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SYNOPSIS:

Information received 3/4/57, regarding an unknown seaman as hiding in NY, NY, without identification papers or money. On 3/12/57, one CONSTANTIN GAVRILESCU contacted the Rumanian Legation Washington, D.C., seeking a Rumanian passport.

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DETAILS

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 3/4/57, that on the same date an individual named CERNEA (phonetic), contacted the Rumanian Mission to the United States in New York. CERNEA related to an official there that he was hiding a seaman who had arrived in the United States without identification papers or funds, and that he wished to return this individual to Rumania.

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On March 13, 1957, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, related one CONSTANTIN GAVRILESCU contacted the Romanian Legation, Washington, D.C., on that date. GAVRILESCU inquired concerning the availability of his passport. GAVRILESCU claimed he had contacted the Romanian Legation approximately nine months previously from Venezuela. This individual stated he was without funds and had arrived in the United States at New York, by boat several days previously.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 6, 1957, he had heard of one GAVRILESCU being seen in New York, New York. It was rumored that GAVRILESCU was staying at a hotel in Brooklyn, New York, and had been a visitor at the Romanian Orthodox Church of St. Dimitru which is located in Manhattan, New York.

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted on March 18 and 22, 1957. On those occasions, the source had no information pertaining to GAVRILESCU.

On May 9, 1957, T-4 advised it had come to his attention that one of the young men of the Romanian Colony in New York, New York, was with a friend in Times Square a few days before Sunday, March 24, 1957. They were speaking Romanian to each other and were overheard by a stranger who introduced himself as GAVRILESCU, in Romanian. After some social conversation, the three then went to a local motion picture theatre.

In addition, T-4 advised a personal friend, who had been at sea, returned for a short visit to New York. T-4 inquired of this party regarding GAVRILESCU. The friend furnished the following information to the source which may be possibly identical:

One GAVRILESCU was a member of the Romanian Iron Guard and is believed to have fled Rumania about 1940, after the failure of the Iron Guard rebellion in Rumania.

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He is believed to have resided in Germany for a time and, thereafter, to have travelled to South America where he has resided for the past few years.

The Rumanian Iron Guard (RIG) has been described by Bishop IONEL DOMINIC TRIPA, an alleged former RIG leader, and by THEODOR HUNITA, an admitted former RIG member, as being an extremely radical, nationalistic, political organization founded in Rumania in the early 1930's. The RIG collaborated with the Nazi German Government during World War II.

Both Bishop TRIPA and THEODOR HUNITA have stated that the RIG is definitely anti-Communist.

On May 8, 1957, Inspector EVERETT GAVIN, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York, advised a careful check of crew member listings of all ships arriving at New York, New York, during the early part of March, did not reflect the name of CONSTANTIN GAVRILESOU. In addition, he was unable to find any reference to the name GAVRILESOU as an arrival at the Port of New York in the general indices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York.

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