, postponement of political problems and trial of traitors, until government arrives.


End

CM-XX-18296 (20 Sep 44)
From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: 90 43056 19 September 1944

Fourth fragment of G0/43056 Sep 182145

Near Dhermali T 10, Thessaly. L0 report 19 Sep
ELAS attacked Meteovo Grn and forced it to retire into
center of town causing some casualties. Grns in Mourania
3 65 and Kerna3 3 55 also attacked.

5. Sea ops. NTR.

End

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INFO: CC/S, CGM/AF, OPD, Col Park, Log

CH-IN-18296 (20 Sep 44) 05025 lb

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
London, England
Hq, 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
APRH for action to COSITINTREP addressees signed Wilson cite
PROCOT. Part 4 COSITINTREP number 400 to 434 not issued.

A Commando force has landed on Kithera Island off the
Southern Peloponnesse. 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 AAP G-2

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By BRF, NRL, Date
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From: U. S. Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey.

To: War Department.

CG, U.S. Army Forces in Middle East, 1053
Cairo, Egypt.
18 September 1944

Number MILID 411: AME 1053

Former Agrarian leader Pimitrov, some of whose associates are in present Bulgarian Cabinet, was scheduled to come to Turkey on ATO 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.

End.

ACTION: 0-2

INPO: OPD

CH-IN-17235 (19 Sep 44) 0311Z

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From: A.P.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 Peloponnese
      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 15 days which rules out any questioch 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
   * Operations in Greece.

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From: A.F.H.Q.

16 September 1944

Mr: FX 26293

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

4. 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 Peloponnesse 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 Kithera 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 RAF 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 LCY'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. 5.

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 Kalami 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.

Note: Reference not in WD/MC files

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      Gen Arnold
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From: A.M.S.S.C.
To: OCTAGON

One Time Pad.

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
13th September 1944.

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

M. Papandreou 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
Askoutais in order to maintain a united front with
Communists backed this proposal.

2. M. Papandreou centered 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

/Russians

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Russians alone. This was finally accepted.

3. M. Papandreou 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 unde..) 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. Papandreou'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.

Ends.

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MEO
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

To: War Department,
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,

Nbr: FX 24515  NAF 779  13 September 1944.

FX 24515 ADDSD AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff, and UK Base Section for British Chiefs of Staff information SHAEF, Hq MAFF, CINC MED Naples signed Wilson cite FHOC. TOP SECRET. This is NAF 779 in reply to PAN 383. NAF 733 and PAN 380 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 guerrilla 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 Hungary, 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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To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, US Army, France

No: FX 24724
13 September 1944

FX 24724 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USAREUR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAPE for information signed Wilson cite FHCIC. TOP SECRET. This is 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 PAF 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 appropriate commander".

3. Paragraph 8 (A). As at present drafted this subparagraph excludes the trial of Greek subjects by military courts in military areas. I suggest

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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
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.
GIVE NAVAL AID PRESIDENT FROM LT CMDR EARLE.

GOOD SOURCES GIVE ME FOLLOWING. "RUSSIANS DEPORTING THOUSANDS OF PEASANTS FROM MOLDAVIA AND BESSARIA TO SIBERIA. YESTERDAY MOSCOW RADIO INTERRUPTED SOFIA BROADCAST TO URGE BULGARIANS NOT TO DO THINGS BY HALVES BUT COME OVER ENTIRELY TO COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. GREEK PARTISANS IN THRACE ALL WEARING SOVIET INSIGNIA."

RUSSIAN DECLARATION OF WAR ON BULGARIA GAVE RUSSIA GROUNDS FOR OCCUPATION. HULL'S WORDS GIVING AMERICAN APPROVAL TO THIS RUSSIAN MOVE I FEAR WILL RISE TO HAUNT US.

