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Subject: Nicolae MALAXA Personality sketch
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"One's first impression of Mr. MALAXA is that he is an unusually powerful personality, a man of great will power, and full of fight. Despite the criticisms of his enemies, which claim that favorable conditions presided over his rise in the field of industry, one realizes that there are other characteristics and qualities which have won him the name "captain of industry," and which made him the powerful man he was in Romania in the last two decades. If the reproaches that his personal enemies make to him are set aside, an objective observer will find that Mr. Malaxa managed, despite his cold and unfriendly nature, the affection of his partners, and the respect and devotion of his workers. Mr. MALAXA's personal life has been above reproach always. He is the father of two children; he respects the most strict temperance, both toward liquor and coffee, and he does not smoke. He is, and his situation demands that he be, a fiery enemy of communism. There is no doubt about it. He does not respect political principles, which is his greatest fault. But in order to defend his properties, he had to compromise with King Carol, with the Iron Guard, with the Antonescu regime, and finally, with the Communists. He paid them all great amounts of money just to let him alone.

"Mr. MALAXA is not talkative; he does appear to talk just for the exercise of talking. His words are carefully weighted, the talk is rare and the sentences short. He begins a conversation coldly, but if he trusts his audience, slowly his words warm up and express his inner thoughts; in a firm voice, his deep convictions are given a tremendous force."

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"2. Mr. MALAXA made the following statements:

A. "While in Paris, I purchased the newspaper La France Libre for Mrs. Genevieve TABONIS, the woman journalist, with the purpose of having her write anti-communist articles. This she has done very well; has traveled a great deal, and once went to Moscow with a U.S. delegation. At a reception there a Russian minister told her: "We Soviets do not want war because we can achieve our aims without it. Capitalism will succumb by its self. We can wait provided that in the meantime we can maintain in the world a state of tension and unrest which will speed up the process."

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B. "It is a terrible thing that nobody and nothing has been done in the world to meet communism with the necessary force and decision. I myself have not been able to find a person or an organization which can help me send food and clothing to NIMALACHE and MANIU. Yesterday I again had the opportunity to discuss this matter with a person of considerable influence here, and to tell that person the problems that we face.

"I told this person my ideas and I have reason to believe that careful thought will be given them; please do not ask me about the plans. There is a lot that can be done with radios."

C. Source later learned that MALAXA the evening before had had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Harrison, former U.S. minister to Rumania, and that a former US M/A to Berne was also present.

D. "One can learn how dangerous the Russians actually are," MALAXA stated to source, and to other luncheon guests, by reading the new book by Henri MASSIS, entitled "La Russie se Decouvre" in which the political testament of the great Russian writer Dostoevsky is analysed; the testament declares that the world of the ~~Russians~~ future must be Russian; if one considers that by the time that the testament was written Russia possessed Alaska and a province where the state of Washington is today, it is easy to realize that his dreams were not foolish. I found that such a good argument against Russian expansionism that I had it translated into English. I did not want it printed in a book, since a book does not reach the masses, so I asked the journalist Dorothy Thomason to write articles and excerpts from the book; unfortunately she did not publish it yet, but I have hopes that she will later."

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3. Source learned that MALAXA provides a monthly allowance to Gen. RADESCU of 5,000 dollars.

4. Having great difficulties with his visa in the US, MALAXA stated that he had planned to move to Canada, to build an industry there. As a result of interference on the part of BOLEALL and AUSNITT (Vickers interests), the British at London instructed the Canadians to refuse the visa.

MALAXA made the above charge to a very reliable source, according to []

5. Viorel V. TILIEA, who has always held that he enjoys excellent contacts with the British, approached MALAXA and offered to intervene for his Canadian visa. TILIEA gained the confidence of MALAXA, and began to ask for sums with which to bribe several officials. He obtained approximately 60 to 67 thousand dollars from MALAXA. At the end, MALAXA realized that he had been blackmailed and refused to deal with TILIEA any longer. A scandal broke and ~~the scandal was~~ TILIEA returned to London and wrote a letter renouncing his intentions to take part in the Rumanian National committee.