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MEMORANDUM FOR: OPP/P&O

SUBJECT: Project BGCONVOY, Approved 6 August 1954  
Request for Approval of Operational Expenditure to  
Dr. Ivan DOGHEV

1. The objective of subject project is, in part, "to provide for those developmental activities that have not reached an operational degree sufficient to assume individual project status." Expenditure of FP operational funds for the above purpose in the amount of \$41,250 has been authorized subject to availability of funds.
2. One of the sub-proposals of BGCONVOY is "the FP development and exploitation of an emigre leader and/or his followers and such facilities as the newspaper published by the group."
3. On 15 July 1954 (as authorized by STU, British Liaison, etc.) contact was made with Dr. Ivan DOGHEV, leader of the Bulgarian National Front, now resident in Canada. In general, the meeting indicated that Dr. DOGHEV may have operational assets for eventual training and use in infiltration operations into Bulgaria. By letter of 31 July 1954 (translation attached) Dr. DOGHEV indicates that he has now formulated concrete plans for use operationally of a selected few of his followers in clandestine penetration operations.
4. As stated in enclosure - in which we concur - it is vital that the newspaper of the Bulgarian National Front continue to be published during the critical period while he is attempting to marshal his assets. Since DOGHEV claims that he receives no outside assistance, other than contributions from his followers, in financing this publication, he requests that we give financial assistance to ensure that an issue appear for 9 September 1954, the 10th anniversary of the Communist seizure of Bulgaria.
5. We therefore request your approval that a maximum of \$500 be paid to Dr. DOGHEV, on his personal receipt, to assist in paying the

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expenses of the 9 September issue of VAROZEN GLAD, organ of the Bulgarian National Front. Said payment is to be on a "one time" basis out of funds available in EGCONVOY. Whether subsequent payments for this or other operational expenses are to be made is dependent on the outcome of the second contact meeting as suggested in the letter attached.

[ Chief, SE ]

Approved:

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