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DATE: 17 December 1947.

TO: Chief, FBP  
Thru.: Chief, FBW

FROM: [ ]

SUBJECT: General - Rumanian Resistance Movement  
Specific - Reply to WPLM-72, of 6 November 1947.

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1. The information contained in WPLM-72, sent to us as a medium of checking reliability of our sources, was received with great pleasure; for the most part, it agrees with information which we have obtained from our end. Specifically, you will notice that KPL-358, of 7 April 1947, announced the type of leadership which would be conferred on RADESCU; this coincides exactly with your information, NICULESCU-BUZESTI's insistence on control has been mentioned in WPL-27, of 18 September, and paragraph 6 of WPL-53, of 18 October.

2. Information recently received from the United States by [ ] complement the information which you are getting from your source. NICULESCU-BUZESTI was married to one of the daughters of Prince STIRBEY, but she died in Switzerland in 1946; another one of STIRBEY's daughters married a man named BOXSALL, born Rumanian but now of British nationality. Mrs BOXSALL left her husband in 1944 to go abroad with GRETIANU, and is now in Washington with him; it is believed that a divorce action is pending between the BOXSALLs and that when the decree is issued GRETIANU and Mrs BOXSALL will be married. [ ] believes that this situation has brought about a personal relationship between GRETIANU and NICULESCU-BUZESTI which has changed the political cast of the group. Prior to RADESCU's arrival in the United States, GRETIANU was felt to be his personal representative and unconditionally devoted to having RADESCU recognized as the leader of all Rumanian oppositionists. NICULESCU-BUZESTI, feeling as he does that he has a personal mandate from STANIU, and incidentally very ambitious politically (WPL-27, 18 September), has

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always contested this viewpoint, preferring to have a guiding board rather than a leader. This is all complicated by the fact that all the money possessed by the group is in the joint control of CRETIANU and VISOIANU. VISOIANU had always sided with NICULESCU-BUZESTI, and so, if now CRETIANU also agrees with these two, it will mean that the money will be controlled by them and that RADESCU will necessarily be forced to accept their conditions.

3. Thus, the picture, as described by [ ] shows one faction composed of VISOIANU, CRETIANU, and NICULESCU-BUZESTI, who will accept RADESCU's leadership only if they, and they alone, dictate policy; the other, and more liberal, faction, composed of such outstanding oppositionists as GAFENCU, FILEA, and SARANFIL, are of the opinion that a general coalition group, representative of all shades of Rumanian political opinion, including that expressed by NICULESCU-BUZESTI, should advise RADESCU. In other words, the first group will not compromise, whereas the second group is quite willing to do so. However, the position of the first group is stronger, for two reasons:

- (1) they are physically in the United States and in personal contact with the General, and
- (2) they control the funds.

4. [ ] feels that at the moment an impasse has been reached for which no solution is at hand. The hopes which RADESCU had, when he left here, of presenting a united Rumanian opposition, which would be almost the equivalent of a government-in-exile, have not been realized, and he and those members of his suite who left Lisbon with him are very discouraged.

5. Since RADESCU's departure we are in contact with [ ], who was appointed by the General as his official representative here (Lisbon cable #147, 8 November). Before the General left Lisbon, but after he had made the official request for visas for himself and his suite, he tried to have [ ] included in the blanket visa. but was unsuccessful; it is now unlikely under any circumstances [ ] will go to the United States. He went to London on or about 17 November to see King MICHAEL (Lisbon cable #150, 15 November). returning to Lisbon on 4 December (WPL-83, 10 December). [ ] is also still here, although he was included in the group to whom visas were granted to go with the General. He still hopes to join the group in the States, but we consider his hopes unfounded, because there seem to be both financial and political barriers to his trip. [ ] and [ ] do not like each other personally, and see little of each other; however, we see both, for both receive information from the United States, [ ] officially and [ ] personally; [ ] last week received a letter from CRETIANU and is in constant correspondence with COSTE; [ ] corresponds with the General and Barbu NICULESCU in Washington and other leaders in Rumanian capitals.

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*Bradshaw*

ANNEX 1

Translation of Letter Addressed by RADESCU to

Lisbon, 24 October 1947

Beloved friends,

After a tiresome trip which lasted two days and three nights, I arrived today in Lisbon, whence I shall start my voyage across the Ocean in six days.

Before leaving Europe - who knows if not forever - I wish to express, again, grateful thanks for the warm hospitality which I found in your home.