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NAVAIL... 26G... 26P... CNO... 13... CON INCH...
THINKING OUT PROCESS AEGEAN AREA CONTINUES ON INCREASED SCALE. EVACUATION OF ISLANDS ESPECIALLY NORTHERN ONES CONSIDERED TO HAVE NOW COMMENCED. MEDITERRANEAN AND CHIOS EVACUATED AS IS KALUMAY. MOVEMENTS IN EAST CRETE SUGGEST LARGE SCALE WITHDRAWAL SOON. NO SIGNS LARGE SCALE DEMOLITION ANYWHERE IN ARGY. WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANY PERSONNEL BY SEA FROM PARINAEUS TO GALOTZKA CONTINUES.

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R.C. 11665, Sec. 8(c) and 10(d) at (a)
OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By RWP, NAMO Date APR 2 1973

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From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
No: 390 12 Sept 1944

Number MILID 390 ANMSE 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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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
No: 391 12 Sept 1944

Number MILID 391 ANSME 1029.

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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APR 9 1974
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, London, England
Headquarters Communications Zone European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army France

Nr: FX 94694, NAP 776, 10 September 1944

This is NAP 776. Reference PAN 412. FX 94694 signed Wilson cite EXCEPT TOP SECRET. Action AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff. USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff. SHAPE for MIDEAST, 30 Mil Mission for Deane.

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 PAN 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...

CM-IN-9140 (10 Sep 44)
From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Nr: FX 94694, NAF 776, 10 September 1944

the United Nations, should negotiations be conducted elsewhere than Cairo.

End

FOOTNOTE: This message has been relayed to OCTAGON

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Handy, Gen Bissell
Adm King, C of S

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To: War Department
  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

Nr: FX 94342  9 September 1944

FX 94342 to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and to USFBR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated to MIDDEAST for information signed Wilson cite FHCOS. This is NAF 775 TOPSEC.

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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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG, Allied Forces Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

To: War Department
Quebec, Canada (Relayed from War Department as No. 27977.)
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, US Army, France.
CG, European Theater of Operations, US Army,
CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Algiers, Algeria.

Nr: FX 94342 NAP 775 9 September 1944

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
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From: CO, Allied Forces Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

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STOCKHOLM, 3 GERMAN SUBS SCUTTLED OFF GALATA NORTHWEST 19-20H 27-28E
CAPE KALIATRA 6 SEPTEMBER. SCUTTLING AT BURGAS CONTINUES

PRECEDING RUSSIAN OCCUPATION WHICH WILL EXTEND TO TURKISH FRONTIER ABOVE AUTHORITY RUSSIAN. NAFHXL.
NO CHANGE GENERAL SITUATION IN AEGEAN. MY 031327 REFER.

SLIGHT THINNING OUT GERMAN TROOPS ON RHODES NOW IN
PROGRESS. CONSIDER ANY ATTEMPT ON PART OF ALLIES TO
MOVE INTO GREECE OR AEGEAN WITHOUT A SUPPORTING OPERA-
TION BEFORE COLLAPSE OF GERMANY OR GENERAL EVACUATION OF
THE AREA OF WHICH THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS WOULD BE
PREMATURE. SPENCERS 021435 ALSO REFERS.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By RHIP, NASI-Naval APR 2 1973

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Caserta, Italy

Supreme Headquarters,
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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, SHAPE London for Eisenhower and ETOUSA London pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information, FAN 409 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Pan 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.

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readjustments necessary in respect of UNRRA.

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. Arrangements 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 MAP 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.

End

ORIGINATOR: CC/3

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

LESS THAN 1,000 GERMAN TROOPS VICINITY ATHENS.

LESS THAN 8,000 PELEPONNESUS.

GREEK NAVAL ATTACHE IS AUTHORITY.

HE SUPPORTS RUSSIAN NA

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NAVAIDE...COMINCH...20G...200P...CNO....13......
From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
To: War Department 376
CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt 1013
7 September 1944

7O31 to MILID 376 AMSME 1013.

Sudden Russian Declaration of War on Bulgarla 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 manner 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 Aegean which with Russian interest predominant in Bulgaria would react in Russian favor.

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey
No: MILID 376 AMSNE 1013  7 September 1944

New Bulgarian Cabinet did not have complexion Russians desired as it contained too many democratic and argarign 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 Arab 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.

