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**A DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENT ABOUT THE EARLY HISTORY OF
THE BRCC AND LEVSKI KEPT IN THE ISTANBUL OTTOMAN
ARCHIVES**

(Summary)

The article presents in original and translation an unpublished source, stored in the Istanbul Ottoman Archives, which refers to the early history of the BRCC. The documentary tells of two meetings of the Bulgarian Central Revolutionary Committee (BRCC) held in Bucharest late 1869 – early 1870 and provides valuable information about Vasil Levski's participation in the meetings. The author of the report speaks of the revolutionary preparations of the Bulgarians in Bucharest and describes the meeting of the conspirators who discussed the idea of a revolt in the Bulgarian lands in the spring of 1870. The source characterizes Levski as “one of the most active and energetic agitators ... very famous.”