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DOCHEV'S REPORT SUBMITTED AT AUGUST 13 MEETING

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INFORMATION ABOUT Dimitar NIKOLOV WHOM WE PLAN TO SEND LEGALLY TO BULGARIA:

Dimitar NIKOLOV was born in Petrich on 27 November 1933. He comes from an anti-communist family and is a pro-nationalist. As a boy he always associated with the young nationalists. He has in the past helped his uncle, Ivan Mitov ARGELOV, from the same city, who had a sheep farm in the mountains near the Greek border. During the time of the partisan warfare in Greece, Greek partisans came to ARGELOV's farm since ARGELOV was a communist sympathizer. For these and other reasons the underground Bulgarian nationalists who were working in Greece against the Communist regime in Bulgaria - Vangel AGLIKIN and Spiro PILEV, in 1949, kidnapped NIKOLOV's uncle ARGELOV and took him to Greece. At the time of the kidnapping NIKOLOV was at the farm and was a witness to the kidnapping. He kept the secret for a whole year and even met clandestinely with the two Bulgarian nationalists AGLIKIN and PILEV. Later on however, because of an indiscretion on the part of Spiro PILEV, who talked too much, NIKOLOV was interrogated by the police and although he did not say anything he was exposed to danger. For this reason he decided along with about ten other youths to escape to Greece on 2 June 1950.

In Greece NIKOLOV always associated with our organization and took part in the clandestine activity and later worked for radio Goriana. In August 1953 NIKOLOV immigrated to Canada and has been ever since an active member of the BNF. He accepts voluntarily to undertake a return trip to Bulgaria illegally and to work for us inside the country. His plan is as follows:

He will first of all return to Greece to his wife's relatives and leave his wife and child there with her family. After this he would get in touch with his uncle ARGELOV who is still living in Greece and the two would then go to the Bulgarian consulate and seek permission to return to Bulgaria. NIKOLOV wants to take his uncle back as a guarantee for the communists in Bulgaria and he considers that if the two go back together it will be easier to deal with the authorities. When he returns he plans to tell the communists in general that which they already know about our illegal activities abroad (outside of Bulgaria), and he will repent his past actions and ask to be rehabilitated. I (Dochev) consider that since he was a minor he will be able to do this easily and there will be no difficulties. He will ask that they will give him work not in his native town but away in some larger city for the purpose of being able to contact our people more easily. He accepts the risk for whatever might happen to him in Bulgaria and is ready to undertake whatever tasks are entrusted to him.

PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUICK EMERGENCY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE INSIDE BULGARIA:

Since the new Canadian government has stopped issuing immigration visas for entrance into Canada until the end of this year this means that Miss ANTONIA

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will be able to come to Canada next year and her going to Bulgaria can take place in 1959. I continue to concern myself with this problem and it will be resolved. However it will take more time because of the new immigration policy in Canada. Meanwhile however I established a new contact with Bulgaria. In addition to the people in Plovdiv of whom we are sure, through Miss ANTONIA, I now have contact with two people in Sofia. Somehow, however, we will have to get into direct contact with these two people, to make sure of them and also to begin to receive information reports. People from Sofia are especially useful to us. I propose the following plan to maintain contact in Bulgaria with my people there:

1. To send a person into Bulgaria as a volunteer - I already have him in mind. This person knows English well and some other languages well. He knows Bulgaria very well and also our people inside. However, this person cannot go into Bulgaria as a Bulgarian but must go as an American. None of the people in power in Bulgaria, or anyone else there could recognize him and in addition he will change considerably his appearance. In addition to this he has been out of Bulgaria for a long time. This is my plan for getting him into Bulgaria: This person must get a job in some American newspaper as a reporter and work at it for two to three months to become accustomed to the work and obtain on-the-job knowledge. Simultaneously he will have to get some sort of training for our work. After that he would have to be given an American passport and set out for Europe as a correspondent for the newspaper which he is working for. He will first of all visit two or three Western European countries and then into Eastern Germany, Poland or another satellite country and from there he will seek to go to Bulgaria. He will establish contact with our people there and give them instruction and be a link by means of which we can receive positive information. This link will be the connection with our clandestine people who will go to Bulgaria.

