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Rumors are circulating in SOFIA whereby CHERVENKOV Valko has fallen in disgrace with the Kremlin.

On 1 August 1952, the Polish Embassy of SOFIA was surrounded by a great number of Militia agents, both in uniform and civilian clothes. This was on the occasion of the Polish National Holiday; CHERVENKOV's Valko visit to the Embassy was expected, since he was supposed to attend the official reception and bring the greetings of the Bulgarian Government to the Polish representative in Bulgaria. CHERVENKOV Valko however did not attend the reception; he was represented by the vice-president of the Council of Ministers, Gen. M'HAILOV Ivan.

The population of SOFIA is well acquainted with the fact that CHERVENKOV resides at three different places: in SOFIA at the Palace of the Government, in BOYANA - at a private villa requisitioned in the past, and at the former Royal-Palace in VRANJA. Whenever CHERVENKOV travels from one place to another, he is accompanied by two other cars full of agents of the "D.S." as well as his own body guard.

The roads between SOFIA-BOYANKA and SOFIA-VRANJA are carefully watched by a great number of Militia agents; every 100 meters on both sides of the road, there is a Militia agent. Stopping on both roads is strictly prohibited. Whenever a car on these roads has to stop for some repairs, it is immediately surrounded by Militia agents; the driver is asked the reason for his stop. Should the stop be found justified by the Militia agents, the dri-

ver. whoever he may be, is obliged to push his car on a side road or even in the fields. Repairs have to be made under the control of Militia agents and upon completion the car must immediately depart.

EVAL. COMMENT: The same rumors reached us lately from another source too, but they all lack confirmation yet. The Bulgarian Official Communist press and broadcast continue mentioning CHERVENKOV

The second part of above report dealing with security measures is correct.