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**NAIDEN GEROV AND NIKOLAY P. IGNATIEV IN THE LABYRINTHS  
OF THE EASTERN QUESTION: THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL  
MOVEMENT AND RUSSIAN STATE POLICY (1864–1872)**

(Summary)

The study continues the topic of relations between the Vice Consul in Plovdiv Naiden Gerov and the Russian Ambassador to Constantinople General N. P. Ignatiev, partly analyzed in two already published studies on the political activity of the Russian Vice Consul in Plovdiv Naiden Gerov in the first year of the Eastern Crisis of 1866–1869. Although the relations between the two Russian diplomats have repeatedly been the subject of historiographical interest, now for the first time the author brings them out and analyzes them as a separate and independent research problem. Although the emphasis is on the “personal” relationship between the ambassador and his subordinate vice-consul, they will inevitably be projected on key moments in the history of the Eastern Question, in whose labyrinths national and state interests intertwined lasting and non-lasting cooperation and confrontations were born.