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1. The following Rumanian refugees in Yugoslavia hold important positions in the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees:
 - a. Ion Ghinea [REDACTED]
 - b. Gheorge Grosu,² former Rumanian border guard captian and deputy;
 - c. Constantin Boris,³ former lieutenant in the Rumanian Army, is a member of the Executive Committee; and
 - d. Ioan Gheorghiu,³ former Rumanian Army captain.

Ioan Gheorghiu and Constantin Boris are probably not Communists.

2. The members of the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees are under the constant surveillance of Yugoslav UDB officials. The UDB examines their statements for propaganda material and ignores their requests for travel westward. Refugees are interned and are seldom permitted to go [REDACTED] 25X1

3. Rumanian refugees who are apprehended in attempts to flee Yugoslavia [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] through black market means are interned in a camp at Gerovo, Croatia. Confinement is not every strict, althouth internees are not permitted to receive or write letters. There is another refugee internment camp at Pancevo, Serbia. Rumanian refugees are sent here immediately after crossing the border into Yugoslavia.

4. There are a number of Rumanian refugees living outside internment camps in Yugoslavia. These individuals are located as follows:

Serbia

- a. Belgrade: 15;

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- b. Svetozarevo: 40;⁵
- c. Cuprija: 20;
- d. Popovac: 25;
- e. Vrsac: 50;
- f. Alibunar: 2; and
- g. Paracin: 2.

Croatia

- a. Gerovo: 20

5. Since the beginning of 1953, some 18 members of the Rumanian border guard have arrived as refugees in Novi Popovac, Serbia.

[REDACTED] Comments:

1. Former Captain and Political Commissar of the 17 Air Force Regiment at Brasou, Rumania, escaped to Yugoslavia in a Heinkel 111 on 13 March 1952; member of Executive Committee of the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees.

2. Former Rumanian Army Captain who [REDACTED] has been in Yugoslavia since 28 February 1952; member of Executive Committee of the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees.

3. [REDACTED] at a meeting of the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees held in Svetozarevo (reported by Borba of 21 July 1952), both of the stated individuals participated in a discussion concerning the work of political refugees in Yugoslavia.

4. The fact that the refugees are under the close surveillance of the UDB in Yugoslavia is confirmed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a meeting of the Rumanian refugees called by the UDB on 1 July 1952 at Svetozarevo, Serbia. The meeting was addressed by General Dusan Mugosa of the Yugoslav Reserve Army. Mugosa at this time proposed the formation of the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees, and exerted his influence in regard to the selection of its officers and leaders. Mugosa brought out the fact that Yugoslav authorities must know exactly where the refugees stand. He declared that no Rumanian refugee would be forced to join the Association of Rumanian Political Refugees in Yugoslavia, but he pointed out that non-members would be deprived of certain advantages to which members would be entitled. Mugosa remarked that so far Yugoslav authorities have been lenient relative to refugees, but that there is a limit to this leniency. Mugosa also criticized Rumanian refugees who have fled from Yugoslavia to the West or who intend to leave the country.

5. [REDACTED] some 60 to 70 Rumanian refugees are permanently located in Svetozarevo and its surrounding areas, including Cuprija and Paracin.

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