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1. Reference is made to Personality Report, subject and file as above, dated 18 January 1957.

2. As a supplement to the information reported in referenced Personality Report the following information is submitted concerning Theodor von ALBERT's relationships, activities and efforts since August 1956 in assisting this Region in gaining counterintelligence coverage of the Bulgarian Intelligence Service - BIS. This information is, in substance, a composite picture of the persons exploited by von ALBERT, their activities, capabilities, and potential value in accomplishing the above mentioned coverage:

a. In August 1956, SUBJECT contacted Valitschko Mitzakoff, ~~CR BULG 497~~ a dentist by profession, but employed at the time as a gardener in Vienna. Since then he has given up his employment, but has remained registered with the Austrian Labor Office in Vienna as being so employed in order to circumvent any queries by the Austrian police concerning his livelihood. Mitzakoff was formerly utilized by one Theodor von ALBERT, who covered the BIS in Austria for the German Intelligence Service, Amt Blank (Office for Current Research - IFG - Amt fuer Gegenwartforschung) prior to the Austrian Peace Treaty. Mitzakoff was contacted by SUBJECT in Vienna, Austria, in an effort to have him recontact former sub-sources or personalities who would be utilized as sub-sources for a possible penetration of the BIS activities in Austria. Mitzakoff was chosen as the control source because:

- (1) His former experience with Amt Blank as an intelligence source.
- (2) The location of his residence, Bahngasse 8/21, Vienna, which enables him to have daily contact with any of the sub-sources listed below.

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(3) His personal knowledge of most of the latter sub-sources and his ability to check their activities through his social contact with friends and associates among the Bulgarian elements in Vienna.

To date, Mitzakoff's recruitment efforts have resulted in the securing of seven (7) potential sub-sources in various fields of employment and areas of activity which will enable a more complete coverage of BIS activities. Mitzakoff speaks Bulgarian and broken German and must be handled by a Bulgarian linguist for full exploitation and control.

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b. Ivan Zatscheff, born 16 February 1922 in Sofia, Bulgaria, single a member of the Orthodox Catholic church, is presently residing at Schellinggasse 2/4, Vienna. Zatscheff is registered in Austria as a student and was issued Personal Ausweis (Personal Identity Document) 268/46 in Vienna on 3 August 1956. Mitzakoff, who became acquainted with Zatscheff through the latter's employment as a radio repairman, approached him in October 1956 because of his apparent casual contact with various members of the Bulgarian Legation. Considering that the Bulgarian Legation in Vienna is a center of BIS activities, within and outside Austria, the prime objective is to attempt to penetrate the Bulgarian Legation itself. Because of the apparent loyalty of the individuals employed in the Legation it appears highly improbable that any of these persons could be recruited without a long drawn-out process of selecting the proper subject, and then attempting to defect him or her in place. Therefore, to avoid this time consuming project, Zatscheff, a former student who had worked for the Soviets in Vienna as a driver and who is a part-time radio repairman, became friendly with employees of the Legation by doing radio repair work for nothing or at a very low cost; he also invited a few of the female legation employees for an occasional evening's entertainment. This resulted in Zatscheff becoming well known among Bulgarian circles in Vienna, especially those within the legation. He was generally accepted in the legation circles as an individual sympathetic to their cause. Proof of this acceptance is that he has attended, through formal invitation, several of the Legations official functions and has been used as an "errand boy" by Legation officials. He is no longer questioned when he enters the Legation building but is allowed to go directly to the office or section of the individual he is seeking. The ultimate aim is for him to obtain full-time employment in the Legation and/or to possibly defect someone there through him.

