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**BEHIND THE CURTAINS OF GOVERNANCE. (NOTES OF DR.  
NIKOLAY P. NIKOLAEV ABOUT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE  
GOVERNMENT IN 1938)**

(Summary)

Nikolay P. Nikolaev was one of the active politicians in Bulgaria in the interwar period. He had participated in the building of the authoritarian regime since the second half of the 1930s. The two documents published here reflect his observations about the government in which he was the minister of internal affairs. These texts are an important source about the relations between the members of the cabinet, the mechanisms for exercising power, the notions about the character of a regime without political parties.