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On the Work Done During My Trip to Europe

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On 8 May I flew from Toronto to Montreal. At the Montreal airport I met my man, Tolo ZLATKOV, by prearrangement. He stated that the plant where he worked was out on strike, that he was unemployed and that he preferred to move to Toronto where he could be in regular contact with me. Since Tolo is one of the promising men with which I plan to work, I gave him \$50. and instructed him to move to Toronto by the time I return (from Europe). He complied and is temporarily quartered at 28 Bramsvik St. where I can control him.

On the evening of 8 May I flew on to Paris, arriving on the morning of 9 May. On the afternoon of 9 May I met my acquaintance from Bulgaria, Miss Donka LAZOVA, sister of the "Legion" leader in Plovdiv who was killed by the communists after 9 September 1944. In Paris she goes by the name of ANTONIA. She left Bulgaria last year with a passport (i.e. legally) after trying for eight years by virtue of the fact that a former friend and official of the Italian Consulate in Plovdiv, now residing in Italy, sent a statement that he would marry her. She was permitted to leave to get married, but, of course, the marriage proposal was just a gimmick. On arrival in Italy she was aided by French nuns, who had taught her in the French School in Plovdiv, in moving to France. She now lives in the Pension, La Vedie (phon) in Paris.

Miss LAZOVA is now 35 and she lives with the fanatic idea of getting revenge on the Communists for the death of her brother. Before leaving Bulgaria, she and her three younger brothers had vowed to work together for revenge, no matter what it cost. Her brothers are Metodi (32), Stefan (28), and Grigor (24). This same group is part of a larger conspiracy headed by the former lawyer, SLAVCHO.

SHKURTOV, who before 1944 was head of the civilian section of the "Legion" in Plovdiv. Other members are Nikola KONSTANTINOV, from Plovdiv; Khristo ANGELOV, from Asenovgrad; and Ivan BONEV, from Harmanli, all former activists in the "Legion." Before Miss LAZOVA left for Italy this group assigned her the job of establishing contact with me (Dochav) personally and telling me that they were ready to work for the cause. LAZOVA now maintains contact with the group by way of family type correspondence with her brothers. The way LAZOVA was to indicate she had made contact with me and that action is planned was to send shoes as a present to her brothers and, if feasible through them to the other members of the group. I left Miss LAZOVA \$100. for this purpose and to send medicine for SHKURTOV's two children who are sick. She will send all the items gradually in the period before I contact her again with further instructions.

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Miss LAZOVA has put herself completely at my disposal and she is willing at any time to go on a "visit" to her mother in Bulgaria for the express purpose of establishing operational contact with this group of well known and tested individuals. They can establish a net in the entire area (South-East Bulgaria). Through Miss LAZOVA we will lay on a method for future contact with the group. As Miss LAZOVA has experienced great hardships in Bulgaria and knows the methods of the Communists she makes it an absolute condition that she not meet or work through intermediaries whether Bulgarian or of other nationalities. She is willing to work with us, but only through me, personally. In this connection, I would like to say that in all my talks with my people I have presented myself only as a representative of the BNF. I have emphasized clearly that we, the BNF, are commencing activity on our own behalf, and that none of us are to work with any one except the BNF and for the BNF. Nowhere have I even mentioned the names of Americans. Therefore, I request that this basis of joint work (i.e. hiding US interest) be adhered to strictly, because if it is not, I risk making myself ridiculous in the eyes of my people, and wrecking the entire enterprise.

Miss LAZOVA will go to Bulgaria any time I say so. Obviously she cannot return as a Bulgarian citizen as they would never let her out again. Since she was allowed out to marry an Italian, and has maintained in her correspondence that she actually has married him, she could return as an Italian citizen and legal traveller to visit her mother. In other words we must provide Miss LAZOVA with an Italian passport so that she can request a regular visitors visa from the Bulgarian Legation (Case Officer Comment: The impossibility of obtaining false documentation was pointed out to Dochev and he came up with the alternate suggestion of bringing LAZOVA to Canada, arranging a pro-forma marriage and obtaining Canadian citizenship in a year. It was also pointed out to Dochev that a girl with the family history of the LAZOVA's is not likely to be allowed back no matter what her citizenship and he was warned not to change Miss LAZOVA's life in any way that would actually or by implication commit Dochev or us to assume financial or moral obligation for her support in the future).

