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Based on available information and investigation to date, Mircea Capatina-Rata, Second Secretary, Romanian Embassy, Washington, D.C. is known to be affiliated with the Romanian Intelligence Service (RIS), "Securitate".

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, recently reported that Capatina, over the past 18 months, has expressed an interest in the activities of the Romanian Iron Guard in the United States and its exiled leadership living in Madrid, Spain. This source reported that Capatina was in possession of the following information prior to his return to Romania on vacation in August, 1975:

Some of the exiled leaders of the Romanian Iron Guard (RIG) currently residing in Madrid, Spain are:

Horia Sima Gheorghe Costea Ion Sturza Gheorghe Dumitrescu Victor Iasinschi

Sima and Costea currently reside at "Plaza Republica Dominicana 1, 3.D Madrid, #16, Spain". Sima, has been a widower for approximately one year and is originally from the city of Lugoj in the Banat Region. Costea is originally from the city of Turda in Transylvania, and has resided with Sima since the death of his wife. Both are currently in good health.

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Simm is referred to by the above individuals as the "Commandant" and that approximately 40 to 45 families of Romanian origin reside in the Madrid vicinity.

This small Romanian community attends religious services at a Roman Catholic Church rather than a Greek Orthodox Church due to the fact that there is no Orthodox priest to conduct services in the Romanian language.

Mahy of these "Romanian exiles" receive a small pension from the Spanish Government.

Sima and Costea, both in their mid-60's, have a small income as a result of their publishing of anti-Communist literature. Sima has recently published a book entitled "Ce Este Comunismul?" (What is Communism?). In addition, he and Costea publish a bi-monthly newsletter titled "Tara si Exilul" (The Country and Exile). This latter publication makes up the greater part of the anti-Communist literature emanating from Sima and Costea who still consider themselves "Legionnaires" of the RIG.

The cost of publishing this periodical is approximately 15,000 Spanish pesos per issue, including postage and in addition to sending the issues to the United States, copies are also sent to Australia, Germany and Israel to individuals who were active in the "Legionnaire Movement" prior to the Communist takeover of Romania.

Some factionalism currently exists among the above individuals. Iasinschi, who is in his early 80's is distrusted by Sima because of his (Iasinschi's) association with another group of Romania exiles currently living in Freiberg, Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany).

These individuals in Freiberg have organized a "Romanian Library and Information Center" whose activities or allegiances are not known. Sima reportedly distrusts this Freiberg group due to the fact that they have frequent contact with tourists and officials from Romania.

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Tasinschi is associated with Traian Boeru, age 55, a former agricultural engineer and member of the "Legionnaire Movement" who has become a successful businessman in Munich, West Germany. Boeru, like Iasinschi, is distrusted by Sima and Costea.

Ion Sturza was a "Legionnaire" in Romania and is reportedly a descendant of the Royal Confacuzino family which prior to the Communist takeover of Romania was influential and held considerable property. Gheorghe Dumitrescu, an associate of Sturza, is believed to have held the position of Secretary of State in Romania during the time that the Monarchy existed in the early 1940's.

Sima has publicly stated that he will never cease writing or delivering anti-Communist speeches because to do so would compromise his personal philosophy which, in brief, is that until such time as Romania breaks relations with the Soviet Union, he will believe that they are under the control of the Soviets and maintain the same, harsh, Soviet-style communism which existed in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Sima is of the opinion that Romania is under the control of "minorities"; however, he has never publicly specified who makes up these "minorities". He believes that Romania President Nicolae Ceausescu is closely controlled by the Soviet Union.

Sima and Costea for their efforts, receive minimal donations from individuals formerly associated with them in the "Legionnaire Movement" and who reside in the United States and South America.

The Romanian Iron Guard was a political movement founded after World War I for the purpose of strengthening unstable economic conditions, eliminating Semitic and foreign influence, achieving educational reform, boycotting large industrial and governmental interests, and promoting interests of the peasantry. The movement was promonarchy, pro-German, and anti-Communist and was active in the 1930's to the mid-1940's when the pro-Nazi regime was ousted by the communists. The leadership of this organization presently resides in exile in Madrid, Spain.

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