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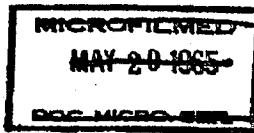
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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information reported concerning the campaign for bringing Rumanian displaced persons to the U. S. Also reported are the names of those Rumanian displaced persons coming to the U. S. as well as the identities of the officials of the Rumanian organization, the Union and League, and the officials of the Rumanian-American National Committee. Information concerning Bancor, the organization handling shipment of gift parcels to Rumania, set forth. Information on the receipt of Rumanian propaganda material in the U. S. reported in the Rumanian language newspaper "Solia"; also the identities of the officials of the Rumanian Orthodox Church Council led by Reverend ANDREW MOLDOVAN, and the election of Dr. VIOREL TRIFA as Bishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate headed by Reverend JOHN TRUTZA reported in the Rumanian language newspaper "America", set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Rumanian language newspaper "America", published at 5703 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland 2, Ohio, carried an article in its February 6, 1951, issue reflecting that there was a campaign underway for the purpose of bringing Rumanian refugees to the United States. This article appeared on page 1, columns 7 and 8, and bore the caption "The Campaign For The Bringing of Rumanian Refugees Has Been Opened". It appeared from the article that dates had been submitted by RUDI MAN, President of the Rumanian American National Committee. The article indicated that the Committee had opened a campaign for the purpose of bringing Rumanian refugees to the United States who were entitled to enter the United States under the Displaced Persons Act. The article urged all Rumanian-Americans in the United States who were interested to support the campaign and to sponsor as many Rumanian refugees as possible before the expiration of the Displaced Persons Act, which would be June, 1951.

The article indicated the campaign had the support of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, as well as the support of the Rumanian Catholic and Baptist Churches. The Rumanian National Committee in Washington also supported the campaign, the article reflected.

In relation to this announced campaign, the February 13, 1951, issue of the Rumanian language newspaper "America" carried an editorial on page 2, columns 1 and 2, captioned "Systematic Rumanian School". In this editorial it was indicated that many Rumanians had come to the United States subsequent to World War II and that a number of these were employed in factories in the United States. It was indicated, however, that a number of them were of the intellectual class in Rumania and that some of them were unemployed. The editorial indicated the unemployment problem among these Rumanian intellectuals could be solved if a Rumanian school was established, a school which would have branches throughout the Rumanian colonies in the United States.

The observation was made in this editorial that the Rumanian intellectuals should be employed by these schools in order that Rumanian history, culture, and the Rumanian language among Rumanian-Americans might be preserved.

There is being set forth in alphabetical arrangement the names of those Rumanian displaced persons coming to the

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United States subsequent to the announcement of the above-mentioned campaign:

NAME	DATE OF ARRIVAL	DESTINATION
GEORGE ASSAN	6/51	New York
NICOLAU BERTINI	3/51	Buffalo, New York
SOPRANA ELIZABETH (CONSTANTINESCU (and daughter GEORGETTE)	3/51	Cleveland, Ohio
IOAN CRISAN (wife and three children)	4/51	Cleveland, Ohio
EUGEN GUIRGUIVANU (and wife)	4/51	Cleveland, Ohio
IOAN PATRUTICE	3/51	Chicago, Illinois
NICOLAE M. SMARANDESCU	6/51	Cleveland, Ohio
Reverend IOAN SURDUCAN (wife and two children)	6/51	Cleveland, Ohio

The Rumanian language newspaper "America" in the January 4, 1951, issue identified the officials of the Union and League, a fraternal organization composed of Rumanian-Americans throughout the United States. The identities of these individuals were reflected on page 3, columns 1 and 2 of the January 4th issue. The officials connected were reflected as being:

President - JOSEPH J. GRACIUN, 901-2 Union Savings and Trust Building, Warren, Ohio

