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BULGARIA

INDUSTRY (1700)
Mining, Uranium (1706)
Asbestos (1706)

HEALTH (1600)
Hospitals (1602)

Various Items.

SOURCE ROME : Regular RFE stringer from a Bulgarian citizen who left SOFIA on 16 December 1953 en route to Israel.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : December 1953.

EVALUATION COMMENT : This office possesses information on uranium deposits in Bulgaria: 30 kms distant from SOFIA near the village BUHOVO (see RFE Item No. 6769/53,) and some 10 kms south of ASSENOVGRAD (ex-STANIMAKA) in the vicinity of the monastery of BACHKOVO (see RFE Item No. 6156/53.)

The uranium deposits at YENINA, and the asbestos layers near MOMCHILGRAD are not covered in our files. If true, this would be the first discovery of asbestos deposits in Bulgaria.

No information is available here on the new hospital opened in PAZARDZHIK.

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A member of the last transport of emigrants reported that in the locality of YENINA six kms north of KAZANLIK layers of Uranium have been discovered. Owing to the fact that this is a completely new discovery, our source was unable to report any further details.

In the localities of MOMCHILGRAD, large layers of asbestos have been found. Production has

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already started and apparently the asbestos is of the very best quality.

During the month of October a new hospital was opened in PAZARZNIK. This hospital is big enough for 300 patients and has four wards: for internal medicine, surgery, gynecology and dermatology. The hospital has central heating and modern equipment.

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