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1. On 11 November General Nicolae Radescu proposed to King Mihai, through Professor H. Herescu, that Grigore Gafencu, former foreign minister; Nicolae Caranfil, industrialist and engineer; Charles Davila, former minister to Washington; and Professor Herescu be appointed to a Rumanian Committee.
2. Radescu, although he attends social functions, has maintained that his health prevents him from being received in audience by the King. He planned to leave France for the United States on 13 November without waiting for the King's reply to his latest proposal.
3. General Radescu has attempted to bring pressure to bear on Rumanian students in Paris to compel them to join his "Union of Free Rumanians" under threat of loss of scholarships and difficulties when they return to a liberated Rumanian. He invited members of a newly-formed Rumanian military group in Paris to adhere to the Union, but this invitation was refused on the ground that the new military organization did not wish to participate in politics. Radescu has now created a "Military Council", reportedly without asking those so appointed if they were willing to accept the posts.
4. Copies of the memoranda relative to their conversations at the State Department which were prepared by Grigore Gafencu and Brutus Coste, as well as copies of letters to Gafencu and General Radescu from General Constantin Petre-Lazar, aide to King Mihai, have been obtained by the [REDACTED]

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