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Customs (1407)

Formalities Involved In Taking Gold Records And Pictures Out
Of Bulgaria.

SOURCE TRIESTE: Bulgarian in exile in contact with high
Bulgarian political and commercial circles.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: January 1953

EVAL. COMMENT: No information is available in this office
on reported matters.

In order to be able to take gramophone records out of the
Bulgarian Republic one must first of all submit a written
application to the "KNIK" (Komitet Nauka Izkustvo i Kultura.)

The "KNIK" tries out the record and if they find that it can
leave the country they issue a letter in this respect for
the Ministry of Trade. Then if one obtains the approval of the
Ministry the same letter must be delivered to the customs
commission in charge of the customs check of the person in
question.

Some time ago a foreigner who was leaving Bulgaria had
some records with him including one with Chopin's B flat
sonata played by the pianist BRAILOWSKI. The KNIK listened
to the record and asked him to sell it since they had run out
of this record considered rather valuable and difficult to
get.

As to taking pictures out of Bulgaria, the person concerned
must first apply to the "Saius na Rudoshnitsite" (Painter's
Union) who issue a letter addressed to the KNIK and then the
same formalities apply as for the gramophone records.
The authorities put a stamp on the back of the picture and in
case the picture is of any interest to the museums no permission
is given to take it outside the country.

End.