A visit by Miss LAZOVA TO Bulgaria would allow us to have direct contact with the group of trusted people of ours mentioned above and enable us to have an operating net immediately. Therefore I insist that we do what is necessary to procure a passport for Miss LAZOVA immediately so that she will have time to take steps to request a visa.

Miss LAZOVA is not in a religious order or nunnery in France. She has obtained a job with the help of the Sisters previously mentioned and lives in the pension modestly and with many privations. She regards this situation as temporary and awaits the day when she can do her duty and carry out her vow to revenge her brother. We must take advantage of this at all costs.

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All the people that I mentioned and who make up the clandestine group in and around Plovdiv are alumni of the Communist camps and prisons, full of hatred of the regime and sworn fighters who only await the opportune moment for action. I feel we have achieved more than I expected from this trip because the work inside Bulgaria is prepared and there is no need to seek contacts. All we need to do is make contact and start work. I believe that we will find the same kind of ready groups in any other parts of the country we can establish contacts in - providing an initial contact can be established. And I think it can because the people I met on my trip are ready for sacrifices and for missions to penetrate into the interior of Bulgaria.

Miss LAZOVA, like all the others I talked with about clandestine work, does not know anything about my other operational contacts, and believes that she is the only person I have contacted in Paris.

On the evening of 9 May I went to the village of Cusi au Brie where several of our trusted people live and work at strenuous jobs. These are Anto KOSTOV, Aleksi BARDARSKI, Prokop STANEV, Stanko GEORGIEV and two others. Their address is: 7 Rue Ludovic Halevy. We talked most of the night. The four men mentioned now form a group ready to go to Bulgaria in the event of an upheaval there.

I had a prolonged private talk with BARDARSKI who is suited for cross border operations and willing to undertake them at anytime. He is an experienced man and we can use him anytime we need to. However if we want him, we must prepare and train him. The remaining three are also tested and suitable for illegal operations, but they would need more training and constant contact which under our present terms of reference I cannot arrange. However they agree to hold themselves in readiness to go to Bulgaria if anything happens.

I had to pay \$,000 French francs for the taxi that took me to Cusi au Brie and waited to return me to Paris. I also chipped in 4,000 francs for the supper and wine we all shared. The meeting cost a total of \$25.

On 10 May I flew to Munich. That evening I had a long talk with Dr. VULCHEV, EVDOKIMOV, GENCHEV and other friends on BNF organizational problems. In order to save time I had invited our friends from the other German cities to meet me in Munich.

On 11 May I met Yoncho NENOV, a friend and true man of mine. He is ready for cross border activity at any time. He was trained as W/T operator by the Americans 3 (5) years ago. Naturally he would have to have technical refresher training. He states that in his previous work with the Americans (I don't know which) he remained very disillusioned. He had been ready to go into Bulgaria, but at the last moment the operation had been postponed. Thereafter he had been abandoned by his American "friends" for whom he had been ready to risk his life. He had been dumped in France without documents or any regularization of his position. As a result he came under

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suspicion and even spent some time in jail. He then went to Germany and spent more time in jail before regularizing his position with the German authorities. He is again ready for decisive illegal activity; however, he insists on working exclusively through the BNF and on having contact with me alone and not with any middle men of any nation whatsoever. This man is truly suited for serious activity and I rely on him completely; however, in view of the past we must be careful. As I said before I never say that I have contacts with the Americans or that we are bound to succeed thanks to our working for the Americans. I am sorry it is so, but the men who in the past have worked with the American services almost without exception have been disillusioned and now it is impossible to use them except with the BNF - in the name of and under exclusive direction of the BNF.

