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were friendly. The informant stated that he is of the opinion that MALAXA is definitely anti-Communist. He said that MALAXA gave money to anyone whom he thought might prove useful to him. The informant stated that MADAM ENESCU was a friend of MALAXA. (Madam ENESCU is the wife of GREGOR ENESCU, a famous Rumanian violinist, presently residing in the United States). Madam ENESCU's first husband, CARTACUZESCU, was one of the wealthiest persons in Rumania, and according to the informant, was Rumanian Minister of Justice prior to World War I.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised that FERDIN ZAHARIA, a former Rumanian lawyer, who about twenty years ago was the personal secretary of MICHAEL CARTACUZESCU, Rumanian Minister of Justice, is now employed as personal secretary to NICOLOAI MALAXA.

EDGAR and MAX AUSNIT were interviewed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York City on March 9, 1949. EDGAR AUSNIT stated that he believed MALAXA to be a "pay-off" man for the Communists. He stated that since he has been in the United States for more than ten years, he is not in a position to testify to occurrences in Rumania during the war years.

MAX AUSNIT stated that while he was willing to answer questions concerning MALAXA, he did not desire, at this time, to make any sworn statement or to make a statement recorded by a stenographer. He advised that due to the litigation pending between MALAXA and him, he did not care to be put in the position of having volunteered information to any government agency concerning MALAXA since it might conceivably affect the litigation in some manner.

During the interview, MAX AUSNIT did most of the talking. Much of the information supplied by the AUSNITS concerning MALAXA's background and activities in Rumania has already been reported. Additional points made by MAX AUSNIT are set forth as follows:

King CAROL, from the time of his return to the throne until sometime in late 1936 or early 1937, was politically favorable to the British, American and Little Entente viewpoints on world situations. In 1936 the Little Entente, including Rumania, began to manufacture arms and munitions with an end in view to opposing the Nazis who by that time were demonstrating power in Germany under the leadership of Adolph Hitler. In 1937 the Regent's political feeling apparently changed to that favored by the Nazi government in Germany. A meeting, apparently arranged by MALAXA, was held in Rumania and was attended by several mid-European political figures including the