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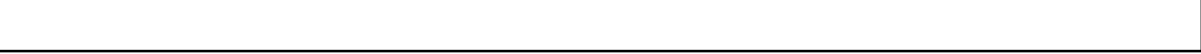
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1. The present locations of the Bulgarian Army demonstrate that the manpower has been increased, and that the units have been deployed to reflect the present military situation.
2. The assumption that Bulgaria will attack Yugoslavia with the assistance of the other Soviet Satellite countries and without direct Soviet participation, requires Bulgaria to maintain one front for offensive military action along the Yugoslav border, and two fronts for defensive military action along the Greek and Turkish borders, where she could be threatened by the units of the United Nations. All these fronts, both offensive and defensive, stretch along mountainous territory, so that routes for military operations have been confined to the narrow passages within this area.
3. Of Bulgaria's total of eleven infantry divisions and one tank division, five infantry divisions and one tank brigade, approximately one-half of her armed forces, are deployed along the Yugoslav border. The location of these divisions along the Yugoslav border indicates two main routes for military action. The first and main one would lead in the direction of Kyustendil-Kriva Palanka-Skoplje (where two divisions have been deployed in depth), and further on toward Albania. The second route would lead into the valley of the Danube, where most likely in unison with Rumanian forces, the objective would be Belgrade. Behind these five divisions deployed along the border, are two additional divisions stationed in the districts of Sofia and Kazanluk, and one tank brigade stationed in the Plovdiv area. These units comprise, in essence, a strategic reserve, which can easily be moved up when the need arises, either as reinforcements to the forces penetrating into Yugoslavia, or as reinforcements along the defensive fronts of the Greek and Turkish borders. The remaining total of four divisions, which are partially deployed along the border areas and partially in the interior of Bulgaria, are available for action along the entire defensive front, for coastal defense and for the defense of the interior.
4. If the present unit locations of the Bulgarian Army are to serve as a framework for the deployment of the forces on a basic operational plan, then it can be assumed that, in the event of an attack, the center or spearhead of the Bulgarian forces will be directed toward Skoplje and the Albanian border, in order to establish contact with Albania and cut off Yugoslavia from bases in Salonika.

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5. The following are the locations of Bulgarian army units:

a. Army Headquarters:

First Army	:	Sofia
Second Army	:	Plovdiv
Third Army	:	Shumen
Fourth Army	:	Pleven

b. Infantry Divisions:

1 Infantry Division	:	Sofia
1 Infantry Regiment	:	Dragoman
6 Infantry Regiment	:	Trun
25 Infantry Regiment	:	Slivnitsa
4 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Dragoman
2 Infantry Division	:	Chepelare
9 Infantry Regiment	:	Smolyan
21 Infantry Regiment	:	Smolyan
27 Infantry Regiment	:	Devin
3 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Chepelare
3 Infantry Division	:	Sliven
11 Infantry Regiment	:	Elhovo
24 Infantry Regiment	:	Sredets
29 Infantry Regiment	:	Yambol
6 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Sliven
4 Infantry Division	:	Kyustendil
7 Infantry Regiment	:	Kyustendil area
8 Infantry Regiment	:	Kyustendil area
19 Infantry Regiment	:	Kyustendil area
5 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Kyustendil area
5 Infantry Division	:	Troyan-Oreshak area
5 Infantry Regiment	:	Troyan-Oreshak area
18 Infantry Regiment	:	Troyan-Oreshak area
33 Infantry Regiment	:	Troyan-Oreshak area
1 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Troyan-Oreshak area
6 Infantry Division	:	Rabrovo
3 Infantry Regiment	:	Bregovo
15 Infantry Regiment	:	Rabrovo
35 Infantry Regiment	:	Rabrovo
2 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Rabrovo
7 Infantry Division	:	Dupnitsa
14 Infantry Regiment	:	Gorna Dzhumaya
22 Infantry Regiment	:	Petrich
39 Infantry Regiment	:	Nevrokop
7 Field Artillery Regiment	:	Dupnitsa
8 Infantry Division	:	Haskovo
12 Infantry Regiment	:	Harmenlii
23 Infantry Regiment	:	Haskovo