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 Agan 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.

CN-IN-6555 (6 Sep 44)
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey
No: MILID 376 AMSME 1013 7 September 1944

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

End.

ACTION: GEN BISSELL
INFO: GEN ARNOLD
       OPD
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CM-IN-6555 (8 Sep 44) 0620Z mcs

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From: US Military Attaché, Ankara, Turkey

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

6 September 1944

In MIX 371 ANMS 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 boots on the Danube have been taken into custody. Nothing has been heard by Bulgarians here of any Russian attempt to cross the Bulgarian frontiers.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG

CM-IN-5564 (7 Sep 44) 09182 mcs

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
Nr: FX 92761 6 September 1944

Action to TROOPERS AGWAR MID EAST FX 92761 egd Wilson cite FHOB TOP SECRET.

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


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.

CM-IN-5261 (7 Sep 44)

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JCS memo, 8-7-75
CIA NA 54475
By: DLP, Date: MAY 30 1975

Sae Balthars

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Small operations in Valea Maroa. 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 Mur-os-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. Bulgarian attitude one of strict neutrality.


ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
OFD
Col Park
Log

CH-IN-5261 (7 Sep 44) 0202Z hrt

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FROM SPENCER,

OSS ADVISED REPORTS OF GERMAN ACTIVITIES FROM GREECE AND CONCENTRATION IN SALONICA AREA BEGINNING 15 OCT. BRITISH DIVIDE IN INTERPRETING AS INTENT TO ESTABLISH DEFENSE LIKE THIS AREA OR AS PRELIMINARY TO INVASION. OSS CONCURS LATTER VIEW.

16......ACT  
CGRACUH...240G...CNO...NAV...240P...
From: Aluslo Alexandria
To: GHO
No. 041522 September 1944

Movement of German troops from Ionian Islands and Cephalonia into Peloponnesus 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.

End

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CG AAF

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K.O. 11652, Sec. 3(I) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 3, 1972
By RHP, NASS Date APR 2, 1973

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(SPENCER SENDS)

(SPEAR KINLING) DIPLOMATIC STAFFS TO HAVE AMERICAN OFFICIAL APPROVED TO BE ON MATTER OF SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS IN RETURN FOR LEAVING MARATHON CAN HARBOR 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.

MARATHON

E. O. 11642, Sec. AID and SECDEF (R)
OSD Letter, May 1, 1973; C/S ID, SR-56-76
By SLR  

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Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
From: CO, 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 MGUDI signed Giles N 28462.

General.

A. (Athens agent reports steady withdrawal of German forces through Attica. Echelon I X VIII 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 Peloponesse of troops supplies and ammunition. OSS reports further substantiate evidence of withdrawal from Greece and indicate thin out of Islands as well.

B. Ralliis 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.

CM-IN-2267 (3 Sep 44)
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From: CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

No: N 28462 3 September 1944 Page 2

Macedonia.

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

Thessaly.

Br LO reports destruction of two German trucks and probable damage to others in sabotage operation with Andarta cooperation on Vlos T 70-Veleston T 60 road.


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


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

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/o, CGAAP, OPD, Col Park, Log

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RUSSIAN NA SAYS ALL GERMAN UNITS FROM CONSTANZA EXCEPT SUBMARINES SCUTTLED SELVES BURGAS. SUBS BELIEVED STILL AT SEA MAY INTERN TURKISH PORTS. ROMANIAN UNITS INTACT CONSTANZA.
OFFICIALLY ADVISED BY BRITISH OF ADHOC PLAN FOR GREECE:
2534 BRITISH TROOPS TO MAINTAIN ORDER AT OKEA FOR LARGE SCALE
OFFICIAL PLAN AND 5 GREEK DESTROYERS. GREEK CINC BRITISH STAFF
OFFICIAL PLAN WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON
WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS FROM SOUTHERN GREECE OR IN COORDINATION
WITH AN OPERATION ORIGINATING IN CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN OF
WHICH THERE IS SOME INDICATION. HOTCHKISS STATES SOILEC.
FIELD STAFF PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO CRETE IN ABOUT 3
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"UHR"

From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the Middle East
Cairo, Egypt

Nr: 362 2 September 1944

JCHI to MILD 362 ANSME 994

New Hungarian cabinet according to 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 in-
fluence although faith is weakening. Power now is mainly
in hands of Regent and Army.

