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The selected documents have not been published yet and are of great use and interest for many scholars and students. The presented documents are not only part of the diplomatic correspondence between Sofia and London but also part of the correspondence between the British Foreign Office and its representatives, mainly Athens and Belgrade.

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Ilko Drenkov has a PhD in history and his work focuses on the Macedonian Question, providing a professional and unbiased review on the matter.

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