I wish to have the chance to prove that I do not belong to the category of those who forget. I am, however, at an age when the passing into another world may come, naturally, at any moment; it may thus be possible that I may not have that chance. In that latter case I wish you would at least remain convinced that you lost a good friend.

If, however, the Almighty wishes that it be different, I pray that he help us have our reunion in a new Rumania, whose tragedy will have ended.

I send you my whole affection.

Signed, N. Radescu

T.N. The letter is written in longhand.

ANNEX 2

Translation of Letter Addressed by Barbu NICULESCU to

Lisbon, 25 October 1947

My beloved (plural),

During the toughest moments through which we passed, you offered to us your home, your purse. Only when one is in great need one finds out who one's brother is. I will never forget how full of savior were the lines which we were receiving from you while we were in Cyprus. You may not realize yet what the hand which you stretched out meant to us during those extremely hard moments from which we could not see a way out. It was the hand of real brothers.

I therefore ask you to believe me, my beloved, that it is hard for us to part with good brothers. After the General's return we spoke again about you. What good children you are! Let us hope that the Ocean will not separate us for long. In fact you will see; if things get complicated there (T.N. in France) give us a sign and we shall send you the visas immediately (T.N. to enter the United States).

I hope that this time, too, the Almighty will save us, as He has so often and we shall be again happy on our freed land, in the midst of those whom we left behind in that ephemeral hell.

Dear (UNISON), in connection with Olteanu we have, for the time being, given up the idea of bringing them (T.N. to the United States) as we do not know exactly what we are going to do ourselves and how we shall get settled. As they have, more or less, found something to do, it is better that they remain there (T.N. in France). We shall see.

Concerning the money which you spent on the occasion of the Geneva conference (30,000 fr.), I hope that we shall be able to succeed, after we arrive in America, to have it reimbursed to you. Brutus (COSTE) alone cannot decide on the reimbursement and CRETZIANU's answer concerning this matter has not yet arrived.

The money which Uncle (T.N. RADESCU) spent on that occasion must be considered as having been given to us. Tell Brutus, therefore, that we have reimbursed it, as he has scolded me for not having returned it to you yet.

In so far as the accounts between us two are concerned, I am extremely embarrassed and grieved that I cannot reimburse you the money which I owe you just now, especially because you, too, have a hard time. I shall try to send it to you as soon as possible. If you will receive small sums of money in usual envelopes through the mail, you will know that they are from me.

As soon as I shall arrive in America, I hope to be able to reimburse to you the whole sum. Forgive me and have just a little patience. You know the Rumanian saying: When you give to others you do not have for yourself! However, good men will always have. If you are in need of money right now, don't hesitate to take from the balance of francs which Uncle left with you, or even from the 2,000 Swiss fr. which Uncle deposited with you, when he last saw you. Do something. Don't be so Catholic.

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In connection with the purpose for which Uncle left that money with you, in order to do what he asked you to, I tell you alone, very confidentially: Don't hurry to make the purchase, before I write to you again, because I am about to pocket a considerable sum of money as a result of some deals which I have set up here. Until then keep the money which Uncle left with you and if you are really in need, help yourself from it. That is just among us. Following the telegram which I sent you today, I include here the General's statement which must be published in the first issue of the paper. I enclose also Uncle's letter to you.

Dear (UNISON) Uncle asks you to be so kind and send approximately 10 copies of each issue of the newspaper (T.N. "l'Action Roumaine") to Turkey, to: Mircea Vasilache, Abdulkahamid Cadd. 78/10, Istanbul. He organized ~~there a team of~~ approximately 40 men - all Rumanian refugees - who assure the contact with Rumania and who send to us, too, the latest news. I gave him your address so that he might send to you, too, all the news. You may arrange the distribution of the paper in Rumania through him. At any rate he will write to you.

(T.N.) There follows the salutation.

Signed, Barbu (NICULESCU)

Translator's note: The letter, which is written in longhand, is addressed to   and wife.

ANNEX 3

Translation of Letter addressed by RADESCU to [ ]

New York 31 December 1947

Beloved [ ]

I write to you on the last day of the year - the end of a tragic year for our poor country. Far from losing hope, I grow stronger in my conviction that the coming year may bring our salvation.