Since Youcho NENOV was in bad shape financially and had been sick for a long time, I had to find a way of helping him that would not insult him. Therefore I assigned him the task of working with the young man, Slavi MINKOV, whom I intend sending to Bulgaria legally (as a repatriate). The setup will be as follows: NENOV will prepare MINKOV for repatriation over a two-three month period and work out a combined operation in which MINKOV will be the advance man who will go to Bulgaria legally and later meet up and work operationally with NENOV who will enter Bulgaria illegally. I left NENOV 500 marks for his assignment. Actually this is for the most part a one-time subsidy to help NENOV straighten out his personal affairs. He has started raising pigs, but his enterprise hasn't produced any profits yet. NENOV will have some expenses connected with the training of MINKOV.

In addition to his use in the above project, NENOV is well enough trained politically to be the leader of a liaison group that could be sent on short notice to Bulgaria from Germany if needed. This possibility has been discussed with NENOV. He would become the head of a liaison group which would also include Iliya STANKOV, Dimitur STOYANOV and Velko KRUSTEV. I will discuss these men below.

Also on the evening of 10 May I had meetings with Engineer G. LAZAROV from Stuttgart; Dr. Alexander LYUBENOV from Frankfurt; and Iliya STANKOV from Aachen.

First I talked to LAZAROV and ZYUBENOV on BNF organizational and political questions. I am very satisfied because these men and the people they represent are a stronghold of our movement. I did not discuss clandestine activity with these men except in most general terms as they are not suited for this type of work. All I did was to prepare them to accept such activity on the part of the top leadership of the BNF as represented by me as justified and timely. The two gentlemen paid their own railroad fare but I paid their expenses for one day in Munich. The same evening I invited other friends in Munich to meet them at a supper. This supper and the other expenses came to 150 Deutsche Marks.

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The next day (Sunday, 11 May) I spent with Iliya STANKOV since he is a man who will carry out cross border activity. He came as a representative of a number of BNP friends in Aachen. First I spent five or six hours finding out about STANKOV and his group and then we discussed clandestine activity for another three or four hours. In STANKOV's case as in the case of YONCHEV, and in Paris and later in Trieste I established that our men are ready to risk their lives in armed, illegal activity, but they reject legal return (repatriation) to Bulgaria because they cannot compromise with their principles, even for cover purposes; and also because they figure that they are so well known from their past activity in Bulgaria and their emigre activity as anti-communists and would be arrested and probably liquidated on arrival if they repatriated. They cannot rely on Communist promises of immunity, whereas as illegal border crossers they can at least defend themselves.

Iliya STANKOV is at my disposition for any kind of illegal activity in Bulgaria. He is experienced and ready. Of course he will have to be trained when the actual moment arrives.

His and my friends in Aachen are working in the mines under very poor conditions for \$3 a day. They are all ready for our work. As stated above, Dimitur STOYANOV and Velko KRUSTEV are in Yoncho NENOV's group along with Iliya STANKOV, ready for action in the event that anything happens in Bulgaria. Simeon KAMENOV and Ognyan BONEV, also there, are also ready for action. Since both Yoncho NENOV and Iliya STANKOV are ready to be crossborder operators, I am enclosing their PRQ's.

I paid STANKOV's expenses, also for his trip to Munich. He described to me the awful conditions of our friends in Aachen who work in the mines, that they can't afford to buy clothes, etc. For the first time in many years, I, in the name of the leadership of our organization, was able to go and meet with our people and discuss positive action. Dr. D. M. Dimitrov was in Germany at the same time I was, and our people know that he (Gemeto) takes care of his own. Until now, our organization has never given material aid to our own people. But when we have so many people in America, and since we now intend to stabilize our organization, it behooves us to do something for our people who, in spite of their poor circumstances, are ready to sacrifice themselves. Therefore, I gave STANKOV 1,000 DM to cover his expenses from Aachen to Munich and to help out our people in Aachen. I was obliged to give this assistance in the name of our organization, because GM DIMITROV was passing out money to his friends in Germany at the same time, and it would have looked very bad if we had not been able to do likewise, albeit in small measure. It is worth noting here, that I always emphasized that I came in the name of the organization, that our means were limited because we received no subsidy from anyone and that we are working only in the name of our organization. We must keep our relationship entirely secret so that we don't expose ourselves and blow the operation.

