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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Bulgarian Emigre Activity

1. With reference to SO 60309, QZ/27, QZ/38, and to State Dispatch No. 22121 from Paris dated 1 February 1951, the following information was submitted by a well-informed Bulgarian emigre through a fairly reliable source on 13 February 1951.

2. Konstantin Shopov has reportedly received a letter from Joseph Grew of the Committee for Free Europe in which the latter asked several Bulgarians to come to the United States "to organize the National Committee". Silie Milev, George Petkov, and Shopov were asked to come as well as George Kiosseivanov from Geneva and Ivan T. Balabanov from Milan. The latter two allegedly have the support of Rene Charren and Royall Tyler of the Committee for Free Europe.

3. It is claimed that Tyler has told Shopov that he strongly favors Kiosseivanov, "former Bulgarian Prime Minister and pro-Nazi leader", because he thinks Bulgaria needs a dictatorship rather than a democracy. At the same time, Tyler allegedly prefers a committee with no representatives from the Bulgarian political parties and has accordingly invited Kiosseivanov and Ivan Balabanov to join the committee because they represent the royal family and oppose the Bulgarian political parties.

4. Dimitri Matsankiev has written a letter to Shopov in which he attacked George M. Dimitrov and offered to cooperate with Petkov and Milev in order to control Dimitrov and the committee.

5. At the suggestion of Todor Tenev and Dinko Sotirov, under the direction of Sava Kirov, all anti-Dimitrov emigres are talking of uniting into one group which would include the "extreme pro-Nazi Right" (Ivan Dochev, Stefan Popov); the Paris group of Jordan Tenev, Sotirov, Kirov, etc.; and the anti-Dimitrov Agrarians (Tenev, Konstantin Kirov, etc.). The Democratic Party has also been invited to join this new group but it was stated that Dimitar Kellev, former secretary of the party, had refused to do so.

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