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SUBJECT: Evaluation of [REDACTED]

A review of subject reports in the light of other available information indicates that they may be considered to be probably true and at least partially confirmed by other sources. It is believed that King Mihai's attitude toward the make-up of the Rumanian National Committee is essentially as stated in the reports.

According to available information, former King Mihai has supported the Rumanian National Committee from the time of its organization in the spring of 1949. In April, 1949, the King is reported to have expressed his approval of the make-up of the Committee under the Presidency of General Nicolae Radescu, including delegates from the Council of Political Parties and four persons without political affiliation. At that time the King seemed well satisfied with the accord reached.

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Of the two groups within the Committee, the former King has consistently favored the political parties as against Radescu and the military element. For his part, Radescu has attempted to enlarge the Committee in order to control what he terms "the hostile majority," without, however, alienating the King. Upon the death of Grigore Niculescu-Duzesti, who had been a political delegate, Radescu began to urge the appointment of Anton Crihan, a National Peasant, to fill the vacancy. Radescu's efforts to dominate the Committee seem prompted to a large extent by his desire to secure control of the so-called Foreign Office secret fund administered by two members of the Committee, Constantin Visoianu, former Foreign Minister and Alexander Gretzianu, former Minister to Turkey. Thus Radescu's effort to organize a Congress of Rumanian Exiles, with a committee to supervise all funds spent by emigrants [REDACTED] is probably an additional attempt to obtain control of these funds, as well as to gain influence in the National Committee.

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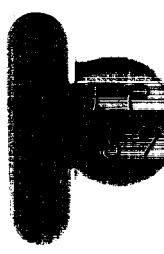
The King's insistence that a replacement for Niculescu-Buzesti be selected by the political parties [REDACTED] suggests that Mihai still favors this group over Radescu, although the latter may be gaining influence because of his ties with the Iron Guard. The Iron Guard has shown the most initiative in attempting to organize an underground movement, but it would be difficult to estimate the amount of support which the Rumanian population would give the Guard.

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1. The attached, evidently <sup>nee</sup> IP-59, was submitted to me for an opinion as to its eligibility for publication as an ORE. I should not bother you with it at this juncture were it not for certain contingencies to be hereinafter described.
2. If other things were equal, I should probably recommend to the branch that with certain specified revisions, <sup>IP-59</sup> ~~it~~ would satisfy the modest demands of a Current Situation In, the season being always open on the same. For present purposes, however, I am assuming that this MS, in its exact present form will become ORE -50 and be so circulated.
3. If so, as a typical reader of such estimates, I do not believe I should be moved to anything more than a persistent suspicion of the reliability of my document. Believing, as I should, that intelligence must be above all things objective and impartial, I should be mildly horrified at the bias seemingly disclosed in some of the language plus the frequent indulgence in broad and convenient generalization. "The National Assembly is only a rubber stamp" (p.2); "Those non-Communists who hold high government posts are invariably stooges of the Communists because of weakness, opportunism, or criminal records" (p.8); "Its ostensible aim is to unify the people behind the government....."

anyone opposing it is automatically an enemy of the state and subject to imprisonment" (p.4); "The resultant terror (of alleged police state methods) does even more to keep the people in line than did the brutal use of force by the Nazis" (pp.3-4); "Cabor Peter, a ruthless Soviet-trained Communist" (p.5); "The cadre section of the party has a network of agents throughout the country whose function is to keep card files on everyone" (p.7); "They (certain communist organizations) separate children from their parents and train them to inform against their families" (p.8); "It is not enough for the Communists to rely on their possession of all the instruments of control; they must eliminate all groups.... A continuing battle against farmers.... whose desire to hold their property is interpreted as active opposition.."( p.11); "The Communists are working toward the elimination of all classes except the workers, working peasants, and progressive intelligentsia.... At present they are concentrating on squeezing out the kulaks, the bourgeoisie, and the aristocrats either by cutting off their means of livelihood or by arresting them on some semi-fictitious charge in order to put them into labor camps." (pp. 12-13); "As a tool of the USSR, Hungary commits anti-US acts and carries denunciatory propaganda to further the extension of Communism and Russian imperialism" (p.6 III) 4. Obviously, one could go on, but ~~xxx~~ one notices that it is but ten

minutes before quitting time. My point is that if there is anything at all in

impartial toward the subject of their endeavors, that something should be done about it lest we ~~become~~ become guilty of the same shortcomings we attribute to the Russians of believing our own propaganda and delivering intelligence which may not entirely accord with the facts but is entirely harmonious with the party line.

5. As to the report in question, I should not want to publish it in any form until someone qualified to do so had replaced the generalizations with verifiable facts and the diatribes against Soviet infamy with a cold analysis of Soviet-Hungarian-Communist methods. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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