

CONTACT REPORT

6 August 1958

Meeting with GOMACE, [redacted], [redacted], AND DECADEL) in [redacted] file

Time and Place: 15-17 July 1958, Statler Hotel, NYC

1. [redacted], Chief, SE/B, and [redacted], SE/PM, met with Dr. Ivan Dochev (ZRNAUNTLE PA) at 1000 hours in Room 1259 of the Statler Hotel. The first portion of the meeting dealt with operational matters which were of primary interest to the Bulgarian Branch. Matters of concern to ZRNAUNTLE were later discussed with Dochev and dealt with "gripes" which he had mentioned in a letter written to Dean and dated 7 July 1958. These "gripes" consisted of the usual intrigues and professional jealousies that revolve around any political refugee group which is split into various factions.

2. He repeatedly accused Baharoff of attempting to organize a group of his own in Greece in addition to a group already in existence in the U. S. He also complained of [redacted] attempting to recruit Dochov's men in Trieste. Unless both Baharoff and [redacted] were acting with our official sanction, Dochev threatened to sabotage their efforts in these activities. Our answer to Dochev was that we were not aware of Baharoff's activities; we were not in contact with him and therefore had no interest in his personal affairs. As for [redacted] we were not aware of his Trieste recruitment activities. We concluded this portion of the discussion by warning Dochev that our patience was wearing thin with his consistent desires to set himself up as "der Fuehrer" of all Bulgarian refugees and using ZRNAUNTLE to further his selfish aims in the BNF. He was pointedly told that unless he forgot about the European recruitment and concentrated on the stateside ZRNAUNTLE program we would be forced to sever our ties.

3. Prior to the meeting Dean and I agreed that it was time to force Dochev's hand viz-viz his claim of authority to act upon behalf of the Bulgarian National Front in the ZRNAUNTLE program. Dean therefore prepared a declaration (copy in files) which we gave to him instructing him to get the signatures of all 21 Bulgarians who are earmarked for ZRNAUNTLE. Dochev was reluctant to accept the declaration in its present form and insisted that the wording "delegated authority of the Central Leadership" be omitted; that we substitute the term "on behalf of the Bulgarian National Front of Canada and United States." However Dean refused to alter the declaration and insisted that Dochev accept the declaration in its present form. Dean stated that if Dochev does have the delegated authority to act on behalf of the BNF, as he has stated to us in the past two years, then there should be no doubt in Dochev's mind that all the individuals will readily sign the declaration. After a lengthy discussion on this subject, Dochev was instructed to get the necessary signatures on the declaration and until this was done, there would be no further need for us to meet with Dochev. Dochev was instructed to call our office collect if and when he had acquired the signatures. No further contact will be made with Dochev until he complies with our request.

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4. After Dean's departure Dochev brought up the subject of Todor TODOROV and his child. I told him that our purpose is not to serve as a source for assisting charitable cases and therefore it was out of the question for Dochev to assume that we would contribute \$50 per month towards the child's welfare. I advised him that if the case was of operational value and favorably received, then there would be a strong possibility that we would be more than happy to assist TODOROV in any way possible. I therefore suggested that Dochev prepare a detailed operational report outlining all aspects of the TODOROV case including names, time table, route, aim, etc. Dochev was told that until we had this report for our study the case would remain a dead issue.

5. Administratively Dochev was given \$86.70 which covered his travel and daily expenses. He was also given an operational advance of \$150.00 to cover his travel and expenses incurred while soliciting the signatures from his (7) team members. Dochev was instructed to account for the \$150.00 at the next meeting. The meeting terminated at 1400 hours.

DECLARATION

I \_\_\_\_\_, member of the Bulgarian National Front, hereby  
declare:

1. That I will be loyal to the King and to my Country and that  
while in the status of refugee I will carry out my duty whenever  
called upon;
2. That I am a volunteer in the project involving participation  
in highly confidential activity directed by Dr. Ivan Dechev, under the  
delegated authority of the Central Leadership of the Bulgarian National  
Front.

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(signed)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_