Since I arrived here I fought hard for unity and close cooperation but it was in vain. However, as I have firmly decided to change our method of fighting, I will have one more interview with those in Washington, during the following days and if the desired result will not be achieved I will assume freedom of action and I will sound the alarm, immediately. In fact I will only be sorry that I will have to part with Al. Cr. (Alexandru CRETZIANU) for whom I have a special friendship. It is a pity that he has committed himself to such an extent to a group which has become detested and which will give him no benefit. In the activity which I want to have started during the next month, your support would be of great help to me, although I fear that for reasons listed below you may not be able to give it to me. The matter is as follows:

Together with the change in the method of fighting I have decided to create a General Secretariat to assist me, under the direction of Br. C. (Brutus COSTE). There will be need, however, of different centers which would assure the liaison and the contacting.

For Europe, or at least for France, no one could assist me better than you, because no one knows the situation better than you do nor is more active than you are.

We touch, however, a delicate situation. Your relationship with Cr. (CRETZIANU) is too close, and it may well happen that the fact that I shall be engaged in an activity different from his may prevent you to answer my appeal.

I will certainly understand the situation and there will be no need to alter our relationship, which could remain just as close as it has been so far. Besides, I will have nothing to hide from Cr. (CRETZIANU) and I will keep him informed of everything which I shall do. In case you think that you can answer me in the affirmative, answer me a mere "yes" by a telegram.

Something else now: The last events request haste. I desire that an issue of "I.A.R." (I'ACTION ROUMAINE) be published by all means on 15 January, an issue which will include communiques. Together with Tom. (Col. TOMOROVEANU) make sure that the paper is published by all means. Be so good and give them the equivalent of \$ 100, which I will send you right away.

I hear praises of a newsman called <sup>(G. CIORANU)</sup> George. Please contact him and take him to work for the paper. As my financial means are modest I will pay him as much as I can.

I am glad to see in the letters which I receive that the activities of Rumanians everywhere are increasing. Were it not for the interests of some of those who came out of the country, which were revealed in the Maniu trial, the movement would have progressed. But the "group" with the "secret committee" and the fear of competition, were bound to curtail any progress except whatever was of benefit to those in the "group". What small men for the great tragedy through which the country passes.

I would have much more to say but I am still disturbed by what happened and I stop here.

Tomorrow is New Year's Day - what can I tell you? Can we think of anything else than the salvation of the country?

I send you my best thoughts and all my warm friendship. I often think how well I would feel if I had you both near me.

Signed, N. Radescu

Translator's Note: The letter is written in longhand.



ANNEX 4

Translation of Letter Addressed by RADESCU to [ ]

New York 13 January 1948

Beloved [ ]

Although I hope to be in Paris around the 25th of this month, I do not want to let your letter without an answer.

In spite of all the efforts and concessions which I have made, it has been impossible to reach an agreement with those 3. And I must admit, regretfully, that I encountered the greatest opposition from Al. C. (Alexandru CRETZIANU), whose attitude I still cannot understand.

From what was revealed at the Maniu trial - B.'s famous memorandum - and from what has been going on here, I have formed the firm belief that, from the very start, they aimed to form a "certain" committee in which they should have an assured majority and which should have the Peasant Party policy. They did not think, therefore, in terms of a national activity but rather of an activity which could prepare the way for certain positions in the country when the Almighty would have helped us to liberate it.

This being the situation and as I did not admit, under any circumstances, to consent to a party activity, I have decided to come to France, where the greatest number of free Rumanians is located, to explain the situation to them and to have them decide; their decision I will then submit to H. M. the King who will then dispose as he will see fit.

Although the other matters which you discuss in your letter are of great importance, I leave out now and we will analyse them together when I will arrive there.

Judging from the contents of a paragraph of your letter, it would seem that you think that I am against the political parties; If I understand correctly, then you are completely mistaken. The following two proofs are bound to satisfy you:

In the circular letter which I addressed in September to all the members of the Geneva group, I proposed that the number of representatives of the Liberal Party be increased, because that party was represented only by Farcasanu. I proposed that Vintila Bratianu be also admitted (I remind you that there were 4 National Peasants).

Among other formulae which I proposed, there was one which suggested that the committee be formed of an equal number of party representatives and neutrals - a formula which was not accepted.

Because you were not in Paris, I have already announced Tom. (TOMOROVEANU) of my arrival there and have requested him to let you know on your return, but not to tell it to anyone else. I also requested him to make reservations for two rooms at a modest hotel, for which he should, eventually, ask for your assistance. No matter how well I feel at your home, this time I will have to meet a large number of people, which would disturb you enormously.

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I think that I shall leave on the "Queen Mary". I will let you know from England the date of my arrival in Paris. On that day you can tell others that I will arrive, pretending that you only found it out then.

All my friendly affection to your wife and to you.

Signed, N. Radescu

Translator's Note: The letter is written in longhand.