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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: MAILAT, Vasile

1. The files of this office reveal the following information which may possibly pertain to the subject of your request.

2. Chief of Station, Karlsruhe forwarded to Chief, FIM, a report in which an informant disclosed his knowledge of various organizations engaged in intelligence operations in Rumania and Austria. The following information pertaining to one Vassile MAILAT was extracted from the report;

"Vassile MAILAT, a collaborator of AUNER and SIMA, lost a large number of bodies in Rumania over the past three years, and... (informant) says that with the exception of a few connections still remaining in the Banat at Floesti and Gluj, the SIMA group is largely non-existent."

[32-6-7-817 (MOLA-5379)]; Source: Chief of Station, Karlsruhe; Evaluation: Not given.

3. A report on the intelligence activities of Rev. Ion Florian MUELLER, which was prepared by [redacted] was forwarded to Chief, EE by Chief of Station, Frankfurt on 4 April 1952. [redacted] reported that according to [redacted] Vasile MAILAT, a Legionary Commandant and former mayor of the 3rd Sector of Bucharest under the Legionary regime in Rumania, was, at the time of the report, the present Legionary chief for Austria. [redacted] also reported that during a meeting between MAILAT and [redacted] on 8 January 1952 in Rev. MUELLER'S presence, MAILAT stated that "individual Legionnaires had been assigned to work for the various allied intelligence services, but that no service could boast of using the services of the Iron Guard Movement". [redacted] (MOMA-9074); Source: [redacted]; Evaluation: Not given.

4. Included in a list of Rumanians most active in politics abroad was one MAILAT, fnu. This list, dated December 1948, indicated that MAILAT, an Iron Guardist, was in Austria. [200-7-34-57 (H-100-125)]; Source: [redacted]; Evaluation: B-2.

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5. The following information was extracted from a dispatch from Chief, FDM to Chief of Station, Vienna, dated 14 February 1949:

"...We have been informed by a source believed reliable that Professor Vladimir PETROVICI, formerly of the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, escaped clandestinely to Austria in December 1948. He was taken in hand by the Salzburg office of CAROMAN, the Rumanian relief organization which has headquarters in Paris. CAROMAN in Salzburg reported to the Paris headquarters that PETROVICI is an Iron Guardist and that the Iron Guard wishes to keep him under cover in Salzburg to work for MAILAT and other Guardists 'who are compromised'..." [200-7-34-12 (MAVW-955)].

6. A report on the activities of [] dated 7 January 1952, was forwarded to Chief, FDM from Chief of Station, Karlsruhe. The report indicated that the Legionnaires, through Vasile MAILAT and BARBULESCU, were using blackmail against [] concerning the publication of the Vestitorul. It was also indicated that the Legionnaires had published three issues of the Vestitorul without [] participation. [62-6-2-344 (MIMA-8070)]; Source: [] Evaluation: Not given/.

7. In a report from Chief of Station, Karlsruhe to Chief, FDM, dated 12 October 1950, it was indicated that one AUNER, fnu was a ZIPPER employee. It was further indicated that one Vasile MAILAT was a co-worker of AUNER. [32-6-1-2781 (MGLA-3659)].

8. One Ioan BALCU was included in a list of Rumanian emigres suspected of Communist affiliations or sympathies. Information on BALCU, dated 10 January 1951, was given to source FAIRFAX by the CAROMAN agency in Paris. Additional information on BALCU, supplied by CAROMAN, indicated that one Mr. SASSU, who was formerly employed at the Rumanian Legation in Prague, confirmed that BALCU, while in Bucharest, had the attitude of an active Communist, that he was aggressive and openly menaced Minister FILOTTI. In a personal file on BALCU, which is kept in the CAROMAN office, it was indicated that BALCU had given as a reference one MAILAT, fnu, in Salzburg. [29-8-3-228 (FEL-1994)]; Source: [] Evaluation: B-3/.

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9. Chief, FDM, received from Chief of Station, Karlsruhe a report on the debriefing of [] dated 29 August 1950. The following excerpt concerning MAILAT was taken from the report:

"... [] stated with surprise that Emil CHILEZAN is in constant correspondence with Vasile MAILAT. MAILAT, a Legionary Commandant and a former very Orthodox Legionary, plays now the part of a bourgeois Legionary. He seems to have forgotten completely the basic Legionary rules of austerity and plays this part very well. Both he and his wife are good bourgeois. [] does not know if the part which MAILAT plays as a bourgeois is genuine or has been suggested to him by the Legion. The fact is that he has not broken off from the Legion and still considers himself a Legionary.

MAILAT and his wife live at 5 Moosstrasse, in Salzburg.

[] thinks that he works for AUNER...."

[6-8-5-13 (MGMA-3812)].