Premeir is Colonel General and was Chief Staff
of First Army on Russian front in 42. Considered politi-
cally neutral. Minister Interior Benczoz replaced Jarossan
18th August and from our viewpoint is improvement. Defense
Minister Csaya remains. Minister of Education Rakoskey
was Minister of Home Affairs in Bethlen Government in 28.
Is middle of road. Minister Industry Grulay was former
Secretary General of Hungarian Chamber Commerce. Ministers
of Finance and Agriculture held over. Minister Justice
Vladorics Judge Hungarian Supreme Court, leading Hungarian
Jurat, former secretary in Ministry Justice and considered
mildly anti Nazi. Minister Commerce Marlos was legal ad-
viser to Hungarian railroads and former under secretary in
Ministry Commerce.

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

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
      OPD
      COL PARK

CM-IN-2056 (3 Sep 44) 0927Z mcs
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 planes land Ankara. States Turks will agree with Allied consent.

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

Legge

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAP

CM-IN-1838 (3 Sep 44) 0314Z wcs
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department
Nr: N 28405 1 Sept 1944

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

End

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INFO: CG AAF
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CM-IN-783 (1 Sep 44) 2040Z

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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 WDBI cite BEGBI signed Giles N 28404.


Macedonia (Allied LO Report). Elae Andartes with RSR and CG support successfully attacked Naverio Dendo on 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 turbine 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. Naverio Dendo output previously estimated 1000 pounds chrome concentrate daily.


Central Greece. Athens agent reports sabotage of train loaded with gasoline night 18th/19th Aug at Rendi

CM-IN-726 (1 Sept 44)
From: CG, US Army Forces in Middle East, Cairo, Egypt

Mr: N 28404 1 September 1944

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 Amari B 72 area.

Kefallinia. Greek LO reports but two hrs Germans remaining on island as result of recent departures. Major Hennstiel has reportedly arrived as Island Commander.

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


End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG/3 OPD Log

CG AAF Col Park

CM-IN-726 (1 Sept 44) 1913Z bjm
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From: G.H.Q. Middle East
To: A.P.H.Q.
Rptd: AGWAR
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SHAEF
HQ AAI
HQ BAP
SOMTO
Seventh Army

No: 00/37057
1 September 1944
Middle East Balkan SITREP Number 290.

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 26th
August reported fighting Germans/Bulgarians area Lezkovac
where according to Partisan Communiques on 30th August Germans
tried disarm Bulgars who withdrew towards Partisan Forces.

E. 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. Un-confirmed report troops moving direct from Zante Cepalloni to Fravessa. RF report following islands North Sporades not held by Germans:

Skiathos
Skiros
Psara
Sotiri
Gioura

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

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

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


4. Land Ops.

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

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petrol drums and 20 empty wagons destroyed.

Macedonia. LO reports. 28th August ELAS with RSR and GG attacked Chrome Mine at Mavrodendo 049. 2 compressors and dam for Turbine destroyed considerable amount explosive mm captured. Confirmed German cas 2 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.


T.O.O. 0120200 End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/S, CG-AAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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**RESIGNATIONS:** By 281604 Accepted, Appointments Announced Colon Sophoul is Liberal Minister Welfare Tsouderos Govt and Tsacopoulous Without Portfolio. Helm is for Transport. Papandreou 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.

16...ACT

COMINCH...CNO...20G...NAVAYDE...200P...13....

**SECRET**
From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt.
To: War Department.
Nr: N 28372
WDQBI code MEQBI signed Giles msg number N28372.