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I took a taxi from Munich to Salzburg on 13 May (because I had to return the same day) to visit our people in the Parsh and Glazenbach DP camps. For the moment there is nothing to be done in Salzburg. Ivan DINEV will come to Canada shortly and can then be used - PETROV, IVANOV, KARANESHEV, SUVANDZHIEV and others are not suitable. The taxi from Munich to Salzburg and around Salzburg cost 180 DM.

After telephoning Khristo STATEV to meet us in Bologna, since Dr. VULCHEV wasn't able to go to Rome, VULCHEV and I went to Bologna on 14 May. My train ticket was 30 DM; spent 11 DM on VULCHEV in the dinner and 3,000 Lire for his hotel room for two days. I cancelled my airplane ticket from Munich to Rome and took the train. I applied for a refund and they promised to return \$35, which I haven't yet received.

We began our discussions with Mr. STATEV on the fifteenth of May in Bologna and they continued through the next day. We went over the questions which would have to be raised and I received my audience with the Czar Boris. Although we did not discuss it in detail it was emphasized that I have an unlimited mandate to continue my revolutionary activities and to organize whatever is necessary insofar as the Bulgarian activity is concerned. I am not describing my conversation in detail as it would not be of interest to you, and since some of it will come up later in my interview with the Czar.

I paid 3,000 lire for the hotel in Bologna. He paid for his own food and we were also invited out for dinner by Statev's daughter who is married to the Italian industrialist, Mortelli, who lives in Bologna.

On the 16th of May Statev returned to Rome, Volchev returned to Munich, and I went to Trieste. On the 15th of May I made the necessary arrangements by telephone with our people in Trieste, which cost me 1200 lire.

I arrived in Trieste the evening of 16 May. Because of the intrigues of Doctor Dimitrov, the Italian officials had forbidden me to enter the refugee camps and they had also forbidden our people to come and meet me at the railroad station. Since I arrived late at night when everyone was supposed to be in the camp they were not given the necessary permission to go out and meet me. That was the reason why a few people led by Georgi BIBANOV left the camp illegally to come to the station to meet me at the risk of being punished. My railroad ticket from Bologna to Trieste cost 4,600 lire.

Because of the circumstances described above I had to organize a meeting with my people in a public place which I rented for the following day. For the evening I rented a room in a restaurant. I did this in the name of our organization in Trieste but they have absolutely no financial means to do such a thing and therefore I had to pick up the tab although without advertising this fact. Thus, early in the morning I picked up my friends

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from the refugee camp and went to a private room in a tavern via Primaro (sic) and of course I had to buy everyone a drink. There I was able to have a long talk with the local president, Dr. Evtim PETROV, who is willing to go to Bulgaria immediately the moment an uprising occurs. I was able to pick out a large number of people there because almost without exception members of our group in Trieste are ready to take part in the event of an uprising in Bulgaria. I actually only picked out the following however: Krum DIMITROV, Grigor PENKOV and Yatsko ZHIVKOV. I had a private and important talk with these three men because they are people I know personally in Trieste and I know that they are able to carry out illegal activity in Bulgaria. And after our conversation, I received the declaration of their readiness to undertake this illegal activity. These three have already entered Bulgaria clandestinely. Grigor PENKOV is a person who is able to live illegally in Bulgaria for months and the other two can also remain for long periods of time clandestinely. Unfortunately however, because of the wretched living conditions in the refugee camp and since these people have been living there for years reviled by Dr. DIMITROV's people and by Dr. DIMITROV himself, saying that they are fascists, they have been unable to immigrate and find themselves in a very poor situation. In spite of this however they are ready to undertake great things. DIMITROV and YATSOV however expect to leave shortly for England and PINKOV is going to go to Australia.

