

On May 5, 1948, Special Agents of the FBI interviewed Gen. Nicolae Radescu, former Prime Minister of Rumania, at his residence located at 164 East 72nd St NY. Radescu stated that he had no personal knowledge concerning Malaxa's activities inasmuch as he had met Malaxa for the first time in Dec. of 1944.

Radescu explained the apparent discrepancy between his statement that Malaxa was in possession of his factories in Dec. 1944, with the fact that the decree granting Malaxa control over his works was not signed until April 12, 1945, by stating that both Malaxa and Ausnit assumed control of their factories shortly after the Armistice in Sept 1944. He stated that he was unaware of the decree of October 9, 1943, which gave back to Malaxa his rights of ownership over his property. Radescu pointed out that although the decree which returned Malaxa to control of his factories and reimbursed him for the use of his factories by the Rumanian Government and the seizure of the tube mill by the Russians was signed after he was desposed as Prime Minister, he was responsible for its inception. He also pointed out that although the pro-Communist Government of Peter Groza was in power at the time, they did not have complete control and there was still a semblance of democratic procedure. He was unable to explain why this decree called for reimbursement to Malaxa in foreign currency.

Gen. Radescu stated that after his interview with Malaxa in Dec 1944, he did not see him again until April 26, 1948.

Gen. Radescu had no personal knowledge concerning the question of why Malaxa was permitted to leave Rumania. He stated that Malaxa probably pretended that he was not opposed to the Communists and paid a large sum to Bodnarus in order to leave Rumania. (The foregoing not to be disseminated) ✓

In late April 1948, Gen Radescu stated that he was receiving funds from Nicolae Malaxa, during an interview with the Director of CIA (not to be disseminated) ✓

As of March 1948, Malaxa's wife and son were reported still in Rumania.

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