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Translation of Letter Addressed by Barbu NICULESCU to

New York, 30 July 1948

My dear (plural),

I have not written to you so far because I have been extremely busy. I also wanted to gather information so as to give you some news. I hope that you have received the food package which was sent by the General and the cigarettes which I sent. The heat and the humidity here are unbearable. I was sent by the General to Washington to get an answer from our friends to the proposal which the General made, to form the committee with 9 members from the parties and 6 neutral persons. I discussed the matter with Mr. Buzesti, who did not hesitate to tell me his opinion and details concerning the communication which was made by the State Department. During the discussion I had with Buzesti, he stated the following:

"It is true that I had two mandates, from the Council of the Parties, to discuss with the General, but I hesitated to carry them out as that would have meant to assume too great a responsibility and then I would have probably been blamed for everything. I give a personal answer to the General's proposal of 9 plus six and state that I shall not join any committee which will include Tillea and Davilla among its members. I am very busy now with the Agrarian Union to which I attribute a great importance. I hope to finish that work in 8 - 10 days, after which I shall come to New York to see the General.

"It is true also that we received a communication from the State Department, which has not been agreeable to the parties. I think that the State Department would prefer to work with Mr. Davilla, rather than with one of us, because they know him for a longer time and he, in turn, understands better their way of thinking. It is true, furthermore, that the speculations which were made by the State Department, on the future political aspect of the parties, did not please us; those speculations, however, do not oblige us to share the same beliefs. It is also true that they invited Messrs. Tillea and Davilla to the conference, too. The State Department desires now the formation of a national committee, a desire of which they have informed the other countries, too: Bulgaria, Hungary, etc."

Once again I had the occasion to ascertain that Mr. Buzesti belongs to that class of spiritually honest people who are courageous enough to express their opinions, no matter what those opinions be. He did not deny any of the State Department's statements. Evidently that does not oblige him to assume opinions which are not his own. In other words, he is the man who likes to call things by their own names. I have all the respect for those men who have the courage to state their opinions. Time alone will decide who was right. When I went to the State Department, however, I was told the following: "Please tell the General officially, not privately, that our desire is that the committee be formed. We appeal to him, as the last legal prime-minister, whose position has not been denied by anyone, including the King, to take the initiative and form the committee, inviting all the qualified and capable Rumanians to contribute to the salvation of the country. We think that his proposals must correspond to his last proposal of 9 plus 6, a proposal which proves that he does not want to have a majority in his favor and does not exclude anybody." (I am asking myself who could have told the State Department that the General desires

to have a majority favorable to him?). They further told me: "We want to see now how your Rumanians will understand to answer our call".

In view of that communication the General has decided to take the initiative and form the committee, informing the State Department and H.M. the King of that decision: On receipt of the individual adherences he will announce the formation of the committee, whose membership will consist of those who answered the call in the affirmative. The seats which will be vacant because of refusals or failure to answer, the General will keep free, thus offering the possibility to join the committee, at any time, to those who may not join it now.

Dear (C) I am personally convinced now that the General cannot overlook the appeal of the State Department and had no other alternative than the solution which he has decided on. This time I heard it with my own ears. You know, too, that I would not falsify the truth because, in this case, it would be too serious, even a crime. I must tell you also that the General has always seen very clearly the overall picture of the Rumanian problem and that even the State Department confirms now his point of view. The General cannot ignore the appeal of the Americans and overlook a desire of theirs, especially when we desire and permanently request their assistance to save our country. The State Department has also promised us all their support in all ways.

Let us see now how the whole affair will turn out. Please inform Mr. Veniamin, too, of this de facto situation. I have given Misu Farcasanu a more detailed explanation; ask him to show it to you.

How are you getting along with the farm? Dear (C) I have a request to make. From the money which I left with you please buy: 1 bottle of "Femme" (Rochat) perfume, size 2, not the smallest size, 1 bottle "Shocking" of Schiaparelli's, the largest size, and 1 large bottle of "Shocking" cologne, which please send to America for me, as soon as possible. You may send them with Misu (T.N. FARCASANU), Zissu or Bratianu who, I think, will come here soon. Please give them to them or, eventually, to anybody else who might come here sooner. Those perfumes were requested by the wives of some Americans who are friends of mine and who assist me good-willingly every time I call on them. I want to do them that favor especially because they hold official positions and . . . we have many troubles. They will pay me here for them. Please let me know how much they cost so that I may know how much to ask from them.

What is new around there? How is the morale; just as friendly as it was when I was in Paris which, evidently, I reported to the General? Please write to me soon and tell me also if there is anything which you want from here. Dear (C) let me know what news you have from Ada. Is there any hope for taking her out of the country?

I wish you much good,

Signed, Barbu

P.S. Regards and good friendship from the General. I told the General in detail what I discussed with you and he did not hesitate to say once again that (C) is a good man and well prepared; "he only made one mistake when I was in Paris the last time . . . but it doesn't matter, his soul is pure and his mind is clear for work". What do you think, shall we believe the General?

Signed, B