First Vice President - JOHN INDREICA, JR., 19172 Omira, Detroit 3, Michigan

Second Vice President - JOHN PUCHIU, 259 Coitsville Road, Campbell, Ohio

Secretary-Treasurer - GEORGE BOLREA, 5703 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Attorney - SOFRON FECHETE, 420-21 Dollar Bank Building, Youngstown, Ohio

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Physician - Dr. EMIL F. BERSAY, 1030 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

First Comptroller - JOHN MICU, 2521 West Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Second Comptroller - VASILE CHETIAN, Box 19A, New Jersey Avenue, McDonald, Ohio

The Rumanian language newspaper "Foia Poporului", published by the Rumanian-American National Committee, an association of Rumanian-Americans formed in the United States in 1944 and published at 6603 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, carried an article in its May 31, 1951, issue on page 1, columns 1 and 2, captioned "From The Convention Of The National Committee". This article indicated the Rumanian-American National Committee held its annual convention in Farrell, Pennsylvania, on May 20, 1951, and the following officers were elected for the year 1951:

President - GEORGE STANCOLESCU  
Vice President - JOSEPH GRACIUN  
Second Vice President - IOAN TRUZA  
Third Vice President - BASIL MARCHIS  
Fourth Vice President - RUDI NAN  
Secretary General - NICOLAE BOERIU  
Financial Secretary - LOUIS PHILIP  
Cashier - IANCU VASU  
Comptrollers - IOAN BUDAY,  
GEORGE DOBREA  
NICOLAE NESTOR

Bancor Ltd., 335 East 46th Street, New York City, the organization handling the shipment of gift parcels to Rumania was being terminated by its owner and manager, Mr. H. CORNEL POPE, in June, 1951. Mr. POPE, who was living at 60 Aldershot Lane, Manhasset, Long Island, New York, advised that Bancor, which had been operating in the United States since 1947, was begun when a contract was entered into between POPE, the owner of Bancor, and Dr. ION COSTINESCU of Bucharest, Rumania, for the purpose of facilitating the shipment of gift parcels from the United States to needy Rumania.

Mr. POPE advised that his organization was greatly restricted in its activities after the advent of the Korean

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War and because of the restrictions imposed by the Department of Commerce on the shipment from the United States of certain critical medicines, Mr. POPE indicated that the acquisition of licenses required for the shipment of critical medicines became so difficult that he found the organization Bancor was becoming ineffective and, accordingly, he was terminating the business.

The Rumanian language newspaper "Solia", published by the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, 6201 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland 2, Ohio, carried an article in its May 6, 1951, issue entitled "Red Offensive". This article appeared on page 1, columns 3, 4, and 5. It indicated that a wave of Communist propaganda has been started in the Rumanian colonies throughout the United States. The Rumanian Orthodox parishes in the Rumanian colonies in the United States have been flooded with Communist propaganda material, which, according to the article, had been sent by the Rumanian Patriarchy, the Biblical Institute and the Book Publishing Institute, of Bucharest, Rumania.

The Church Council meeting of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate, headed by Reverend ANDREW MOLDOVAN, which was held April 9, 1951, at Grass Lake, Michigan, elected the following officers:

Director - TEODOR CARJE  
Secretary - Reverend PETRU MOGA  
Treasurer - DUMITRU STRUGAR  
Comptrollers - DIONISE P. DOBRE  
N. PONCIU  
Reporter - EMIL IDU

The above information appeared in the official publication of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate, the "Episcopia", a Rumanian language newspaper, issue of May 1, 1951.

The Rumanian language newspaper "America" on July 3, 1951, carried an article on page 1, columns 4 and 5, indicating the Rumanian Orthodox Church of America was holding its annual Church Congress in Chicago, Illinois on July 1, 2, and 4, 1951. The article further reflected the Congress had elected Dr. VIOREL TRIFA as the Bishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Church of America.

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The Rumanian Orthodox Church of America is headed by the Reverend JOHN TRUTZA, Pastor of St. Mary's Rumanian Orthodox Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. VIOREL TRIFA is the editor of "Solia", the Rumanian language newspaper published by the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

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