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- 25X1 1. There are signs that the positions of Gheorghiu-Dej and Chisinevski (one of the Cominform heads) are now in some danger. At present, Emil Bodnaras, Minister of Defense, seems the most securely situated as he enjoys the full confidence of Moscow.
- 2. Religious persecution, confined until now to the Catholic Church<sup>1</sup>, is being extended into Rumania's state church, the Rumanian Orthodox. Patriarch Justinian, the head of this Church in Rumania, is now the subject of attack, and his adherents fear he may soon be arrested.

- 25X1 1.  Comment. Reference here is probably to the Greek Catholic (Uniate) and Roman Catholic Churches, both of which acknowledge the primacy of the Pope.

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