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In order to penetrate into Albania, with the greatest chances of success and organize a continuous network of communication, we consider it necessary to make use of the two subjects already mentioned, namely Prof. Alush Lleshanaku, who could reach Elbasan (Central Albania) and from there continue towards Northern Albania (Mirdita) and Col. Dod Ujkaj Nikolli, who should land between the mouth of the river Drin and that of the river Mati, on the northern coast of Albania, a territory that he knows like the back of his hand, in order to reach the same goal; Mirdita. The principal nuclei of the Albanian anti-communist resistance, led by Sander Marka Gjoni, son of Prince Gjon Marka Gjoni, currently operates in that region; the entire population is very loyal and renowned for their warrior spirit. The young prince is supported by a group of leaders from other Albanian regions and by priests and religious parties sheltered in the mountains to escape the ruthless Slavic-Communist persecution.

Prof. Lleshanaku and Col. Dod Nikolli, as is well known, both live outside of Italy. Prof. Lleshanaku in Greece (Piraeus) and Col. Dod in Germany (Schwabach bei Nurnberg- Reg. Flucht.Lager I Bar.g.25 - USA Zone).

Before answering the questionnaire presented to us we absolutely need to have contact with these two precious subjects. And if the meeting cannot take place in Italy, another location must be found where Mr. Ndue Marka Gjoni (another son of the Prince of Mirdita here residing) can contact Dod Nikolli and Dr. Ismail Verlaci with Lleshanaku. Only during these meetings can the details of any mission be established.

The aforesaid subjects could be integrated or replaced, in case of excessive delay in the aforementioned meeting, by other subjects, equally trusted, to be used as simple couriers and not as organizers; some of these subjects are in Italy, but not in Rome, and a certain period of time is needed to summon them here, with all the appropriate precautions, in order to prevent their movements from being noticed by outsiders. Others are in Greece and we need to be able to approach them to make the appropriate decisions.

The names of the latter are:

Kol Prend Kovaci	-	Syria (Egeo)
Ndue Pjetri	-	Pireo (Hatzikiriakon)
Ndue Gjeta	-	"
Ymer Doda	-	"

Anyone charged with approaching the people listed above must speak on behalf of Prince Marka Gjoni, since only in this way can we guarantee their adherence and discretion.

We reserve the right, at a later time, to also report the names of the persons currently in Italy and willing to perform the aforementioned tasks, after having made contact with them.

We already have two or more subjects on hand here in Rome ready to go, perfect connoisseurs of the inner areas, where anti-communist guerrillas freely operate, but unfortunately not very practical in the coastal area, which in the

vicinity of the mouth of the Mati is woody and marshy and difficult to navigate by those who have not previously known it.

We are looking for a subject capable of safely guiding our mission companions through this area and also for this reason we are careful not to give further details.

Let us repeat that we are still of the opinion of attempting to penetrate the interior of Albania, simultaneously from Greece (by land) and from Italy (by sea).

We are also studying an eventuality that has been presented to us lately, that is to say, to reach the goal by using another trustworthy subject that would travel through Yugoslavia with a Yugoslavian passport. The use of this subject, where he could not with certainty bring with him a letter from Prince Marka Gjoni, would present the drawback that the individual is not known in the area of Mirdita and could be taken for an enemy agent.

There cannot, at least for the moment, be any use of airplanes, not having the precise knowledge of the area in the country where our men would eventually parachute. After making the initial connections, perhaps the launch of men by means of parachutes will be the easiest.

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