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1. Approximately 15 physicists are now engaged in nuclear physics research in Sofia. The most prominent among them is Mrs. Elisabeta Karamikhaylova, professor of nuclear physics at Sofia University, who was recently transferred to the Academy of Sciences and relieved of all other duties in order to devote full time to nuclear physics research. Leon Mitrani is her temporary replacement as lecturer in physics at Sofia University.¹
2. In addition, 10 or 15 Bulgarian physicists have been sent to the USSR for further studies. Upon their return, they will conduct nuclear physics research in Bulgaria.
3. In the near future, the Bulgarian Government will issue a decree to begin preparations for the construction of installations to process fission materials. Uranium processing plants, to be constructed near the villages of Bukhovo (N 42-46, E 23-34), Madan (N 41-30, E 24-56), and Rudozem (N 41-29, E 24-51), are already beyond the planning stage.

1. Comment: [] in September 1954, Mitrani had been transferred from the Faculty of Physics and Mathematics at Sofia University to the Academy of Sciences to do work in a special department for atomic research, then being established. A subsequent report stated that, as of February 1955, Mitrani was still doing atomic research at the Institute of Atomic Physics (under the jurisdiction of the Academy of Sciences). Mitrani is an expert in the field of cosmic ray work.

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