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TITLE VIOREL DOBIE TRIPA, Was.		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - RU	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Informant T-1 advises Subject attempting to infiltrate Rumanian Orthodox Church parishes with priests who are former members of the Iron Guard to the end church may become a political rather than ecclesiastical entity. Sources of T-3, another Government agency which conducts security type investigations, advise TRIPA a sympathizer if not member of the Iron Guard but that neither of the latter dangerous to this country. >>>!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>T-1, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the Subject and his activities, advised on February 24, 1954 that Subject, Bishop TRIPA, was attempting to infiltrate the Rumanian Orthodox Parishes in the United States with priests who were former members of the Rumanian Iron Guard, so that the church would eventually become a political rather than an ecclesiastical entity.</p> <p>In this consistency, the informant continued, TRIPA had recently announced, through "Solia", the organ of his bishopric, that</p>			
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Reverend GEORGE FREDA would become, in the near future, the new pastor of the recently vacated Rumanian Orthodox Parish Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Informant related that FREDA has resided at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, for the last two years; and, is believed, by informant, to be a Displaced Person. FREDA, according to informant, was a sub-lieutenant under Subject TRIPA in the Rumanian Iron Guard and participated in the January 1941 rebellion, at Bucharest, which culminated in the slaughter of six thousand Jews; and, that FREDA later became an official in the Rumanian Government in exile in Vienna.

T-3, another Government agency which conducts security type investigations, advised that T-4, of unknown reliability, an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Toronto, Ontario, stated that, in his opinion, TRIPA was a member of the Iron Guard Organization but that informant did not consider TRIPA dangerous to this country.

T-5 continued that T-6, of unknown reliability, a member of the Iron Guard in Rumania who since arrival in Canada has attempted, unsuccessfully, to organize the Iron Guard to fight Communism, related that the Iron Guard, because of its scant membership and lack of organization could definitely not be considered a threat to either the United States or Canada. T-5 continued that there were only twenty former members of the Iron Guard in all of Canada.

T-5 stated that TRIPA attended college with him (T-5) in Rumania; and that informant felt quite sure that TRIPA was still a member of, or at least in sympathy with, the Iron Guard movement. Informant was unable to offer any substantiation of this allegation, however, which would therefore appear to be merely the informant's opinion apparently based on previous association with TRIPA. T-5 concluded that the number of Iron Guard members located in the United States was unknown to informant but that they "would not be in any way a threat to the good government of that country."

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T-8 related that T-8, of unknown reliability, an individual acquainted with Subject, stated that informant knew nothing of the Iron Guard movement at the present time. Informant placed the blame of any difficulties existent among Rumanian people on this continent on the shoulders of the Rumanian Orthodox Church, specifically that group recognizing the Patriarchate in Rumania. This informant stated that the only fact known to informant about T-8 was that he was opposed to Bishop ANDREI MOLDOVAN, nominal head of the United States of the Rumanian Orthodox Church falling within the jurisdiction of the Rumanian Patriarchate.

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