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1. The Bulgarian Government asked the DDR at the end of April 1952 whether  
hard coke, such as that produced at Deilitzsch and that planned for  
Bauchhausen, could be produced by the same method from Bulgarian lignite.  
The Zentralamt für Forschung und Technik responded that conclusive tests  
could not be made without new deliveries of the Bulgarian product.  
Bulgaria is therefore going to send several freight carloads of lignite  
to East Germany. The Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit section  
of ZAPT arranged with the Bergakademie Freiberg and with the Versuchs-  
brikettfabrik in Bitterfeld\* to have the tests carried out in June 1952.
2. The Bulgarian Government has constructed a large nitrogen factory in  
the region between Sofia and Varna.\*\*  
The plant started to operate in the fall of 1951. (Fnu) Baumbach,  
chief of Hauptabteilung Wissenschaftlich-Technische Organization in  
ZAPT, was invited to attend the opening. Baumbach was not allowed to  
see actual production, but he did enter the factory and administrative  
buildings.
3. These are the only instances of technical cooperation between Bulgaria  
and the DDR. The Bulgarians have otherwise ignored ZAPT's program of  
scientific-technical cooperation between East Bloc nations. Bulgarian  
delegates have likewise not been sent to the two annual sessions  
sponsored by ZAPT at which scientific-technical cooperation is planned.

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as a ZAPT project. It is now about 75 per cent complete and is already  
producing briquettes on a trial basis.)

.25X1 [ ] Comment: Possibly a reference to the Stalin ATZ (Azotno-Toroviya  
Zavod; nitrogen fertilizer factory) in Dimitrograd.

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