At the end of my report I make a concrete proposal by which I would have the best possibility to create an excellent net of people who would be always at hand and able at any time we have need of them to take action. I insist that my request be satisfied because otherwise it would mean more trips whenever we needed people as well as having to boost their morale. This way if we can collect them in one place to undertake any action, I will have the people around me and always prepared for whatever is necessary, in addition to being able to keep up their morale.

When the refugee camp officials realized that our people were going to see me in spite of the ban they sent a man to the tavern and invited me to present myself in front of the director. I went and he received me in a gracious and friendly manner and offered me a room to continue my meetings and discussions. I accepted the room and we spent the rest of the afternoon talking and I finished my business very successfully. We had to have a public meeting however, and this was forbidden inside of the camp. I hired a hall in town where we had dinner served for all the members so it would appear not so much as a meeting as a banquet. Consequently about 50 of our people showed up that evening and I had the opportunity to speak publicly; others also spoke. Thus I ended my meeting in Trieste successfully. The organization was strengthened, a new group was formed and I made contact and the necessary arrangements with the people who are ready to undertake a mission inside of Bulgaria.

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To cover all the expenses, I gave 60,000 lire to the organisation and told them if there was any money left over they should give it to our people who are most in need. It was necessary for me to give this money in the name of the leadership of our organisation because Dr. Dimitrov was going around Europe and giving out much more money to his people (even salaries, etc) than I was able to do. In order to maintain our prestige we had to follow suit. Since the three men that I picked out for our clandestine activities, are in a very poor economic position I gave each one 10,000 lire.

I must mention the unpleasant news from Trieste that Todor Tenev has his own personal partisan in the camp at Trieste named Kristo Konovski. It appears that when Tenev was in Europe he attempted to recruit people for clandestine entry into Bulgaria and of course to present themselves in Bulgaria as representing Tenev's organisation - which in effect doesn't exist. Since he has no other people, Konovski came to see my people. They refused him, of course, but such approaches only create the impression that, whenever people talk about clandestine entry into Bulgaria, the Americans must somehow be behind it. I don't presume to interfere in your affairs but if you hire other types of people, you must at least have them agree to work among their own people and if they don't have any, they should not go around recruiting people from other organisations. It won't do any good, and it might do some harm. The same thing goes for Dr. Dimitrov. It is known of course that he works for the Americans and he himself doesn't hide the fact; on the contrary, it's the only thing that keeps his credit alive among his own friends. Even his own agents when they go around seeking recruits or when they engage in disputes with other members of the emigration, maintain that Dr. Dimitrov is the only one supported by the Americans and that therefore one must go along with him (Dimitrov). Now Dr. Dimitrov is going around to various cities collecting parachutists (?). He has already spoken in various places in Europe about this, and his people are going around collecting these parachutists in America. He is alleged to need 80 people from America and these people are supposed to go to Germany for training. If it is necessary I will tell you the names of Dimitrov's people who are making these statements and undertaking this action in the name and at the expense of the Americans. In spite of this however, I am certain that Dimitrov will not achieve results as favorable as mine because I am recruiting people in the name of Bulgaria, independent of everyone, and only under the leadership of our organisation. If it is a question of recruiting a group of parachutists, we can do this much more successfully than Dr. Dimitrov, especially since we undertook this sort of action during the war and many of our people who went through special schools during the war are now counted among us abroad.

