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Georgi Todorov *no 201*

On March 6, 1969, Dr. Ivan Docheff, President, Bulgarian National Front, Incorporated (BNF), an anti-Communist Bulgarian emigre organization, advised Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that about one year ago, he met captioned individuals who had escaped from Bulgaria and were admitted to the United States as conditional entrants.

In an effort to help them, he and other members of the BNF sought employment for them in the New York City area. Although, they were offered jobs as laborers, they refused these offers, and it was soon obvious to Docheff that they were not interested in obtaining employment.

After some months, Docheff learned that Dotov and Todorov were meeting Bulgarians in the New York City area, and were keeping records of those they met and their Bulgarian backgrounds. He also noticed that they were interested in having him discuss domestic and international politics. When he refused to enter into such discussions, they told him they had "special work" to do, and were not only interested in gathering information about Bulgarians in this country but were also interested in information about political matters. At one point, they mentioned that they were gathering this information so they could check on Bulgarians in the United States who might, in the future, return to Bulgaria. Docheff

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understood this to mean those Bulgarians who would return after Bulgaria is free of Communism.

Docheff said Dotov and Todorov admitted to him and also to other members of the BNF, that they had visited Chicago, Buffalo, Washington, D. C., and other cities by plane and had talked to a number of Bulgarians in these cities. When Docheff inquired as to how they could afford such trips without having a source of steady income, they replied they had certain means of obtaining money. They, however, refused to divulge any details as to these means.

Docheff advised that he learned from Bulgarians in the New York City area that Dotov and Todorov had visited their homes. Some of those visited had never met either Dotov or Todorov before and were surprised by their visit. He said that although he does not know it to be a fact, he feels that they have obtained money from some of these Bulgarians.

Docheff mentioned that there was other information that came to his attention about Dotov and Todorov. He recalled that Todor Kanoff, 37-45 79th Street, Jackson Heights, New York City, told him that he had been in an Italian refugee camp with Dotov and Todorov and during their confinement there, they were nothing but trouble makers and were shunned by other Bulgarians in the camp.

Docheff also recalled that Todor Biseff, who has an apartment at 113 West 82nd Street address, told him some months ago, he visited the apartment of Dotov and Todorov and while there, he observed a bundle of "Robotnochesko Delo", a Bulgarian language newspaper published in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Docheff said that in his long experience in Bulgarian emigre activities in Canada and the United States, he has not met two such Bulgarians as Dotov and Todorov. He said that their behavior and activities has caused him and other members of the BNF to shun them. He mentioned that for months, they have been accusing members and sympathizers of the BNF and also other Bulgarians in this area of being Communists. When Docheff confronted them concerning these accusations, they merely replied that other Bulgarians had furnished them information about those they accused.

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On June 30, 1969, Dotov and Todorov were interviewed by SAS of the FBI concerning their activities and they furnished the following information:

Dotov and Todorov readily admitted that they had visited Buffalo, Chicago, Washington, D. C., and other cities, however, they stated that they travelled by automobile and not by air or train as they could not possibly afford this mode of travel. They stated that they accompanied other Bulgarians residing in New York City, who owned the automobiles in which they travelled and that they shared the expenses for the gasoline.

The reason for Dotov's and Todorov's visits to other cities was to visit other Bulgarian immigrants and relatives of families that Dotov and Todorov had known in Bulgaria.

Dotov and Todorov stated that they are acquainted with many Bulgarian immigrants in New York City, and other cities, and this is because most newly arrived Bulgarian immigrants cannot speak English and out of necessity, they tend to congregate in small colonies. The immigrants usually talk of their work, their families, and their escape from Bulgaria. Therefore, they stated that it is logical for them to be aware of the background of the Bulgarian immigrants with whom they are acquainted. Todorov and Dotov stated that they have never attempted to extort money from any Bulgarian immigrant.

Dotov and Todorov advised that they are not currently employed and have not been employed for a considerable period of time. Dotov stated that it was not possible for him to work because he has a hernia and needs an operation. Todorov evaded questions pertaining to his sources of income, explaining only, that he receives sufficient funds from an uncle which enable he and Dotov to pay for their meager needs. Todorov identified his uncle as one Simeon Markov, residing in Montevideo, Uruguay, who left Bulgaria approximately 43 years ago.

Dotov and Todorov were indignant and emotional in accounting for their activities and they emphasized that they are very grateful for the opportunity to live in the United States and that they are vigorously opposed to Communism.

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They pointed out that each of them had been arrested and convicted of anti-Communist political activity in Bulgaria and were sentenced to long prison terms which were terminated by an amnesty of the Bulgarian Government to political prisoners. Dotov and Todorov escaped from Bulgaria because of this political persecution.

Dotov and Todorov emphasized that they are law abiding residents of the United States and that they have not violated any of the conditions of their parole into the United States. They reside together at 113 West 82nd Street, New York City.

On August 26, 1969, Dotov and Todorov appeared at the New York Office of the FBI and they again stressed that they are anti-Communist and that it appears to them that someone in the Bulgarian community in New York City is making allegations to the FBI that they are Communist agents. They requested the identity of their accusers and stated that they would meet their accusers face to face and deny any allegations against them.

It was made clear to Dotov and Todorov that the files of the FBI are confidential and their contents could not be divulged to them.

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