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OTTAWA,
April 10th, 1952.

Dear Dr. Kaye:

Thank you for your memorandum of April 8th and the enclosed four copies of the "Makedonska Tribuna", which I return herewith.

These papers were very useful to me and show pretty clearly that the Macedonian Political Organization is strongly hostile to both Greece and Yugoslavia and, although anti-Communist, has a pro-Bulgarian orientation.

Yours sincerely,

J.A.McCordick.

Dr. V.J. Kaye,
Liaison Officer,
Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
Ottawa.

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OTTAWA,
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Dear Mr. Henrys

Your letter of April 3rd regarding the request of the Rev. Vasil Mihailoff touches on an interesting and tricky problem. As you know, Macedonia is one of the most contentious areas in Europe and presents a bewildering picture of rival movements, aims, language groups, traditions and so on.

The Macedonian Political Organization to which Rev. Mihailoff belongs favours, I am informed, an autonomous Macedonia (absorbing present-day Yugoslav and Greek Macedonia) with a strong pro-Bulgarian orientation. It is naturally not for us at this time to take sides on the complex issues dividing the various Macedonian groups. In particular, we would not wish to appear to show friendliness towards a group which, though apparently anti-Communist, is pro-Bulgarian and hostile to Greece, a country with which we maintain the friendliest relations and with which we are allied in N.A.T.O, and Yugoslavia, a country whose continuing survival against Soviet pressure is in the general interests of peace and security.

I am sure you will appreciate my desire not to extend too friendly a hand to an organization wishing to bring charges - perhaps unfounded and certainly hostile - against our ally, Greece.

Charles Henry, Esq., M.P.,
Member for Toronto-Rosedale,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER

Mr. Charles Henry, M.P., (Liberal, Toronto, Rosedale), wrote you on April 3rd to ask you to instruct the head of our delegation to the United Nations to receive the Rev. Vasil Mihaloff, pastor of the Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church of St. George in Toronto, and certain American colleagues of his. The purpose of the visit would be to submit to Mr. Johnson a brief concerning "violence with respect to human rights as between the Greeks and the Macedonians in Greece" with the purpose of moderating the alleged conduct of Greeks towards Macedonians in Greece.

2. Mr. Henry, perhaps unwittingly, has touched on one of the thorniest problems in the Balkans, Macedonia. The organization with which the Rev. ^{Mr.} Mihaloff is associated is called the Macedonian Political Organization of the U.S.A. in Canada, and has its headquarters in Indianapolis. This organization publishes a paper called "Makedonska Tribuna".

3. McCordick was able to obtain a few recent issues of this paper, and from a brief examination of them, derived the impression that the policy of the Macedonian Political Organization has the following features: -

- (a) Support for an autonomous Macedonia, including Yugoslav and Greek Macedonia (and the cities of Skoplje and Salonica), linked with Bulgaria, but presumably not the present Communist Bulgaria.
- (b) Opposition to Communism.
- (c) Strong hostility to Greece and Yugoslavia.

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(d) General pro-Bulgarian orientation (the "Makedonska Tribuna" is written in Bulgarian, and not in the closely related Macedonian dialect).

4. I think it would be unwise for us to show any undue consideration to the Rev. Mr. Mihailoff and his organization, and I would suggest that we explain the situation briefly to Mr. Henry and ask him to tell the Rev. ^{Mr.} Mihailoff that Mr. Johnson is so busy that it would be better if he submitted his brief to him by mail.

5. Attached is a letter to Mr. Henry for your approval and signature if you agree with this procedure.

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