'Resignations of Venizelos Hendis and Mylonas accepted by Greek Cabinet 30th August and three new ministers without portfolio sworn in. Appointment of Populists Spiros Taskopoulos 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 Beirut 29th August and should arrive Cairo by 1 September.'

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INFORMATION: CO AAP
OPD

COL PARK LOG

CM-IN-29031 (31 Aug 44) 18312 bjm

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From: G. H. Q. Middle East
No: 60/36181

30 August

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

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

FOUR: SEA OPS. Nothing to report.

T. O. O. 3020000

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: GG AAP
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Col Park
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From: G. H. Q. Middle East
To: Usual Addressees
No: 90/36181 30 August 1944

M E Balkan SITREP No. 288
ONE. INT. Nothing to report
TWO: POLITICAL. Nothing to report
THREE: LAND OPS

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

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

MACEDONIA. Lo reports. Second attempt to attach train on Main Rly between SALONIKA and DJEVJELI J 50 by Andartes with NSR and Os support failed owing presence German tys.

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

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To: War Department
No. 14049 30 August 1944

From Dunn sr nr 14049

Czechoslovakian Intelligence Al 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 endeavor 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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From: CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department
    Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
    London, England
    CO, US Army Forces in the European Theater of Operations
    London, England

Nr: FX 88353 NAF 766
    30 August 1944

FX 88353 to AWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff and
    to USFOR for British Chiefs of Staff repeated to SHAPE
    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

GM-IN-27651 (30 Aug 44)
From: CO, 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.

End

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Adm Leahy
      Gen Arnold
      Opd
      Gen Bissell
      Adm King
      Gen Hilldring
      C of S

CM-IN-27651 (30 Aug 44) 0921Z bnm
From: Chiefs of Staff
To: A.F.H.Q.
Info: J.S.M., Washington
Dtd: 29 August 1944

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
concurrency. Foreign Office have already telegraphed to
Moscow.

2. Similarly despatch of DANAHRM Party must be
postponed. Admiralty have already signalled C in C Medi-
terranean 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. 2913152

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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CM-IN-27227 (29 Aug 44) 2255Z mcs

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China is affected by Annra, Indo, Japan.
Occupied zone.
British Participation in Pakistan.
From: Chiefs of Staff
To: AFRHQ Italy US St AF
Info: J.S.M. Washington
Dtd: 29 August 1944
COSMED 176.

{redacted text}

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 Rumania and Bulgaria strategic bombing of targets in those countries should be suspended, unless concerted with Rumanian or Russian High Commands. Bombing of oil targets in Hungary, as well as Ingestrim 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 Rumania 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.

ACTION: CCS
INFO: ADN LEAHY GPN ARNOLD OPD GPN BISSELL ADM KING

CM-IN-27225 (29 Aug 44) 2242Z

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From: APHQ (Signed Wilson)
To: British Chiefs of Staff
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. 2916578
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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CM-IN-27226 (29 Aug 44) 2258Z mos

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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 WDGBE cite NEGBI signed Giles N 28241.


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.


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


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

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

CM-M-27017 (29 Aug 44)
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt  
Nr. N 28241  
29 August 1944  
(c) Daily capacity of Romanian refineries reduced from 2,000 to 180 cars daily.

*Being serviced.

ACTION: G-2  
INFO: CC/8, CGAAF, OPD, Col Park, Log  
CM-IN-27017 (29 Aug 44) 1700Z JB
From: US Military Attache, Ankara, Turkey

To: War Department
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CO, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
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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.

Bonice 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.

