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BULGARIA

POLICE AND SECURITY (2300)  
Criminality (2312)

Homicide In SOFIA

SOURCE TRIESTE: Confidential source.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: May 1953.

EVAL. COMMENT: This office does not possess any information whatever on reported crime and arrests. The lack of a date renders the report unusable.

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Toward the end of May 1953, at midnight a 30-year-old man was murdered in the Hadji Dimitar District of SOFIA by unknown persons. None of the people living in this district knew the man who was killed.

In connection with this murder, militia arrested the following four persons, all living in the above district and none of them belonging to the Communist Party:

1) Liuben VIMBILOV, worker, ex-radiotelegraphist of the Police Direction of the past regime;

2) his son-in-law (NU);

3) Krum MATEEV, former employee of the Ministry of War under the past regime and at present manager of a newsstand in the Hadji Dimitar District;

4) a friend of the above two persons, (NU), resident at Filip Totiu street No.25.

The abovementioned four persons have been arrested on the grounds of having committed murder, but the population of the district is perfectly convinced that they had nothing whatsoever to do with it, and that the militia profited from the circumstances by arresting them. At the date of our source's departure from Bulgaria the whereabouts of the four arrested persons was unknown.

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