201 SXF CIT BULGARIA ALUM BULGARIA
c. Slavka Sterringer, nee Alexiewa, born 13 September 1921 in Lom, Bulgaria, where she is presently residing, is self employed as address maker and stylist. In order to effect a more complete penetration of the BIS, it appears advisable to penetrate it within Bulgaria

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itself by utilizing Sterringer who has various contacts with officials and functionaries and their wives in Lom and Sofia through her occupation as a dressmaker and stylist. Sterringer, who since childhood has been a personal friend of Mitzakoff, succeeded in travelling to Vienna to visit her father and mother-in-law. During this visit she contacted Mitzakoff, for purely personal reasons, on several occasions. During December 1956, Mitzakoff debriefed her on personalities and installations in and around Lom and Sofia which could possibly be of intelligence interest. Eventually she was approached by Mitzakoff in January 1957 and consented to work for him. Sterringer has since departed for her home in Lom where she will intensify her social and business contacts with the previously reported individuals with the purpose of planting the idea that since her travel to Austria she is not completely satisfied with her standard of living in Bulgaria, and would be willing to do other things besides dressmaking to improve it. The ultimate aim is to make herself available and desirable for recruitment by the BIS for service, possibly in Austria or West Germany. SUBJECT informed this organization that Mitzakoff received a letter from Sterringer on 30 January 1957, posted in Lom, stating that she had arrived safely and that everything was going according to plan. An exact clarification from the letter cannot be determined. It does indicate however, that she has begun her plan to intensify her business and social contact with the few individuals who may lead her to eventual recruitment by the BIS.

d. Ivan Atanas, 201 CIT BULGARIA & LOM, BULGARIA Merchant marine employed by the Bulgarian Danube Shipping Company in Russe, Bulgaria, is presently residing with his family in Lom. In an effort to determine as much as possible concerning procedures and restrictions surrounding shipment and travel to and from Bulgaria and for the possibility of establishing a courier service for the future, Atanas was approached in September 1956 by Mitzakoff to furnish detailed information concerning personnel and traffic of the above mentioned shipping company. In December 1956, Atanas gave Mitzakoff a list of ships and personnel, the political status as far as possible of the personnel, operating between Russe and Vienna. The approach to Atanas was made possible because on previous trips to Vienna Atanas would contact Mitzakoff and give him information concerning the welfare of Mitzakoff's family who still reside in Lom. Mitzakoff has known Atanas as a personal friend for several years. Atanas expressed his willingness to accomplish anything within his power for Mitzakoff. Atanas would have defected long ago to the West, but he has no means of taking his family with him.

e. Todor Zozoff, 201 CIT BULGARIA as MERCHANT MARINE the only Accounting Inspector of the Bulgarian Merchant Marine in Russe, is assigned to the Directorate of Inland Waterways in Sofia and holds the rank of Captain. Because of former mutual friends and associates, Mitzakoff was able, over a period of a few years, to establish a friendly casual contact with Zozoff. Mitzakoff believes

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that Zozoff is strongly anti-Communist because of the execution of his cousin in Bulgaria for activities against the State. Zozoff does not travel to Vienna frequently, but Mitzakoff believes that he will be willing and able to furnish more detail information on personalities in his field than Atanas. Also through him there is a possibility of establishing a limited courier service if needed.

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f. Ivan Guntscheff, born 18 August 1920 in Gabrowo, Bulgaria, a Bulgarian citizen, member of the Orthodox Catholic church, single, arrived in Vienna from Bulgaria on 17 November 1943 and presently resides at Doeblingerquartel 8/15, Vienna. Guntscheff was a former casual source of Mitzakoff during the latter's activities for Amt Blank. Because it is logical to assume that the BIS exploits the various Bulgarian import-export firms in Austria for their intelligence activities, attempts were made to establish a sub-source directly associated with that field. Since Guntscheff is actively associated with various Bulgarian import-export firms in Vienna as a translator/interpreter and advisor, he is in contact with various business men who travel between Vienna and Bulgaria and other western countries. Because of the nature of Guntscheff's association, he frequently must contact the Bulgarian Legation in Vienna on matters concerning the import and export of various materials or goods. Through his latter contact, he is a known and recognized figure at the Legation. Therefore, in September 1956, Mitzakoff approached Guntscheff, who agreed to again engage in intelligence activities for Mitzakoff to determine BIS directed intelligence activities into West Germany through business and trade.

