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The Bulgarian Jurist Ivan Doohev, who is currently residing in Austria sent a letter on 10 October 1949 to the Bulgarian political refugee Nikolai Mutafochiev who is in Athens. The text of the letter follows.

"1. I read the document which you sent to the Secretariat of the National Front, and I congratulate you on the decision which you have taken. I always knew that you were on the side of the Front, (etc) both you and your followers. The work of liberation will succeed when all the national fighters on all the sides gather on one side (etc).

"2. The Secretariat (the Office) of the National Front will answer your letter, but I make haste to express to you my own enthusiasm. Some time ago Golovanov wrote to me and I answered him. He surely must have obtained my address from you. Dr. G.M. Dimitroff came here to us in France and some time ago in Austria too. He is busy gathering his followers around him, for some of them were dissatisfied. This activity of his will be successful, because he brought money from America with him and he is distributing it among them. One must grieve because today there are people in America who surely from ignorance are giving money to these men to maintain them and to help them to create political parties.

"3. But... we must await our own day (our own hour). It will come and very soon. I wrote you before that I favor an agreement among all the Bulgarian forces but not in the political party sense, and still more not under the leadership of those who are responsible for the misfortune of the Bulgarian people, who are responsible for the blood shed by thousands of good Bulgarians.

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"4. I should prefer to postpone the discussion of the question of those who are responsible until later when we return to Bulgaria. Now, however, when I see those who are responsible trying in exile and in places where they have taken refuge to gain offices and positions through which they will be able to shake off their responsibilities and also trying to slander the real fighters for the nation and for liberty, I think that it is imperative to expose these persons. I am persuaded that so long as the Allies of the West continue to play the game of alliance with the Soviets our tomorrow will not be easy - the tomorrow when accounts must be squared. Then, I believe, the favor which today is being shown to Ganyeto and his followers will come to an end, because with such insecure elements it is not possible to wage a real struggle. Then will come the hour of nationalist Bulgaria. Therefore we must be ready.

"5. I congratulate you again on your decision to help us in our struggle."

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