2. In case we are not able to work this out with the above person as a journalist it remains for us to send a person illegally into Bulgaria to make contact with our people in Plovdiv and Sofia. I have a suitable person in this case. Only some training would be necessary. This person knows Sofia very well.

In either case however, we must try to make contact very soon with the people inside Bulgaria. If we do not wish to lose the contacts which we have already made and if you wish to make use of these people.

EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE INSIDE BULGARIA:

1. Collection of general information about the condition and mood of the people giving specific names and means by which anti-communist activity can be undertaken against the regime.

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2. Collection of information on names, dates, places, terroristic methods of the communist regime and about arrests, persecutions, deportations to the USSR, etc.

3. Economic information.

4. Information about Soviet advisors, etc.

5. Military information and OB in general.

With the network which we will form we will also gradually organize internal resistance. Preparation for sabotage and the maintenance of the national spirit for any eventual general conflict. The export of this information will be carried out by our illegal channels and by radio transmission from inside. These radio operators would have to be sent in since it would be impossible to train people already inside. In addition, if people are found inside with W/T experience, their services will be utilized. People I have in mind inside Bulgaria have not only served in the army but have had rank and therefore know what is important and interesting. They will be able to fulfill our requirements. We need time for all of this so the sooner we get to work the better.

IMMIGRATION FROM TRIESTE TO CANADA BY RNF MEMBERS:

This month I did everything I could to ensure the immigration of our people in Trieste to Canada. As I previously mentioned I have twenty-three applications. Eight of these people have to undergo a further examination of their applications. For the remaining sixteen, however, I have succeeded in getting guarantees and their dossiers are in process. Among those coming are: Krum DIMITROV, Yatsa YATSOV - who are suitable for our special work. They will not get here however before next Spring because the Canadian government has stopped immigration until the end of 1957. If we undertake something decisive during the coming year, which I consider essential, these two - DIMITROV and YATSOV - will be essential in any penetrations into Bulgaria and therefore it would not be necessary for them to come to Canada. I can keep them in Europe but only if we actually start work.

PROBLEM OF IDEOLOGICAL PREPARATION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE PROSPECTIVE AGENTS:

As I have said before it is important that people we plan to send into Bulgaria be well motivated and briefed (ideologically). I began this ideological preparation with the people in Canada - Boris STOYKOV, Tsonyu GRADINAROV, Tolo ZLATKOV, Todor TODOROV and Khristo KOLEV, from Buffalo. Asparauck NIKOLOV couldn't come to Toronto but he is already prepared ideologically and is a former member of ERANIK (pro fascist org prior WW II). There are others however who have great need of preparation and we must institute a regularized, organized method for this purpose.

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I have started organizing a winter course, ideological course, ~~where~~ for all the members of the BNF in Toronto. There will be lectures and discussions and I will have to work very hard on it. I am absolutely certain that the situation in New York and elsewhere is the same. I ask that you consider this problem and give me the opportunity to introduce these serious ideological courses. People who understand the ideological conflicts are better prepared for the struggle and also more useful than those who do not (understand ideological conflicts). I could go to every town for two or three weeks and conduct these courses but means are necessary, not only for my expenses but for the setting up of the courses. I will organize everything in the name of the BNF leadership, and no one would be aware of American support. I believe that expenses for a three-week course in New York aside from my personal expenses would be about \$20 a day or about \$300 for a fifteen-day course. The same would be true for Chicago and Toronto because I want to set up really useful courses and it would be necessary to hire a hall for the lectures.

CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN BULGARIAN LEAGUE IN DETROIT AND FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE CZAR TO AMERICA:

We will take part in the Bulgarian American league convention on 1 and 2 September in Detroit. It is important because of the tendency of the League to withdraw from political activity. This makes the League passive in regards to the struggle against Communism which is the only political line the league has taken. I have arranged that many members of the BNF, who are also members of the League, will attend. Perhaps our presence there will help to strengthen and preserve the present anti-communist position of the League. I have arranged that at the convention the question of the visit of the Czar to America will be discussed and also the decision of the League whether to take part in a program to support Radio Madrid. I will also have representatives in the special committees appointed at the convention to organize the Czar's visit, to organize a program, etc. I will also use the convention as an opportunity through which I can talk to our (BNF) people about BNF business. Since I will have to spend at least four days in Detroit I will have expenses of about \$100 in addition to my travel expenses.

TRIP TO BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ORGANIZING OF OUR PEOPLE AT THAT PLACE:

You did not express any objections in principle to my going to British Columbia. This would be useful for our future work. I heard that our people will be concentrated in Vancouver and Kitimak (sp?) up until the end of December. After that, through October and later - work increases and many of the people will set out for the forests to work. So in order to make best use of a trip to British Columbia it should take place well before the end of September.

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COMMUNIST AGENTS ARE COMING TO CANADA AND SURELY TO AMERICA AS ALLEGED REFUGEES:

Strashimir NEVICHANOV, with his wife and child came to Toronto in May after having spent a few months in Quebec. He claims that he was a member of our organization in Bulgaria before 1944, that he is a nationalist and so forth. He made these statements after ascertaining that I was not in Toronto, and thus succeeded in making friends with several people. At one meeting however he was not able to cover up and afterwards we collected information about him as follows: Actually as he says his father was a member of the police before 1944 but it is evident that he now serves the communists because he stayed at Sofia and his son got special privileges, the one who came here to Canada. This person, NEVICHANOV graduated from the Gymnasium and studied at the University during the communist regime which means that he is accepted by them. His wife attended a special communist school for foreign language translators. After that the two of them were sent to France with a regular communist passport obviously with some sort of mission. How they succeeded in getting to Canada remains a mystery. As far as I am concerned however from that which he has said and done and his action in the past, he and his wife are both convinced and trained communists. I have discovered these discrepancies in their backgrounds.

He has studiously avoided meeting with me. Clearly because he is afraid of being unmasked. It is possible that other such types will come also. The problem of NEVICHANOV is particularly interesting because of his technically perfect manner of arrival in Canada. That is perhaps his task (to arrange for others to arrive here). We are obliged to uncover these people and to unmask them. I am ready to organize a group of my loyal people to investigate every new immigrant. This however would incur some travel in order to get information about all of the newly arrived Bulgarians. It is unfortunately my impression that the people and organizations in Europe who are charged with this task are very naive and do their work superficially.

RADIO OPERATOR - NIKOLA PEEV ?:

Nikola Kostadinov PEEV, member of the BNF in Buffalo was trained as a radio man when he was an immigrant in Greece. If you think he can be useful to us, I can meet him and talk with him, and he can then come to Washington for training after which we can see if he can be used. Subject was born on 26 August 1928 in Nevrokop, Bulgaria. He left Bulgaria for Greece on 25 April 1950 and came to America on 29 September 1955.

MY (DOCHEV'S) PERSONAL COVER:

Mr. Dunn, in Toronto, a member of the Canadian Conservative Party and a personal representative of the Minister President, Definbeker (sp?), who knows me from the old days, invited me to take part in the formation of a

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a club for new members of the conservative party. He proposed that I take an active part in the leadership of his organization. I accepted since through this organization I can get close to the "party in power" and the Canadian government. This will help me when people ask what I am doing. It will be an excellent cover for me and will legalize me insofar as the Canadian authorities are concerned. Since the organization has not yet been formed it is possible for me at a later date to get out of it and therefore I ask that you tell me if this will be necessary insofar as our work is concerned.

As you know when I started working with you I had to quit my previous job. I lost over a thousand dollars by liquidating this job. I had thought that somehow I could pay this off without coming to you for help, but this has proved impossible with my present monthly salary. I must pay off this debt in installments in the coming months up until the end of the year. Therefore I ask help so that I might avoid an unpleasant situation financially. I need \$200 a month until the end of the year (Subject offered his thanks in advance). I hope to repay this money in the future.

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