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| 30 Infantry Regiment | : | Simeonovgrad (Maritsa) |
| 8 Field Artillery Regiment | : | Nova Zagora |
| 9 Infantry Division | : | Belogradchik |
| 4 Infantry Regiment | : | Kula |
| 34 Infantry Regiment | : | Kula |
| 36 Infantry Regiment | : | Belogradchik |
| 9 Field Artillery Regiment | : | Belogradchik |
| 10 Infantry Division | : | Kurdzhali |
| 10 Infantry Regiment | : | Kurdzhali |
| 44 Infantry Regiment | : | Krumovo |
| 47 Infantry Regiment | : | Ardino |
| 10 Field Artillery Regiment | : | Kurdzhali |
| 11 Infantry Division | : | Organizing in Varna-Burgas area |
| c. <u>First Army Units:</u> | | |
| Heavy Field Artillery Regiment | : | Samokov |
| Mountain Artillery Regiment | : | Razlog |
| Anti-Aircraft Regiment | : | Sofia |
| Anti-Tank Regiment | : | Kyustendil |
| Communications Regiment | : | Sofia |
| Scout Regiment | : | Sofia |
| Heavy Machine Gun Battalion | : | Radomir |
| Militia Battalion | : | Sofia |
| d. <u>Second Army Units:</u> | | |
| Heavy Field Artillery Regiment | : | Kurdzhali |
| Mountain Artillery Regiment | : | Asenovgrad |
| Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment | : | Kazanluk |
| Anti-Tank Artillery Regiment | : | Stara Zagora |
| Communications Regiment | : | Floudiv |
| Scout Regiment | : | Floudiv |
| Heavy Machine Gun Battalion | : | Peshtera |
| Militia Battalion | : | Floudiv |
| e. <u>Third Army Units:</u> | | |
| Heavy Field Artillery Regiment | : | Shumen |
| Mountain Artillery Regiment | : | Turgovishte |
| Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment | : | Yambol |
| Anti-Tank Artillery Regiment | : | Razgrad |
| Communications Regiment | : | Shumen |
| Scout Regiment | : | Shumen |
| Heavy Machine Gun Battalion | : | Elhovo |
| Militia Battalion | : | Shumen |
| f. <u>Fourth Army Units:</u> | | |
| Heavy Field Artillery Regiment | : | Sliven |
| Mountain Artillery Regiment | : | Turnovo |
| Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment | : | Gorna Oryakhovitsa |
| Anti-Tank Artillery Regiment | : | Belogradchik |
| Communications Regiment | : | Belogradchik |
| Scout Regiment | : | Belogradchik |
| Heavy Machine Gun Battalion | : | Belogradchik |
| Militia Battalion | : | Pleven |
| g. <u>Independent Army Units</u> | | |
| Tank Division | : | Kazanluk |
| Tank Brigade | : | Kazanluk |
| Tank Regiment | : | Kazanluk |

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Tank Regiment	:	Stara Zagora
Motorized Infantry Regiment	:	Kazanluk
Independent Artillery Regiment	:	Kazanluk
Scout Unit, Armored Car	:	Kazanluk
Scout Unit, Armored Car	:	Stara Zagora
Communications Battalion	:	Kazanluk area
Tank Brigade	:	Plowdiv
Tank Regiment	:	Plowdiv
Tank Regiment	:	Plowdiv
Motorized Infantry Regiment	:	Plowdiv
Independent Artillery Regiment	:	Plowdiv
Scout Unit, Armored Car	:	Plowdiv
Communications Battalion	:	Plowdiv
Independent Tank Brigade	:	Sofia
Tank Regiment	:	Sofia
Motorized Infantry Regiment	:	Samokov
Independent Artillery Regiment	:	Breznik
Scout Unit, Armored Car	:	Sofia
Communications Battalion	:	Sofia
Cavalry Division	:	Dobrich
4 Cavalry Regiment	:	Dobrich area
8 Cavalry Regiment	:	Dobrich area
10 Cavalry Regiment	:	Dobrich area
Cavalry Artillery Regiment	:	Dobrich area
1 Coastal Artillery Regiment	:	Varna
2 Coastal Artillery Regiment	:	Burgas
Communications Regiment	:	Sofia
Engineer Regiment	:	Sofia
Railroad Regiment	:	Sofia
Automobile Transportation Regiment	:	Sofia

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