On the 18th of May I left Trieste for Rome arriving the same day. Cost of the plane ticket was 8,500 lire. I was able to meet with Kristo Stavev that same night. On the 19th of May in Rome I was able to meet several of our friends, some of whom had come from nearby refugee camps to see me: Apostolov, Karayvanov, Fishkin, Pavlov, and others. For now however I kept the conversation on a

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general level because the proper atmosphere for clandestine discussions does not yet exist there. In the future however it is very possible that we can recruit Karagyvanov and Fishkin for our work. I got together with Statev and Father GAGOV and we discussed means for assisting GAGOV's committee and the Vatican Radio. The conversation was in generalities and we may not expect anything concrete from GAGOV because among other things GAGOV has connections with various American services and has even recruited people from our midst for these services. As a matter of fact there was a time in the past when we almost came into open conflict because we objected and would not permit him to recruit members of this organization behind our backs. Since our members remain completely disciplined and GAGOV was not able to continue with his work he was very angry with us, but now our relationship is completely improved. Once again I went over our agreement with STATEV before leaving for Madrid. I spent 4,000 lire in taxi fare going around Rome.

I left for Madrid on 20 May. I was in a hurry to complete my tour and return because I realized immediately that we must take rapid measures to collect our recruits around us because if we do not our best recruits would be scattered and it would be very difficult to get them together again and make use of them. Upon my arrival in Madrid, I immediately telephoned the Csar's villa and entered into conversation with Colonel Malchev. He arranged for me to come at four o'clock that afternoon and talk over the project with him. When I arrived at the Villa, however, things had changed. As soon as the Csar had heard that I had arrived, he arranged that I should come immediately to see him; therefore MALCHEV was able to meet me only at the door and we were unable to exchange even a word before I went to see the Csar. My first conversation with the Csar lasted four hours in which I made a general report and made various suggestions. The Csar stated that he wished to see me again the following day. After this first meeting with the Csar, I spoke with MALCHEV, but only in generalities. He invited me to tour the city, etc. but I avoided political discussions with him.

The following day, 21 May, I again went to the Csar's villa and we again had an extended conversation during which the Csar made the following declarations:

1. That he had completely exhausted every means of creating a government in exile with a wide representation and because of this he would probably have to reach a temporary decision to make use of people who are ready to create this group and afterwards seek some way to enlarge it. Of course even this temporary resolution of the problem would include people from as wide a basis as possible (this was our, B.F., theory as well because the continual postponement of the resolution of the problem was losing followers for the Csar).
2. The Csar is considering coming to America and Canada this Fall or perhaps later, depending upon our ability to organize his visit and arrange accommodations, etc. (This was also our, B.F., plea in order that he might

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visit the members of the emigration and come into contact with various American circles). The Csar would come as the guest of the emigration.

3. The Csar completely accepts our expressed opinion that he must surround himself with new people (political advisors) and that he must himself deal with the various Western Powers who today influence the future of Bulgaria, most important of which is the United States. The Csar stated that he is considering spending a year in some American University and that this would probably be during the 1958-59 academic year. The Csar, however, expressed his chagrin in that he had wished to enter West Point and had submitted a written application but had been rebuffed by the Americans (we, Dochev, are simply amazed that this could happen, that the Americans could do this, we wonder why?).

4. The Csar considers that the Radio Station in Madrid has great possibilities but because of the present lack of means one cannot improve it. The Csar is ready to accept anyone we send to him to direct the activities of the radio and he will cooperate in increasing the times of transmission if that is necessary (we, BNF, are ready and have people we can send to replace KEREMITCHIEV to increase the activities but under present monetary conditions this is impossible. If we could have \$100-200 a month we could send a man for this purpose and if we had \$200 a month we could send a first-class person - Is there such a possibility? - If there is such a possibility we could do with the Radio in Madrid as we wish!