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g. Georgi Encseff, born 28 September 1899 in Giroly, Bulgaria, an Austrian citizen, single, has been residing at Dr. Skalagasse 7/3, Vienna since 21 October 1956. Prior to that he resided at Stammersdorfer Hauptstrasse 14, Vienna. Because the majority of Bulgarians, technical trade and special skills excepted, are either farmers or gardeners, the Bulgarian Gardeners' Association in Austria, which has branch associations throughout Europe is believed to be one of the key targets of the BIS. From the ranks of this association the BIS possibly obtains many of their sources who are in a position to inform the BIS of political trends and emigre developments and movements among the Bulgarians in western countries. In October 1956, in an effort to determine the extent of BIS activities in other countries, especially West Germany, through this association, Mitzakoff approached and recruited Encseff, who is a member of long standing in the association. Encseff is an older man, who is a cripple as the result of a stroke many years ago, and who has the friendship and sympathy of both Communist and non-Communist alike. He is considered harmless and has free and frequent social intercourse with both camps within the association

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who openly discuss their activities in his presence. Through Encseff an attempt will be made to determine those members of the association who have frequent contact with the Legation and those members who travel to West Germany under the guise of Bulgarian Gardeners' Association affairs, whose present activities for the BIS.

h. h. Vasko NIKOLOFF, born 5 December 1921 in Lom, Bulgaria, a Bulgarian citizen, a member of the Orthodox Catholic church, is registered in Vienna as a student. On 18 July 1949, Nikoloff married Susanne Klintschoroff, born 8 February 1923 in Sofia, who is a doctor of medicine by profession but not permitted private practice in Austria. They reside at Adalbert Stiftergasse 26/19, Vienna. It is believed that from time to time valuable information can also be obtained from the politically non-active or from the non-communist Bulgarian elements in Vienna. In addition, Nikoloff, who is an electro-technician by profession, who now operates a wholesale and retail vegetable business in Vienna, was approached by Mitzakoff in November 1956, for the purpose of furnishing information concerning individuals employed or actively associated with the Bulgarian Legation with whom he has frequent business contacts. Nikoloff can also check the friends and activities of Mitzakoff's other sub-sources. Nikoloff has been a close personal friend of Mitzakoff for many years and it is believed that through the formers' extensive business and social contacts that he could contribute greatly to the over-all effort and also help to establish better control of Mitzakoff's net.

3. SUBJECT, who as net control leader of Mitzakoff's Bulgarian net, is the only link between the net and the Region IV handling agent. His position as such affords advantages which will be lost if direct contact with Mitzakoff would be maintained by the American handling agent for the following reasons:

a. The majority of the aforementioned individuals for the most part speak only very poor German and can write only in the Bulgarian language. This advantage is surmounted by SUBJECT's ability to read, write and speak the Bulgarian language fluently. SUBJECT's extensive background in economic and political affairs of the Balkan area also enables him to understand the mentality and personality traits of the Bulgarian people which cannot be accomplished by anyone not having considerable schooling in the history and background of Bulgaria.

b. Because, Mitzakoff, the key individual, is unable to travel outside of Austria, it would be necessary that a handling agent make many trips to Vienna for maintaining control of the net. SUBJECT's residence in Austria, however, enables him to maintain constant contact with Mitzakoff and the net. Frequent travel to Austria to maintain proper

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contact with the net by an American handling agent would make it extremely difficult to operate discreetly over an extended period of time. On the other hand, SUBJECT is officially registered and documented by the Austrian Internal Ministry as a press correspondent and has press relations with several newspapers and universities in Austria and West Germany which allows him frequent and unquestioned travel within or outside of Austria.

c. By having SUBJECT as the sole contact with the net, the personnel of the net do not realize that they are working for an American intelligence agency; therefore, this would avoid any possibility of embarrassment to this organization in Austria in the event of any unforeseen adverse action on the part of any member of the net, with the exception of SUBJECT himself.

d. Because of SUBJECT's knowledge of languages, he is able to translate all information obtained from the persons employed in the net into the German language which makes it readily usable for processing and reporting.

