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1. Mr. SCHMIDT-CORTEN is the Fluechtlingskommissar for Kreis Miesbach. He lives in Miesbach, where FAKINE (residing in Miesbach) also has an apartment.

2. FAKINE considers SCHMIDT-CORTEN 100% anti-Communist and anti-Soviet. The two have often discussed possibilities of how the American-British Occupation Forces can be helped in maintaining a strong opposition to the Soviet attempt in spreading Communism.

3. Once SCHMIDT-CORTEN suggested that it may be quite easy for him to collect and bring information on the Soviet and Bulgarian Communists in Bulgaria. He claims to have had high contacts to the Bulgarian Government before and during the war, and thinks it possible to renew and re-establish such contacts now. The man whom he would choose for his contact-man with Bulgaria would be a certain ANXNOFF who is a pilot on the Sofia-Vienna air line.

4. Attempts will be made by FAKINE to get full details on the possibilities pictured in Paragraphs 2 and 3. In the meantime, the Headquarters is requested to indicate our interest in Bulgaria and what sort of contact, if any is desirable.

Comments of Lt. (J.G.) Dean HOODHUFF:

Persons leaving Bulgaria today are much more carefully screened than they were under the wartime pro-German regime. Consequently there is some doubt in my mind as to whether or not ANXNOFF would be a good agent. At best he would be a double agent.

If the operation is not too costly it might be good to allow subject to contact ANXNOFF and ask him for reports on the Communist hierarchy in Bulgaria and on the personnel and methods of Bulgarian intelligence in the country and abroad. From these I could tell with reasonable certainty whether or not the person is on the level. As a further test later on ANXNOFF could be asked to check on the activities of certain Communists that I know. If the man proves reliable he might be allowed to tap an intelligence network which was set up in 1944 but which no one is utilizing.

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