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1. There are presently about three hundred to four hundred Rumanians in Spain, scattered throughout the provinces. The colony in Madrid consists of about fifty to sixty. Of the latter, Gheorghe Antoniadis is the leader of the democratic (or National Committee) group. The Iron Guardists, who are more numerous in Madrid, are headed by Prince Mihail Sturdza. Also active in the Iron Guard group are Mihail Fotin Baescu and George Uscatescu. Uscatescu, recently married the daughter of one Rubio, the "chef de cabinet" of Luis Carrero Blanco, and is reportedly to be in very good standing with Blanco.
2. The Iron Guard group in Madrid has managed to dominate Nicolae Dimitrescu, a former Rumanian minister in Madrid who has a semi-official diplomatic status with the Spanish Foreign Ministry as the diplomatic representative of the Rumanian exiles. Dimitrescu professes to be a monarchist, but has not been given any recognition by King Mihai or by the Rumanian National Committee. In actual fact, he leans toward the Iron Guard, and being above all a snob, took delight in escorting Prince Nicolae around Madrid when the latter visited Spain late last spring (1950). The Swiss, who are the custodians of the files and seals of the old Rumanian Legation, have not taken cognizance of Dimitrescu's new status, and have not turned over any Legation records or property to him.
3. Nicolae is on bad terms with both his brother, ex-King Carol, and his nephew, exiled King Mihai, and is in bad financial straits. Among other things, he was trying to sell some murals in Spain on his last trip. He has no support among those exiled Rumanians who adhere in principle to the National Committee. Similarly, the Iron Guardists are on bad terms with all the other exiled Rumanians. It can also be said that they need a leader with more prestige and a more respectable facade than a man such as Sturdza. Hence the liaison between the prince in search of a following and the political group in search of a figurehead was a natural one. Equally logical was the choice of Spain as the center for their activity. There was a considerable number of Iron Guardist already well established there, the political atmosphere was not unfriendly, and most important of all, through certain contacts in the Spanish Government, a certain amount of official support could be counted upon. The friendliness of Praty Soutzo of the Foreign Ministry toward the Iron Guard is significant. Although Praty is the head of the Section of the Americas in the Foreign Ministry, Eastern Europe and particularly Rumania has always been his specialty (he was secretary of legation and later Minister to Rumania, and speaks the language fluently).

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4. Prat loves intrigue, and likes the Iron Guardists. He is especially close to Sturdza, who may even be a distant relative. When Prat does anything in behalf of the Iron Guardists, he naturally does not necessarily represent Foreign Ministry policy, but his position imparts an official aura to all his activities. The truth is probably that no one else in the Foreign Ministry knows enough about Rumanian politics to meddle with the exile situation, and Prat has a free hand. Prat keeps in contact with, and is friendly to, Antoniadu, but he shares the Iron Guard opinion that the National Committee is worthless because of the Guard's conclusion.
5. Prat was undoubtedly the force behind the granting of semi-official recognition to Dimitrescu. He has also probably helped various Iron Guardists to enter Spain, although it is reported that the number who have arrived recently is not large. Apparently Sturdza and the other Guardists sent out a letter to Guardists in other parts of Europe advising them to come to Spain, and assuring them that they would be assisted.
6. Several Iron Guardists of some prominence have shown up in Madrid, apparently as a result of this letter cited in the preceding paragraph. The two best known are George Dimitrescu and Vasile Iassinski. Sturdza recently married a 20 year old American woman and professes the intention of withdrawing from all political activity.

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