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A confidential source, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who is in a position to know, furnished the following information to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on December 5, 1972:

Source advised that Dr. Charles Kremer, residing at 253 West 72nd Street, New York City, is attempting to have Floran Gugu accompany him to the Department of Justice in New York City, in order to furnish information concerning his knowledge of Bishop Viorel Trifa, who is a member of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the United States (US).

Source advised that Floran Gugu is a Romanian writer and a former member of the National Peasant Party (NPP) of Romania who came to the US in 1969 as a visitor. He has requested asylum with US authorities and is traveling throughout the US and is presently residing in New York City at the Embassy Hotel, located at West 69th Street and Broadway.

Source advised that Kremer has been attempting over a long period of time to discredit Trifa, inasmuch as Trifa is suspected of being a member of the Romanian Iron Guard during the early 1940s.

Source advised that Kremer has been in contact with Nicolae Irinoiu, Second Secretary, Romanian Embassy, Washington, D.C., and with Corneliu Bogdan, Romanian Ambassador to the US. Source was not certain, but he felt that they may

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be directing Kremer's activities. Source feels that the Romanian Government is attempting to discredit Trifa in order to obtain control of the Romanian Orthodox Churches in the United States.

Romanian Iron Guard is a totalitarian movement of the Fascist, Nazi, or Communist type. It was organized in Romania in the 1930s and its main purpose was to seize power in Romania by any means.

Based upon information and/or investigation, Nicolae Irinciu is considered to be connected with the Romanian Intelligence Service (Securitate).

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