I was able to gather the Csar's opinion about many things and I received the unmistakable impression that he wants to free himself of the guardianship of MALCHEV. He is looking for a way to accomplish this. We are obliged to help him in this respect and we shall help him. What pleased me very much was the fact that the Csar has the greatest feeling for and confidence in the organization of the National Front and he relies upon it. Further, he unmistakably emphasized his warmest personal feelings toward me. On the same day, 21 May, after my second meeting with the Csar, I visited the radio station and listened to a broadcast. After that I invited the two who worked there, KEREMITCHIEV and GEORGIEV, to dinner. The latter, GEORGIEV, is one of our good national front members. Since I was aware of his poor economic situation I bought him a good dinner for which I paid 300 pesetas.

People from the radio are now getting only 1,000 pesetas (presumably per month) from the Spanish government. Up until 1 January they were getting an additional 1,000 pesetas from a foundation but that however has stopped. They have thus fallen upon evil days in the last few months. GEORGIEV had hooked all his clothes and was unable to buy even one summer suit. The Csar helped them once by giving each of them 1,000 pesetas. I insisted upon helping them again, which I hope to do in the near future. In addition steps are being taken to try to get back the additional subsidy they previously were receiving. I spoke privately to GEORGIEV for a long time. He is our man and will work under my instructions. I gave him 1,000 pesetas to get his clothes out of

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back, which of course I didn't tell KEREMECHIEV since he is not a secure type. The Czar has the same opinion (OO Note: presumably about KEREMECHIEV). Colonel MALCHEV is not delighted by the creation of the radio station and even has suggested it be closed. Our insistence however that it not only be shut down but enlarged was accepted by the Czar. The fact remains that the only thing keeping us from full control over the radio station is material means. (Can we find these means?) Are you ready to help? Otherwise it will be merely an unfulfilled wish.

Next day 22 May I was invited to an official luncheon of the Czar's family. I spoke there with the Tsaritsa, and the Princess and her husband who were visiting the Czar at the time. We separated with mutual fond feelings and hopes of an early reunion in America. I am attaching several photographs of my visit in Madrid and my audience with the Czar. The Tsaritsa sent a very nice present to my wife. As a farewell gift I sent her the most beautiful bouquet I could find, for which I paid 250 pesetas.

On the 23rd of May I was able to visit some friends of mine in Madrid: Dr. A. KEFIZOV, B. UZUNOV, B. MARINOV, and others. We had long talks on general subjects. We arranged future contacts with Dr. KEFIZOV (sp.?) and he again emphasized his readiness to work together with me. All of the Bulgarian emigres in Madrid are aligned against MALCHEV, but the question will not be resolved until the Czar takes action. I believe this action will be taken very shortly.

I must here state that with regret "our friend" Toncho Tenev intrigued against me with MALCHEV. He, TENEV, said that I, DOCHEV, told him that as long as MALCHEV was around nothing would be accomplished. One can only feel sorry for this person who has descended to such depths.

When I set out for Madrid, Mr. STATEV told me that when he had gone to Cannes for the Princess' wedding as the representative of the National Front he did not have proper clothes and he had to have them tailored for the occasion. He made a down payment and KEFSIZOV guaranteed the rest of the payment due. He asked me if I could pay something on this debt so as to maintain a good name for the organization. Since STATEV will play an important role at the Court as well as among our emigration and since I have future need of KEFSIZOV in my future work I looked into the matter and discovered that Mr. STATEV had put down only a small down payment and had an outstanding debt of \$120. Before I left I paid this debt after checking my finances. KEFSIZOV is considerably indebted to me and this will stand us in good stead. I left for Lisbon on 24 May and left there on 25 May for Toronto.

