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To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Washington, D. C.

Attention:
Acting Assistant Director

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MIHAIL BOCHORY, with alias Michael Bochory
ION BOCHORY, with aliases J. E. Bochory, Jacques Bochory
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Reference is made to your request for available information concerning captioned individuals who are Rumanian citizens and brothers, your reference SO DB-13123. Referenced request included information that Ion Bochory is presently in the United States and that Mihail Bochory has applied for a visa to the United States at the American Embassy in Paris, France.

The files of this Bureau reflect no information identifiable with Mihail Bochory.

A review of the files of this Bureau has disclosed the following information pertaining to Ion Bochory. According to the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York, Ion Bochory entered the United States by TWA plane from Paris on September 30, 1946 in possession of "passport #013756". He was described as age 41, single, a Rumanian citizen, and his birthplace was indicated as Bucharest, Rumania. He indicated his occupation as "industrialist".

Information made available by a confidential and reliable source under date of July 25, 1947, reflects that J. E. Bochory, Secretary General of the Rumanian-American Chamber of Commerce in Rumania, came to the United States in 1946 with a small group from the Rumanian-American Chamber of Commerce which included Max Ausnit and Nicholas Malaxa, wealthy Rumanian industrialists now residing in the United States. Bochory was reported to have been the former representative in Rumania for Willys, General Motors, and other large automotive concerns.

In connection with this Bureau's investigation of the activities of Nicolae Malaxa, with aliases, information concerning whom has been furnished your agency, Malaxa advised that Bochory was made a member of the Rumanian group which came to the United States upon the recommendation of Georgehu Dej, Rumanian political leader. The primary interest of the group was to develop commercial relations between the United States and Rumania. Malaxa claimed that he had given Ion Bochory several thousand dollars during 1946 while in Paris and Switzerland and that sometime in

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1947 Bochory approached him for a loan with which to organize a business to export automobiles to Rumania from the United States. Malaxa refused to grant this loan and since then Bochory has become his enemy. Malaxa referred to Ion Bochory as an ungrateful person and an imposter, and stated that he was merely a used car salesman in Rumania. According to Malaxa, Bochory presented himself to American society as "Prince" and falsely represented himself to be a business associate of King Michael.

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Through a confidential source it was ascertained that while in Paris in 1946 Ion Bochory heard that Malaxa wanted to back Gheorghiu Dej in his fight against Ana Pauker, present Rumanian Foreign Minister. Malaxa reportedly purchased a Cadillac automobile in Switzerland and drove it to Paris intending to give it to Dej. To keep his name out of the arrangement Malaxa got Bochory to drive the car back to Switzerland where it was registered in Bochory's name. According to the source, Bochory then drove the car back to Paris where he turned it over to Dej upon Malaxa's instructions. Malaxa, however, claimed that he gave the car to the Rumanian Peace Delegation then in Paris and not to Dej personally.

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Information made available by the Department of State which emanated from Bucharest, Rumania under date of March 5, 1948 reflects that Ion Bochory has an "unsavory local business reputation" and is "credited with being an opportunist from every viewpoint". It was further indicated that he did not intend to return to Rumania.

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It would be appreciated if you would furnish this Bureau such additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals as might come to your attention.

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