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1. CRYPTONYM DATE: <u>14/9/51</u> REVIEWER: <u>061169</u>		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH EE-I	3. COUNTRY(S) Bulgaria	4. ESTIMATED COMPLETION PERCENT DATE	
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8. FUNDING					
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10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

a. Support

(1) The following progress was made toward the accomplishment of the Bulgarian Guard Company in Germany:

(a) It was decided to recruit the first members of the Guard Company from among the followers of G.M. Dimitrov in the Buhle Baden refugee camp in Germany.

(b) The temporary head of the Guard Company arrived in Germany. ✓

(c) Administrative work in EUCOM necessary to establish the camp has been begun.

(2) Ten Bulgarian agents began a five-week intensive agent-training program on 8 September at the Grafenwehr training site. ✓

(3) Improvements were made at the TPWEAPON training site at Gernsheim, Germany to permit year-around training. ✓

(4) The problem of the disposal of Dimitri A. Dimitrov was solved temporarily. He has been confined to an Army hospital in the Panama Canal Zone, where it is intended to keep him until permanent CIA disposal facilities are established. ✓

b. Propaganda

(1) Black propaganda broadcasts over Radio Gorianin and the QKSTAIR mailing campaign continued. In accordance with instructions issued in August, Radio Gorianin programs have begun avoiding explicit claims that broadcasts originate within Bulgaria. However, the programs are so worded that credulous listeners can readily believe that the situation is inside the country. Program content has been continually improved to bolster the impression that Radio Gorianin enjoys close contacts with developments inside Bulgaria. ✓

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(2) Leaflets fell in the Tutrakan area in the northeast section of the country in March, 1951 according to a report of interrogation of a refugee from that area. It had been feared that the March QKSTAIR leaflet drop may have been made over Yugoslavia by mistake, but the report tends to confirm that the airdrop was made along the scheduled route. ✓

(3) Fifteen thousand packages containing needles and razor blades and labeled as gifts from the Freedom Brotherhood were shipped to Athens on 18 September 1951 for dropping over Bulgaria in future operational flights. ✕

c. Infiltration

(1) Six infiltration agents were tried in Sofia during September. Three were sentenced to death and three to long-term imprisonment. Apparently the men were caught as a result of: (a) information furnished the militia by a defector, (b) faulty operational judgment on the part of some of the agents, and, (c) militia ambushes. It is felt that the trial has not caused serious damage to future QKSTAIR operations, because the information available to the Bulgarian authorities from the defendants must have been known to them already through agents who had defected or been captured. ✓

(2) Five trained W/T operators are now available in Greece for future operations. Two trained W/T operators have been retained in Germany for integration with teams now undergoing training at Grafenwoehr. ✓

(3) The re-infiltration of the team which operated in the Haskova Area in July has been postponed because of reports of unusual preparations against the team by the Bulgarian Militia in the Haskova area.

d. Political

(1) Ivan Kiosseivanov, another member of the proposed new Executive Committee of the BNC, has arrived in Canada on his way to the U.S. ✓

(2) The preparation of plans for the exploitation for OPC purposes of the broadened Bulgarian National Committee has been begun. ✕

e. Evaluation and Comment

The major outstanding problems in QKSTAIR operations at present are:

(a) The recruitment of agent personnel.

(b) The assignment of Bulgarian-speaking staff personnel to the field. It is expected that the former will be at least partially solved in November with the establishment of the Guard Company. The latter problem is being met by extensive recruitment efforts and intensive language training for personnel scheduled to go to the field.

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