I hurried back because I discovered that our people in Europe are being scattered and if we want to have them in hand we must undertake some action to bring them together. It is almost impossible to collect them together in Europe because they have been there for many years and it is very difficult to

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work with them without supporting them financially. One of our best people in Trieste is leaving for Australia. If in the future we will need him or someone like him it will cost us a lot of money and it would be almost impossible to organize our work and have our people at hand and trained in a secure and easy manner. In addition our people in France, Germany, and Italy do not plan to remain there very long. Some of our good people from Greece have recently turned up in Belgium. We can make use of them also. But they are not going to stay there very long either. I propose to bring all of these people to Canada to be near me. It is my project to buy a farm in Canada and to create conditions whereby people can come here and support themselves independently. In other words we would set up a farm unit which would be a type of cooperative living. People would work and keep the fruits of their labor, and if they created surpluses - so much the better for them. The people on this farm would be in continual contact with me and I would work with them. Thus, as soon as we had need of one or two people they would be at our immediate disposal for action. In addition there would be no difficulty in arranging their migration to Canada if they come to work on a farm. My project is to buy the farm. I am able to show where I would receive the money to buy a farm and to begin farming. The Canadian government would be satisfied with my activity and no one could control my activities. As soon as I have a farm I will be in a position to sponsor these people who will come to Canada. I am in a position to buy a farm about 2-300 miles north of Toronto of about 150-200 acres fully equipped to support around ten people very well. This farm wouldn't cost us more than 6,8,000 dollars and perhaps we could even find a cheaper one. I hope to be able to settle for from 5-6,000 dollars. In this case I could have by next September, ten to fifteen of our very best people with me and by next Spring we could undertake any kind of activity. I have the impression gained from my visit (abroad) that there is no difficulty having ready a group for clandestine activity inside Bulgaria, insofar as the readiness of my people in the BNP are concerned. It will cost us an awful lot more if we deal with them spread around the world rather than in one specific location under our direction. I therefore make the specific proposal that the sum of 6,000 dollars be earmarked for the purchase of a farm to which I will bring my best people. I will thus have a trained and ready clandestine group which will not be a constant source of expenditure since they will be self-supporting. Expenses will be incurred only for special training. The farm would be an excellent place as faraway from curious eyes, for a clandestine training school. I beg that this question be resolved soonest so that we may take immediate steps to collect these people before they are spread throughout the world. I intend to bring five people from Germany, four from France, three from Italy and Trieste and perhaps two or three from Belgium. I also have at least ten people ready in America and Canada so that we would have a group of about 25 people which would be large enough for any kind of future clandestine action. The question of Mrs. ANTONIA must be resolved immediately and we must see if we are able to send her into Bulgaria with an Italian passport. If we can decide this I will meet her and give her the necessary

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instructions and see that the necessary visas are arranged for her to travel this Fall, by Easter at the latest, to visit her mother at Plovdiv, and to establish contact with the first group of people which is already organized inside the country. From there we can go ahead and enlarge the net. I will be able to undertake action with the remaining group of people in the Spring.

Soon after I returned I got in contact with Dimitur and Slavi whom I am preparing for legal entry into Bulgaria. I believe that after a few months training they will be able to carry out their tasks. They are ready but they require training. You had told me that you wanted to train a person who will work with these people. I believe that if it is necessary to have this contact, I personally could work with some of your people in order that I might be acquainted with your requirements. In regard to your desire that I pick a man faithful to me in Europe who could maintain contact with our people there and work in my name in Europe - to my great regret I am not able to fulfill your desire since I did not see a suitable person, and most important, the people who are ready to work do not want me to delegate my authority to anyone else. They want personal contact with me as the representative of the organization so they may be certain that they are undertaking an action of which the organization approves. We will have to resolve this question because otherwise the work will be much more difficult. I see the resolution of the problem in the collection of people around me in Canada. For me to travel around Europe is not only much more expensive but would not give as good results. In addition there is much greater security for our ops in Canada on our farm than there is in Europe.

I am informing you that Boris STOYKOV from Toronto applied for a visitor's visa to the U. S. on 16 May. After STOYKOV receives this visa he is ready to take two weeks vacation at any time and come to Washington for training. He is not taking his vacation now because he is waiting for the time he can come down for training.

I plan to visit New York and later Chicago during the month of June. I have people ready in N. Y. who only need a morale booster. I have people in Chicago too but I have not yet decided which ones to use for our operation.

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