4. Cost of continuing the operation is, for the present, approximately follows:

a. SUBJECT as net control leader would receive a maximum monthly payment of ANS 4,000 (approximately \$155) with an additional monthly expenditure of ANS 2,000 (approximately \$77.50) for travel and living expenses. In the event that SUBJECT would only be associated with the Bulgarian net and not with any other nationality, his payment will be correspondingly decreased.

b. Mitzakoff would receive a monthly payment of ANS 1,500 (approximately \$57) with an additional monthly expenditure of approximately ANS 750 (approximately \$29) for travel expense and for entertainment of Bulgarians of interest in Vienna.

c. Steringer would receive a monthly payment of ANS 1,200 (approximately \$45). However, this payment would be directly dependent upon the degree of success of her efforts against the BIS in Bulgaria.

d. Zatscheff would receive a monthly payment of ANS 1,000 (approximately \$38).

e. Encseff and Guntsoeff would receive a monthly payment of ANS 600 (approximately \$23) each.

f. Nikoloff would receive a monthly payment of ANS 300 (approximately \$12).

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g. Atanas and Zozoff would not receive any monthly payment but would be considered rather on the basis of each individual contact. These contacts however would absorb the greater portion of Mitzakoff's entertainment expenditures because he must pay for their meals and other expenses during their association.

5. In accordance with the requirements and scope of Operational Memorandum 6/56, the above Bulgarian intelligence net was attempted in an effort to penetrate and neutralize the intelligence operations of the BIS in Germany and Austria. Because of the geographical location of Bulgaria in relation to Germany, it is believed that a relay point or secondary base of operations must be established by the BIS in order to assure a smoother, more dependable and more easily controlled means of operations and communication in their efforts against West Germany and USAREUR. The logical center for their activities would be a neutral country which offers relatively easy contact with controlling elements in Bulgaria and still provide somewhat of a free hand as far as clandestine intelligence activities are concerned. In agreement with this, it appears that Vienna, Austria, is not only the clearing house for Bulgarian but for all Balkan intelligence activities launched against USAREUR and West European countries. Because of the difficulty of detecting and neutralizing every individual effort of the BIS against West Germany and USAREUR, it is believed that if an effective penetration is established at the base of operations or a relay point such as Vienna, it would then be possible to tap many of the arteries which feed their intelligence efforts to western nations, particularly West Germany, by the efforts of one or a few individuals. It is further believed that an effective counter intelligence net operating in Vienna, Austria, will afford the best method and possibility of accomplishing this objective.

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SUBJECT: Evaluation Sheet
TO: Commanding Officer
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APO 108, US Army

1. Reference is made to report, your Region, file EE-567326

Subject: Yugoslavian Intelligence Service (U) date 29 January 1957
contributed to by Theodora von ALBERT and Dragutin RAKOS

2. The above-referenced report has been given an evaluation index of 6 (See reverse side for scale).

3. The following comments are submitted for your information and guidance:

a. Source:

- (1) appears well oriented
- (2) appears fairly well oriented
- (3) appears poorly oriented
- (4) appears to be provocateur, double agent or fabricator

b. Target Coverage Attained:

- (1) direct coverage or penetration
- (2) partial coverage or penetration
- (3) peripheral
- (4) indirect
- (5) target not considered covered

c. Operational Direction:

- (1) no further reports desired
- (2) further reports desired
- (3) answer unfulfilled portions of EEL's
- (4) reorient your source
- (5) determine future use of source with Technical Specialist

4. Remarks: More details pertaining to the UDBa school in BELIANA, Yugoslavia, are especially desired. See Operational Memorandum 19.

5. Regrading data cannot be predetermined.

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