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1. A Soviet sponsored committee, the Free Macedonia Committee (Odbor Slobodne Makedonije), has been established for the purpose of promoting simultaneous insurrections in Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia in the interest of a unified Macedonian Republic. Such a Republic would be given the parts of Salonika, Cavala, and Dedeagatch (Alexandroupolis).
2. This Committee unites similar Macedonian movements in Yugoslavia (Rabrovo), Bulgaria (Nevrokop), and Greece (Odos Sofokleous-Salonika). The latter movement is directed by a certain Hipatilis.
3. The Free Macedonia Committee reportedly has the following forces available:
 - a. Greece: units armed with automatic weapons and mortars. These are under the command of Hipatilis and are mainly concentrated in the Salonika region.
 - b. Yugoslavia: partisan units, 20,000 strong, armed with light weapons. Mainly concentrated in the zones of Mostar and Rabrovo. The military commander of these units is reportedly a certain Kuhn, formerly a major in the German Army. He allegedly has no political influence.
 - c. Bulgaria: regular Army forces, of approximately divisional strength, with accompanying artillery. The commander is reportedly a certain Heesters, formerly a lieutenant-colonel in the German Army. This force is mainly concentrated in the Nevrokop-Krili (sic) zone.
4. The Free Macedonia Committee is under the political direction of the Soviet ambassador in Sofia, and the forces are being built up by the Soviet Union, which is sending arms and leaders.
5. The informant states further that the Soviets are building up an anti-Tito armed movement in Yugoslavia, the Komunisticki Revolucionarni Stab, with headquarters in Skoplje. This movement is directed by unidentified pro-Cominform Yugoslavs. The movement receives arms shipped from Bulgaria, and has branches throughout Yugoslavia, particularly in Serbia. The greatest difficulty is reportedly being encountered in Croatia, which appears to be loyal to Tito.

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6. The Komunisticki Revolucionarni Stab is to launch a revolution in Yugoslavia in order to support activity similar to that carried out by the Free Macedonia Committee, and would receive support from Albania, where the presence of one Soviet regiment is reported.

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