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 MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT  
 FOR MONTH OF  
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1. CRYPTONYM <b>BUCONVOY</b>	2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <b>SE/PC/2</b>	3. COUNTRY(S) <b>Bulgaria</b> ✓	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION PERCENT      DATE
5. PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT			
6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF SERVICES			
7. PHASE <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED			
8. FUNDING			
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE	OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH	FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE
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9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER	ROOM NO. <b>1104 J</b>	EXTENSION <b>2656</b>	SIGNATURE

10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

**A. Mission**

See Sections II and III, Part II, of the "Bulgarian Country Plan" for a discussion of the cold war mission and tasks.

**B. Accomplishments**

**1. Paramilitary**

a. Agent Infiltration - On 27 June, a two-man team entered Bulgaria from Greece. They were accompanied part of the way by guides who infiltrated on 29 June, reporting that the crossing had been made without incident. The purpose of this operation was to establish a route south from the Plovdiv area and to make contacts with potential indigenous agents. The team successfully infiltrated to Greece on 22 July. Preliminary reports of the mission indicate that an emergency safe-house and one agent were successfully organized in the Plovdiv area. Final debriefing of the team is going forward at this time. As a part of the debriefing routine, the agents will be unwarped and run through an intelligence debriefing by the SO personnel [ ] Within the next month, it is hoped that the team will be prepared for a second mission to renew the existing contacts and extend them in line with the original mission.

b. Bulgarian Guard Company - On 30 June, twenty-eight bodies were airlifted from Athens; and on 16 July, twenty-two bodies were airlifted from Istanbul to Germany. This brings the total strength of the Guard Company to 229, twenty-nine over strength. Dismissals and departures will bring the strength down to normal in the near future. It is felt that more effective training can now take place with a full complement of men. Training of the company personnel has been at a minimum for the last month because of:

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- (1) a shortage of training personnel,
- (2) the large number of guard posts assigned the company,
- (3) political antagonism.

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Regarding the latter, there has been constant friction between Dr. Dimitrov's adherents, who constitute roughly nine-tenths of the company, and the remainder. It has been found that only by strict discipline can morale and efficiency be kept at a reasonable level.

c. Dimitrov Test Operation - Dr. Dimitrov's designated deputy, Slavi Neikov, was contacted in France on 17 July and 20 July regarding a test operation. He submitted the names of several prospects and tentative plans for future 1952 operations. Checks on these candidates are now being made. Due to the geographic distribution of these candidates in France, Germany and Greece it will be several weeks before they can be pulled together for training. There exists in connection with this group the problem of concealing from the Greeks its affiliations with Dr. Dimitrov, inasmuch as the Greeks are definitely opposed to Dr. Dimitrov, special precautions, in addition to those normally employed, will have to be instituted in connection with this operation. To date, the exact mission which will be assigned to this team, the contacts inside the country which it is to make, and the amount of training necessary before mounting the operations are all unanswered questions. It is felt that these questions will be answered within the course of the next month and that these answers will do a great deal towards clarifying our views on Dimitrov's usefulness.

## 2. Political

a. Bulgarian National Committee - Proceedings to effect a reorganization of the BNC continue. The NCFE, the Department of State, and CIA have agreed that all members of the BNC should be invited to attend meetings in this country for consideration of proposals for reorganization. Plans to arrange this are under way. They would then be expected to arrive at definite recommendations for presentation to the plenary session of the BNC when assembled. The NCFE has accepted the proposition that a simple majority of BNC members constitute a quorum, as in the case of their Paris meeting in March 1952. There were several points agreed on at the Paris meeting that have proved offensive to other members. This branch has suggested in a memorandum, a copy of which was sent to Admiral Miller of the NCFE, that any controversial decisions made at the meeting be reviewed by the full BNC membership, prior to complete endorsement.

## b. Psychological Warfare

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(1) Radio Gorizia

(a) Broadcasts - Broadcasts continue on a daily basis, a half-hour program being repeated five times.

<u>Previous Broadcasts</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Total Number</u>
39h	31	425

(b) Personnel - The director of the station is in Washington for consultation, detailed review of station operation, and the recruitment of personnel.

(2) Leaflet Drops - Indefinitely suspended as previously reported.

(3) Economic Warfare - No Activity.

C. Reaction

No reaction to BGCORVOY operations in Bulgaria has been noted.

D. Conclusions

1. Problems Encountered - One of the main difficulties in mounting the Dimitrov test operation is the wide dispersal of the prospective agents in different parts of Europe. The problem of a training and assembly area for these agents is under consideration.

The procurement of leva continues to be a problem.

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