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BULGARIA

TRADE
Foreign

Bulgarian Tobacco Export To
The USSR

SOURCE ROME: No information available

DATE OF OBSERVATION: current period

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According to a recent agreement, secretly concluded, the Bulgarian Government has undertaken to consign all Bulgarian tobacco produce for export to the Soviet Union. No exports will be allowed anywhere else, not even to other countries belonging to the Communist block.

EVAL. COMMENT: According to official information on the new trade agreement between Bulgaria and Austria, as published by "Salzburger Tagblatt" of 11 June 1952, the text runs as follows:

"Bulgaria has cleared for the first time since the end of the war a contingent of wheat and rye and has essentially increased the contingent for Indian corn fodder, as well as for tobacco....."

This agreement, being the latest one signed by the Bulgarian Government, refutes the above report.