CM-IN-27548 (30 Aug 44)

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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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CM-IN-27548 (30 Aug 44) 0640Z pa

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ALUSNA GREECE SPEAKS

MINISTERS VENIZELOS NYLONAS AND RENDIS HAVE SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS IN PROTEST PAPANDREOU TRIP TO ITALY MADE WITHOUT CONSULTING CABINET AND OTHER ALLEGED HIGH HANDEDNESS. QUITE POSSIBLE WILL WITHDRAW RESIGNATIONS IF PAPANDREOU HANDLES SITUATION ADROITLY. CHURCHILL AND PAPANDREOU AGREED ON ADVISEABILITY OF MOVING GREEK GOVT TO ITALY IMMEDIATELY. STATE DEPT APPARENTLY COGNIZANT AM EMBASSY GREECE ADVISED ONLY INDIRECTLY BY BRITISH THIS MORNING. PROBABLE PURPOSE GET CABINET AWAY FROM INTRIGUES LOCAL GREEKS THUS MORE FIRMLY IN HANDS PAPANDREOU AND BRITISH. MATTER BEING DISCUSSED.
GREEK CABINET MEETING TODAY

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FROM
ALUSNA CAIRO (SPENCER)

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OES letter, May 3, 1972

By RHP, NARS Day APR 2 1973

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AUGUST 29 SUMMARY.

311TH AIR FORCE LIBERATORS NEAR KASHIYABA 594S TO 595S DROPPING 3 TONS INCENDIARIES 1 AND 1/2 TONS FRAGS 18 PHOTO FLASH WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. IAGRE INACCURATE AA ENCOUNTERED. ALL LIBERATORS RETURNED SAFELY.

4 FLEET AIR RING 4 VENTURAS BOMBED KASHIYABA. SURIBICI AN SHIYAMUSHI 572S TO 375S WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 50 VENTURA RETURNED DUE MECHANICAL TROUBLE. EACH CARRYING 1200 POUNDS INCENDIARIES. ANTI AIRCRAFT IAGRE INACCURATE ALL VENTURAS RETURNED SAFELY. ALL TIMES ZEBRA.

DELIVERED TO 29G
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, Egypt
To: War Department
Nr: M 28200 28 Aug 1944

To 1200 hours 28th August 0ps Southeastern Europe number 286 WDGBI cite MEGBI signed Giles msg number M 28200.


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 Levadha 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 affected 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.

CM-IN-26094 (28 Aug 44)

Col. Park

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

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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To: Chiefs of Staff

Rptd: J.S.M. Washington for U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff MIDEAST.

No: FX 89028 28 August 1944

MEDO8178 FX 89028. Reference NAF 766.

An officer of the Romanian Air Force arrived here 28th August in Romanian aircraft accompanied by an officer of the U. S. 15th Army Air Force. Romanian officer had been in command of a fighter group supporting Romanian Army defending the Galatz Gap and after King Michael's proclamation on 23rd August had been ordered by Romanian Government to withdraw and take part in the defense of Bucharest. In the course of this operation the Romanian 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 Romanian authorities on 24th August. The flight of these two officers was made with the agreement of the Romanian Government.

2. These officers have informed me that the Romanian 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: APHQ (signed Wilson)
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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,
The 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.

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.

AC'T'ION: CC/S
MFR: Adm. Leahy
   Gen Arnold
   Gen Bissell
   Adm King
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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, AQWAR for G2, info Mideast from G2 AFHQ signed Wilson cite FRGBI. From AIKEY.

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 Declaration of War on Germany. Even now Roumanians considerably dazed but are definitely taking anti-German action in Bucharest. City in Roumanian hands and reinforcements reported arriving from east. Floesti area in German hands but part surrounded. Germans also control Ropoteni, Popesti and Craiova Airfields at least.

End.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGS
CG AAF
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From: CO, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
No: P 86780  28 August 1944

P 86780 signed Wilson cite FECBI from Roderick for Bissell.

Present policy guiding this headquarters is that outlined in AG49R 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
From: CG, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
No: F 88780 28 August 1944

War and Navy Department Intelligence Representatives as 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 Mid-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 JICAMA 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 JICAMA and JICAME facilities are sufficient to augment personnel of the American Commands established in that area.

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

OAM-LH 26393 (29 Aug 44)
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From: GQ, Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
No: F 88780 26 August 1944

Of a separate Balkan JICA. Believe that initial coverage can best be obtained by establishing military attaché representation in each country and to be coordinated under operational control of Military Attaché 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 Attaché 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.

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INFO: OPD Log

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