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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Viorel TRIFA, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - RU

1. Reference is made to your communication of 2 September 1953 concerning Subject, your File No. 105-14006.

2. We note with interest the statement made by the RCMP to the effect that "TRIFA for a number of years has been subjected to bitter denunciation as a fascist, quisling and murderer by the opposing faction of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America and, therefore, it is possible that the current accusations may merely be a further reflection of the animosity existing between the two groups."

3. Without wishing to enter into the merits of the long-standing disputes within the Rumanian Orthodox Church, and recognizing, as stated by the RCMP, that TRIFA has been repeatedly denounced by the opposing faction, we would like to point out that despite the emotionalism and mutual name-calling indulged in by both sides, there is a body of fact to support both contentions. As far as Subject is concerned, there is, for example, a well-known inflammatory document known generally as the "TRIFA Manifesto" which Subject issued during the time of the Iron Guard uprising, in which he calls for reprisals against the British for the alleged assassination by their orders of a German officer in Bucharest. In this manifesto he states, among other things: "Ceram guvern legionar" which, translated literally, means "I call for a Legionnaire (Iron Guard) Government." There are official records of TRIFA's participation, as one of the moving spirits, in the 1941 Iron Guard Rebellion, as well as evidences of his having been given sanctuary in Nazi Germany when that attempted coup failed. His adherence to Corneliu STILB, Iron Guard leader, was a matter of common knowledge in Rumania.

4. We have no objection to your passing the above information to the RCMP should you wish to do so.

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