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MEMORANDUM

17 March 1951

TO: Chief, FDW
Attention: [] []
FROM: Chief, FDP
SUBJECT: Rumanian Espionage Activities in New York City in 1946

1. Confirming the verbal report relative to the espionage activities of certain Rumanians in New York City in 1946 made to you by [] [], the following information is available.
2. According to the source, who has been identified to you, Richard Franasovici, Rumanian minister to London, and one Dimancescu were in New York City as unofficial Rumanian observers at the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers late in 1946. Dimancescu is believed by this Division to be identical with Dimitri Dimanescu who was at that time employed by the Rumanian Legation in London.
3. Dimancescu struck up an acquaintance with the private secretary of Maurice Couve de Murville who represented the French at this conference. He paid much attention to this young lady, succeeded in becoming intimate with her, and in this manner gained access to her stenographic notes of the sessions of the Council. These notes were photostated at a commercial photography shop near the Waldorf-Astoria and returned in time for the secretary to complete her work. Franasovici and Dimancescu worked every night on the material thus obtained.
4. Source states that in this manner, Bucharest was able to learn of Molotov's "true and unfriendly attitude" toward Rumania. Of course Franasovici and Dimanescu obtained much additional information. It is not yet clear whether these shorthand notes covered only the proceedings of the Council (if, in fact, they did cover these meetings), or whether they also contained information relative to the plans and strategy of the French Delegation.

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5. A photograph of a Rumanian dinner party at which this stenographer was present, together with six enlargements of her photograph taken from this group picture, have been made available to you.

6. Source states that this private secretary is still employed in the French Foreign Office.