10. Information on one Petre BOGDAN aka Titi CONSTANTINESCU dated 14 March 1951, was received from the U.S. Army Attache, Ankara, Turkey. The information was given to the Army Attache by one Dr. Aurel DECEI who had received it from one Victor LEU, the Archimandrite of Free Rumania. According to Chief of Station, Karlsruhe, LEU was considered a questionable character, and was, probably beyond question, a British agent. The following was extracted from the report:

"...Constantinescu-Bogdan is presently working for the 'American Intelligence Service in Austria', in the Auner Group. (Auner is a Saxon from Brasov, Rumania.) Auner formerly worked for the Hitlerite services and during the war, he left Rumania. Most of Auner's assistants - among which are Mailat, Dimitriu, Baciu and others - are former Iron Guard members...."

[32-6-6-2521 (MGLA-7266)]; Source: See above; Evaluation: Not given.]

11. Chief, EE, in a dispatch to Chief of Base, Salzburg, dated 22 May 1952, requested information on one Gora BOTAZZI. It was indicated that a woman believed identical with BOTAZZI had been in Salzburg in August 1951 and had been in contact with various Rumanians, one of whom was Vasile MAILAT. [6-6-2-4925 (MASW-433)].

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12. A report on the activities of one Tanda CARAGEA BRAGADIRU MOEVS was submitted by Chief of Station, Karlsruhe to Chief, FDM on 4 January 1952. The following information was extracted from the report:

"...Overtly, the Iron Guardists use injurious language whenever Subject's (MOEVS) name is mentioned and accuse her of being a Communist agent, of having betrayed them, etc. Covertly, however, Subject is on very good terms with a number of Iron Guardists and especially with Vasile MAILAT and Mircea DIMITRIU, both of whom she often meets...."

[] (MGMA-8044); Source: [] Evaluation: Not given/.

13. Chief of Station, Vienna forwarded a report on one Father Florian MUELLER to Chief, FEM, on 15 February 1951. Information on MAILAT was extracted from the report as follows:

"...NEAGOYE (sic) prefaced his remarks by saying that although neither Father MUELLER nor Walter POPAN will officially admit contact with each other and with the Horia Sima group of the Iron Guard (Legion), they definitely all work close together on political and intelligence matters.

Father MUELLER's closest collaborators in Austria are Mircea DIMITRIU, Marin SANDU, Mihai GIUREA, Vasile MAILAT, Traian GOLEA and a (fnu) CONSTANTINIU. All of these men are key figures in the local Horia Sima group and DIMITRIU, GIUREA and MAILAT are known to have political and intelligence connections with the French in Innsbruck...."

[32-6-6-1559 (MASA-264); Source: [] Evaluation: Not given/.

14. A CIC report on Iron Guard personalities in Western and Central Europe, dated 16 January 1950, was forwarded to Chief, FDP by Chief of Station, Trieste on 18 August 1951. The CIC report indicated that one Vasile MAILAT, residing in the U.S. zone of Austria, was working with the American IS. [62-7-2-68 (PTA-1696); Source: CIC, Trieste; Evaluation: by CIC, the entire report, F-6; by the Trieste Station, the above information, 2/

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15. George NEAGOY, in a report on his activities in Austria from August 1947 to July 1951, indicated that Vasile MAILAT was a member of the Auner-Malner group of Horia Sima's Iron Guardists. The report also indicated that the Auner-Malner group, which was working for the American IS, was loyal to Horia Sima first and to the Americans second. In general, the report indicated that the American IS set-up in Austria, as far as Iron Guardist participation was concerned, was a sorry mess which was principally due to internal strife within the Iron Guard group. [62-7-2-72; Source: George NEAGOY; Evaluation: Not given].

16. On 28 March 1952 [] reported on the reorganization of the Iron Guardists in the Salzburg area. The Guardists organized themselves into three "Nests", which in the Legionary organization is the equivalent of the Communist "cell". Vasile MAILAT was indicated as being the Legionary Commandant of the "Command Nest". [62-7-2-78 (MGMA-9154); Source: [] Evaluation: Not given].

17. Chief of Station, Karlsruhe forwarded a report on Dr. John Florian MUELLER to Chief, Munich Operations Base on 10 October 1951. The following was extracted from the report:

"...Included in Karl files information is a Vienna memorandum (MASA-264) which reports that MUELLER's closest collaborators in Austria are Mircea DIMITRIU, Marin SANDU, Mihai GIUREA, Vasile MAILAT, Traian GOLEA and a fru CONSTANTINIU, all key figures in the local Horia Sima group, and DIMITRIU, GIUREA and MAILAT are known to have political and intelligence connections with the French in Innsbruck. He also has close ties to Iron Guardists in Spain, to Swiss Intelligence, and to French intelligence...."

[6-8-5-28 (MGKA-33424)].

18. Acting Chief of Station, Karlsruhe forwarded a report on Titu CONSTANTINESCU aka Engineer BOGDAN to Chief, FDM, on 2 December 1949.

