

S E C R E T

Headquarters Field Office
Date: 25 November 1957

TO : Chief, Investigative Division

SUBJECT: RAIKIN, Spas T.
#134669 GV-IB/5

1. Listed below are the results of the RI checks scheduled in connection with the above-mentioned case:

- A. SERVICES - No Record _____
 NPII _____
 See Attached X

- B. ARCHIVES - No Record _____
 NPII X
 See Attached _____

2. The result of the K check is attached hereto.

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RI document 12-7-10-575 is an intelligence report on an airfield in Bulgaria, source of which was Spas Todorov RAIKIN, Zdravko Kostadinov DAMYANOV and Stefan Petrov PELETEKOV, three Trudoraks who on 6 May 1951 deserted their unit and made their way to Plovdiv and then to Greece.

The reason for their desertion was to join an alleged illegal group working in the mountains south of Plovdiv. Unable to make contact with the group they wandered around the mountains obtaining provisions from relatives and friends. Unable to hold out any longer they entered Greece on 19 June 1951.

Through interrogation it was learned that Spas Todorov RAIKIN was born 26 October 1922 in Zelenikovo. He is single and has two brothers, Petur and Stoyu, who are farmers in Zelenikovo. His father, Todor Petkov RAIKIN, is living and is also a farmer. Subject finished the Theological Seminary in Plovdiv and the Theological Faculty in Sofia. He then taught for one year on the Sofia Faculty. On 5 April 1950 he was called up for military service and assigned to Bezmer airfield until 22 December 1950 when his unit was transferred to Balchik airfield.

Subject's desire to desert was to join in the fight against communism in the name of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. When he found it would be impossible to do so inside Bulgaria, he decided to escape to Greece and join such a church group there, if such existed. If none existed, he desired to form such a militant illegal church group to fight communism inside Bulgaria.

RI document 33-2-0-56 is a dispatch from Chief of Station, ¹⁵⁻¹⁶(Athens) dated 3 August 1951, which encloses a report from source. The report states that [redacted] has questioned three Bulgarian refugees who were brought from Salonika on 19 July 1951. They are: Spas Todorov RAIKIN, Straiko DAMYANOV, and Stefan Petrov PELETEKOV. They will be housed at Lavrion

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(5-16 RI document 12-7-5-147 is a dispatch from Chief of Station, (Athens) dated 6 August 1951, enclosing an essay by Subject on the Trudovak Service in Bulgaria. The Trudovak Service is a military organization formed to procure manpower for construction centers.

The covering dispatch states that it was reported that Subject was one of three Bulgarians who were brought down from Athens from Salonika on 19 July on the request of

RI document #201-129455 (DFB-73956) is an FBI report dated 21 November 1956 at Chicago entitled "Vladimir Tyekoff METCHKARSKI; Internal Security-BU." The report was forwarded to CIA on 3 December 1956.

METCHKARSKI is identified as a Bulgarian political exile who became disgruntled in the U.S. and sought to return to Turkey.

A Mr. RAKIN (Marginal note spells name Spas RAYKIN) was sent to Chicago by the World Council of Churches in New York to assist METCHKARSKI.

RI document 12-7-6-27 (SOBB-42251) dated 12 September 1951, is an intelligence report concerning the Bulgarian Orthodox Church prepared from information furnished by Subject who considers himself an ordained priest in the Bulgarian Church. In preparing the information Subject used the nom de plume Prezviter KOSMA. The field station comments that Subject was brought to Athens from Salonika on 19 July 1951 to work for

RI document 201-91430 (DFB-81628) is an FBI report dated 10 April 1957 at New York entitled "Ilia Vangelof Georgief OURDOF; Internal Security-BU." The report was sent to the CIA on 18 April 1957.

Reference to Subject in the report stems from his position as Secretary of the Bulgarian Escapee Program of the Church World Service, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City. His only connection with OURDOF was in an official capacity.

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