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NOTES ON 14-15 MARCH MEETING WITH GOMACE IN NEW YORK

OPERATIONAL LEAD - TODOR TODOROV: ()

Todor TODOROV plans to send his only child back to Bulgaria to be raised by the child's grandparents. Subject is divorced from his wife. He can send the child to Bulgaria in the custody of one of two women who are planning to make the trip from Canada to Bulgaria during the months of April and May. (CO Note: In a more recent letter from GOMACE, it was disclosed that TODOROV may send the child with the lady departing Canada on 3 May. The necessary arrangements for passport, etc. for the child are being made in preparation for the child's departure on that date. At the April meeting GOMACE will inquire as to our decision re our acceptance of the proposed operation and our financial support).

A Bulgarian visa cannot be obtained in Canada but must be requested from the Polish Legation in Great Britain. If we concur, GOMACE proposes that we give TODOROV suitable training and at a later date he would depart for Bulgaria to visit his child. While there TODOROV would carry out any assignments given. TODOROV's parents live in the village of Gramada, Kula district. (CO Note: GOMACE was told that we found the project interesting and would rediscuss the matter and perhaps give him our decision at the April meeting in New York).

(CO Note: TODOROV would go to Bulgaria some months after his daughter had made the trip. While there he would attempt to set up contacts within the country for future use in PI activities. If he does not encounter any difficulty in leaving the country after a short period of time, he would then return to Canada, and make future trips in like manner. If, once in the country, he found himself unable to leave Bulgaria, he would find work and remain for a period of time until able to escape from the country.)

OPERATIONAL LEAD - TOLO ZLATKOV ()

The father of Tolo ZLATKOV is a tried fighter against Communism. He is fearless and is ready to do anything we ask for our cause. He lives on the outskirts of Sofia. Because he is quite elderly he may be able to get permission to visit his son in Canada. We could train him here and return him to Bulgaria as a first class informant and activist. If you () approve this project we can take immediate steps to request his coming, but if permission is granted it will be necessary to pay the necessary expenses. He will need some financial assistance now to help him get the necessary documents for the area. The support would be forwarded by ZLATKOV who cannot finance such a venture out of his own pocket.

The father lives in the village of Naselevtsi near Sofia. He has wide contacts and could organize safehouses, escape channels, and intelligence collection. He would not be given any financial assistance other than that mentioned above until after he had completed his training here.

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OPERATIONAL LEAD - SOKOL SELVELIEV

(CO Note: In the summer of 57 GOMACE proposed that we send a letter to subject inside Bulgaria and see if we received an acknowledgement. GOMACE said that subject would be able to make an excursion outside of Bulgaria, possibly to Berlin, where we could contact him. If we succeeded in accomplishing this, we could then give him instructions to carry out within Bulgaria. The first letter sent to subject was transmitted to the field under dispatch EGFW-4/31, dated 20 September 1957, to be mailed to subject internally by [redacted]. The second letter sent in like manner was transmitted to the field under EGFW-6394, dated 3 February 1958. SELVELIEV's address is Boulevard Slamboliyski No. 22, Magazine Gumikoop, Sofia, Bulgaria.)

SELVELIEV is prepared to work with us. In a letter from Sofia dated 27 February he confirms the receipt of the first letter mailed to him last September 1957. He didn't reply sooner because he was afraid of a provocation and he reacted only after GOMACE asked him in his normal correspondence whether he had gotten any mail. His letter is in double talk. In saying that he wants to see GOMACE he indicates his willingness to work. The next step is for him to try to go to East Berlin on an excursion. We would have to give him an address in West Berlin to which he can go and a recognition signal to use.

In his letter SELVELIEV gives precise indications as to where he works and how he can be found, so if we send someone to see him to pass a letter or instructions, he can be readily found. The best and safest way to contact him is at work. After 8 a.m. he is at the bus dispatch station on General Khristo Mikhaylov St. No. 8. His badge number as chauffeur is 113. He can also be reached at his home in Kryazhevo very early in the morning (before 6).

SELVELIEV is in poor financial shape. If we want to work with him we must gradually start sending him things which he can resell and collect the necessary money for a trip to East Berlin. As he wrote in a previous letter he would need two to three thousand leva for a trip to East Germany and you can well understand that we should also do something for him personally. I believe that if we want to start work with him I must be given the possibility (by various routes) of sending him items which he could sell for three to four thousand leva. In the meantime we must find a way to give him an address in East Berlin and be prepared to go there as soon as we get his signal. Excursions to East Berlin are possible from the period from June to September.

GOMACE PERSONAL MATTER:

GOMACE informed [redacted] at the March meeting that he had found a job as a real estate salesman and also had an opportunity to work as a salesman with a Chevrolet auto firm.