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The following information concerning one Vasile MAILAT was extracted from the report:

"...He (CONSTANTINESCU) sought to reestablish contact with and regain the confidence of the SIMA group in order to be able to recruit couriers for Rumania from among members of that group. That group's confidence in Titi CONSTANTINESCU had been shaken because of the misunderstandings which had developed in Salzburg between CONSTANTINESCU on the one hand and Mircea DUMITRIU and Vasile MAILAT on the other hand. DUMITRIU and MAILAT had been appointed by Horia SIMA to lead the Legionary group which had infiltrated the American IS in Austria, i.e. Linz and Salzburg. CONSTANTINESCU had sought to obtain that appointment for himself from Horia SIMA. That caused a conflict between Titi CONSTANTINESCU on one side and DUMITRIU and MAILAT on the other as a result of which Titi CONSTANTINESCU withdrew from the SIMA group in Salzburg so far as his activity went, for a certain period. During that interval DUMITRIU and MAILAT exerted pressure on CONSTANTINESCU for rejoining the SIMA Legionary group in his activity in order to end the evident competition between them and to avoid weakening their standing and their relations with the American services in Salzburg.

[32-6-6-152 (MGMA-1905); Source: [] Evaluation: Not given.]

19. Included in a list of names of Rumanian personalities known or suspected to be members of the Intelligence and Security Services of the Rumanian Government or of the Communist Party of Rumania was one Vasile MAILAT. It was indicated that MAILAT was suspected of having Rumania IS affiliations. Date of information was 18 February 1947. [62-8-2-1y1 (MAVA-1465 Atchd to MAVA-525); Source: ODI, USFA Report No. R-35-48, information from ODI, USFA files; Evaluation: B-2].

20. A dispatch from Chief, FDM, to Chief of Station, Vienna, dated 6 December 1948, was a report on the trial of Eugen TEODORESCU who was charged by the Rumanian Government as acting as paid agent in the service of the information service of the American Army. The following information concerning MAILAT was extracted from the dispatch:

"...According to the Act of Indictment, information for the Americans was to be transmitted through MAILAT and BOROBARU (believed to be identical with Vasile MAILAT of G-2 Summary of Rumanian Intelligence and Security Services, page 16, dated 30 September 1947, attached to MAVA-525; and with Traian BOROBARU, member of the Rumanian National Government in Vienna in 1945), close collaborators of Horia SIMA."

[6-6-2-514 (MAVW-867)].

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21. On 30 December 1949 Chief of Station, Karlsruhe forwarded to Chief, FDM, a report written by [] on the Legionary Movement from its beginning in 1919 to present. The report indicated that one Vasile MAILAT was one of several Legionnaires who had fled from Rumania to Germany with Horia SIMA after the Rebellion of January 1941. [62-7-2-16y9 (MGMA-1997)]; Source: [] Evaluation: Not given/.

22. A member of the Iron Guard who escaped from Rumania in May 1948 submitted information on the organization of the Iron Guard to [] who transmitted it to Washington in March 1950. Date of information was January 1950. It was indicated that one Vasile MAILAT was an Iron Guard courier in Salzburg. [62-7-2-18yl (PGA-4750)]; Source: [] Evaluation: B-3/.

23. The following information concerning one Vasile MAILAT, which was originally in the EE/FI/ZIPPER office, was taken from unprocessed material which is to be placed in file No []

"MGL-A-429 - Rumanian lawyer, 40 years old. Has his Abitur and is a licensed jurist from the Univ. of Cluj. Was a 1st Lieutenant of the Rumanian Reserve (artillery) and practiced law in Bucharest until fall 1940 when he became District Burgermeister of Bucharest. In Jan. 41, emigrated to Germany and was in Buchenwald KZ until Aug 44. Since 1945 has been in Austria working since then as leader of a debriefing team. Subject speaks Rumanian, French, and German; knows Rumania very well. Due to past political activity, has far-reaching contacts in Rumania and to legionnaire circles of emigrants. Has been thoroughly investigated and is considered to be very responsible, capable, correct, and clever. Leader of this operation, and also runs operation in Project 121. Sub-agents report to him once a month by letter, he sends reports to Austria via mail in secret writing; Subject known by [] Subject knows the leader of Organization 13 and the representative as well as the co-workers of the head Residentura 15000. Subject knows that he is working for a German Intelligence agency which has U.S. support. Subject appears in Proj. 121 in the same capacity which he has in this project." (Deval. Proj. 14-21 Sept 49)

"MGL-A-489 (Project 121 - 1 Oct 49) Co-worker of Organization 13 where he led debriefing group beginning in the summer of 1947. Recruited #15325 and trained him in positive intelligence, secret writing and codes. Family, if any, probably lives in Austria. Paid as regular member of GVA (ZIPPER)."

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"MIL-A-2446 10 July 1950. Leader of the project; Rumanian national born 1909 in Bucharest; living with wife, but not in contact with his family in Rumania; while in military service attended Officer's Candidate School for Artillery in Craiova. Up to 1941 member of the Legionnaire movement and member of Rumanian Bar. At present no political affiliations. Has organized and carried out several missions into Rumania for General Agency A."

"MIL-A-9352, 30 Nov 51. Dropped Agents List 456/30. Unfit for employment.

24. SODB-23272, dated 10 March 1950 was transmitted to the ONI in answer to a query on one Vasile MAILAT. Copy of SO DB 23272 is attached.

1. Attachment:
Copy of SO DB-23272

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