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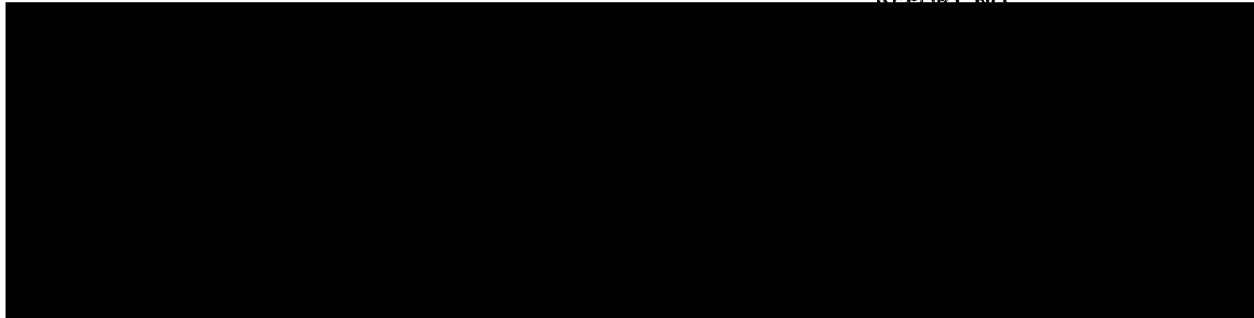
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1. It has been reported that Communist officials in the Bulgarian Legation in Istanbul are engaging in smuggling activities from Turkey to Bulgaria in spite of the threat of heavy penalties from the Bulgarian authorities. Contraband items, which include jewelry, medicine, cosmetics, shoes, nylon, perfumes, and clothing, are allegedly carried by couriers or by officials returning to Bulgaria on business or vacation. The service is limited to members of the Communist Party, and high-ranking officials of the Politbureau and the Militia are said to be involved. These smuggling activities are under the direction of Blagoi POPYORDANOV, Vice Consul.

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Comment: POPYORDANOV has previously been reported to be Counselor of Legation.

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