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- 1. A certain Major Papalev (sic) was commander of the Momchilgrad Sektor (RG-0031) until two months ago when he was sent to Sofia and was succeeded by a colonel. The Momchilgrad Sektor (Fodelenie 4560) has the following uchastuks under its command: Zlatograd (RF-7515), Chorbadzhiysko (RG-0015), and Krumovgred (RG-1322). It is not known whether other uchastuks are under the command of the Momchilerad Sektor.
- 2. The Chorbadzhiysko Uchastuk has the following five zastavas under its command: Benkovtsi, Dolno Kapinovo, Ahcha, and Shumnatitsa.
- 3. The Ahcha Zastava, which is located south of the village of Chakelarovo, is under the command of the Chorbadzhiysko Uchastuk of the Third Momchilgrad Sektor. The commanding officer of the Ahcha Zastava is Warrent Officer Blagoi Ivanov Georgiev.
- The strength of the Ahcha Zastava is 27 men of whom two are stationed at Chakalarovo, where the food and equipment of the Zastava are stored. On 9 September 1951, the Mastava was temporarily reinforced by a twelve-man group from the uchastuk.
- 5. The Ahcha Zastava is equipped with the following: three German light machine guns, ten Shpagin automatics, and Vintovka rifles. The Zastava has no mortars or other heavy armament; it has two mules at its disposal for the transport of food from the village of Chakalarovo to the Zastava.
- 6. At the headquarters of the Zastava there are three men on guard. Two two-man patrols are dispatched every three hours from the Zastava; one patrol operates to the east, and one to the west of the Zastava.
- 7. Ambush groups are not in place at night. Each patrol has one automatic rifle with a circular clip and thirty to seventy rounds of armunition, as well as one Vintovka rifle with thirty to sixty rounds. The patrol makes every effort to take alive all persons found near the border, and only opens fire if there is a chance that the refugee will escape.

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