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1. Soviet geologizts have found a mineral of some sort, showing radioactivity, at a place near the hot springs, north of Yambol and between Kotkadag [sic] and Chobandere [sic] There is no evidence that this mineral is pitchblende, but it does definitely seem to be radioactive.

2. This whole region is strictly guarded by a military detachment. No one is allowed to approach, not even members of the armed services.

3. The following Soviet specialists have arrived, thus far:

   Simeon Pulbakin
   Feodor Zarbenov
   Sura Kulayev

   These mineralogists are to examine the site and estimate the possibilities of extraction and exploitation. They will then report directly to Moscow.

4. Exploitation has already commenced at the copper mine of Propadnavoda, also called Propadnalavoda. This is situated near Burgas, seven or eight kilometers south of the village of Rosen. Mine galleries have already been dug and soundings are being taken. The mineral is shipped to Burgas.

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