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Confidants and Provocateurs

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Recently escaped Bulgarian refugees report new twists in the old game of luring people into police nets by agents provocateurs. Communist agents provocateurs, equipped with lists of known oppositional elements, are visiting the villages posing as members of non-existent underground groups and partisan units allegedly operating in the region. They contact local anti-Communists, ask for help and tell stories about their alleged partisan activities and their close cooperation with known resistance leaders. At the end they usually suggest and persuade the peasants to call a secret meeting of local anti-Communists to discuss resistance plans.

EVAL. COMMENT: Correct.