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SUBJECT: MATSANKIEF, Dimitur

SOURCE: Ivan DOCHEV

- 1. Source remarked to me that he found it somewhat strange that Subject was now the chief voice of RFE exhorting the people to overthrow the Communist regime when during 19hh-45 he had worked for BBC first telling the Bulgarians to welcome and help the Russians and then in 19h5 told the Bulgarians to work with the Communists to build a better Bulgaria.
- 2. I did not query Source further on this allegation as time was running short and I had a number of other things to cover with him.

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SUBJECT: PASKALEV, Rimitter Vladimir

SOURCE, DOCHEV, Ivan

1. Source, in the course of commenting of personnel of REF-NCFE, made certain remarkes about Subject. He stated that Subject had been a low-ranking clerk in the Bulgarian Foreign Office until the Fatherland Front came to power, at which time he was my promoted and sent to Vienna, becoming charge during his tour there. It was Subject to Source's belief that if the Bulgarian govt had not recalled Subject, he would have been willing to stay on in his job with the Communist government. He also called that PSKALEV had been instrumental in having several anti-Communist students recalled to Sofia because of their anti-regime activities or talk.

CCMMENT: I don't know just how accurate this is but it should be checked. Ixknown that Cabbett was I have heard from C I that Subject had been a protege of on MINKOV, a relative of I by marriage, and Foreign Minister prior to 9 Sept 1944, but that MINKOV was killed by the Comunists early in 1945. Expecting that he would be killed, he asked a friend to help PASKALEV get a job outsied the country, which he did. It seems somehwat doubtful to me that he could have been in the favor of the Bug govt if he was recalled in 1948. The only other conclusion one can reach, it seems to me, is that he is a very clever Bulgarian or RIS agent who "defected" under orders. This would mean that not only he, but presumably I must be agents of DS. This is, of course, a possibility, but I am inclined to coubt it. I think PASKALEV at least, is a rether weak character who would play along with anything a s long as he was safe and living well.

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