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DIPLOMAT

BERN, SWITZERLAND, DEC. 28 (REUTERS)-A ROMANIAN

DIPLOMAT HAS BEEN ORDERED OUT OF SWITZERLAND FOR HAVING CONTACTS WITH A SPY AND GIVING HIM ASSIGNMENTS DIRECTED AGAINST AN UNNAMED THIRD COUNTRY, JUSTICE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE DIPLOMAT, A SECRETARY AT THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN BERN, HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH AN ESPIONAGE AGENT OPERATING OUTSIDE SWITZERLAND.

IT SAID THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS FROM POLICE IN BASEL IN NORTHWEST SWITZERLAND NEAR THE WEST GERMAN AND FRENCH FRONTIERS, AND IN

SOLEURE, A RAIL JUNCTION FURTHER SOUTH.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE DIPLOMAT HAD ALREADY LEFT SWITZERLAND. IT DID NOT GIVE HIS NAME

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT IDENTIFIED HIM AS ION HIDOS, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY.

A ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID BY TELEPHONE:

"I HAVE NOT SEEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CANNOT COMMENT ON IT. ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT MR ION HIDOS, SECRETARY AT THE EMBASSY, LEFT FOR ROMANIA ON DEC. 19."

A SPOKESMAN AT THE SWISS JUSTICE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO NAME THE THIRD COUNTRY AGAINST WHOM THE ALLEGED ESPIONAGE WAS DIRECTED.

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