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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ROBERT F. JOYCE  
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SUBJECT: "A New Danger for World's Peace - Red Bulgaria",  
a Pamphlet by Dr. Ivan Docheff

1. Reference is made to your request—contained in a note attached to a copy of the subject pamphlet—for comments on the author, Dr. Ivan Docheff, and his case against Dr. G. M. Dimitroff.
2. Dr. Docheff is a leader of the "anti-Bolshevik Union of Austria", with headquarters in Salzburg. It is a small group of allegedly former fascists organized by Dr. Docheff since his escape from Bulgaria in 1944. It is probably an offshoot of the "Bulgarian National Legion" of which Dr. Docheff was the leader. The attitude of the Bulgarian National Legion towards the Germans during the war was reputedly one of benevolence, if not of collaboration. Elsewhere, in a report on file in this office, Dr. Docheff is referred to as a "notorious Bulgarian Nazi".
3. The last chapter of the book (pages 84 to 116) is largely a vicious, emotional attack on Dr. G. M. Dimitroff and the Bulgarian Committee. After setting forth the strategic significance of Bulgaria and the fact that Bulgaria is now firmly in the grip of the Kremlin and obviously being manipulated by Moscow as a pawn in the initiation of Soviet aggression in Europe, the author emphasizes the need of the West to separate Bulgaria from the Soviet sphere of influence. He believes that this could be accomplished only by winning over the Bulgarian people; and in order to do so the West and particularly the U.S. should work through Bulgarians who command authority and confidence among the Bulgarian people.
4. Claiming that Dr. G. M. Dimitroff is only the leader of the politically compromised group "Fladna" and not the Secretary General of the Bulgarian Agrarian Party, he quotes from numerous Bulgarian publications outside Bulgaria to prove it. He then takes the U.S. Government and particularly the Department of State to task for backing up Dimitroff and his Bulgarian Committee whom he accuses of being former members of the Fatherland Front, "Communist collaborators and accomplices"; and who, in order to re-establish their "lost personal prestige" with the Bulgarian people disseminate falsehoods in the form

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of "confidential rumors" purporting to show that their participation in the Fatherland Front before 9 September 1944 and in the Communist regime after 9 September 1944 was on "orders and instructions" of the U.S. Government. He adds: "It seems that the Department of State is the only one to ignore that Dr. G. M. Dimitrov is an artificially created personality whose existence is due only to the support of him by Washington, and that if there is still a trace of authority around the person of Dr. G. M. Dimitrov, this is only a reflection of the authority of Washington."

5. He refers to the Bulgarian National Committee as a "Fatherland Front No. 2." He charges that "the first as well as the last of these 'gentlemen' who still compose this committee are former active officials of the Communist-ruled Fatherland Front . . . They are: Two former Communist diplomats; the former ideologist of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front; two former organizers of mob meetings and agitators; and so forth until the end. Truly a bouquet of unmistakable aroma."

6. Dr. Doehff reiterates the well-known charges against Dimitrov for his political activities and squandering of American funds during his trips to Europe without accomplishing the organization of any anti-Communist activity, and warns that "the Bulgarian nation feels not only puzzled and astonished but even considering its future destiny seriously endangered and jeopardized in view of the fact that if the Bulgarian nation should join the Western Powers, it will also be obliged to accept and tolerate the favorite of the West: Dr. G. M. Dimitrov."

7. Without entering into the merits of the author's allegations concerning Dr. Dimitrov's political activities and party connections in Bulgaria - which perhaps are not entirely without foundation - we have sufficient evidence on record in this office to show that there is considerable substance to the charges against Dr. Dimitrov for his political activities since he left Bulgaria and his exploitation of the Bulgarian National Committee.

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