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**Letter from KGB Chairman Yuri Andropov to Bulgarian Minister of the Interior  
Angel Tsanev with gratitude for received scientific and technical intelligence  
information, Moscow, 9 December 1971**

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TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR  
OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Comrade Angel Tsanev

Dear Comrade Tsanev,

I am glad to inform you that a significant part of incoming scientific and technical intelligence information from the Ministry of the Interior of the People's Republic of Bulgaria in 1971 received positive assessment by the respective Soviet departments. Most valuable information with practical interest was found at the documents of US IBM Company, materials and samples of psychogenic substances, and proceedings of the symposia on metal-air batteries. Of great importance are also some materials on military-strategic issues.

I would like to underline particularly the perspective and valuable joint operations accomplished by our Intelligence services.

Please, allow me to express my gratitude to the leadership and personnel of Bulgarian intelligence services, who acquired the received documents.

I would like to express my personal believe that the cooperation between our two scientific and technical intelligence departments will be developed successfully further in interest of our countries.

I wish to you, Comrade Tsanev, and to the Ministry of the Interior staff great successes, good health, and personal happiness.

With comradely regards,

CHAIRMAN OF KGB AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR

[YURI] ANDROPOV

/Signature/

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