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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 he learned approximately one month ago that in 1970 John Sibisan, a lawyer from Cleveland, Ohio, made a proposal to Bishop Viorel Trifa, head of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the United States (US).

Sibisan told Trifa that the Romanian Government would permit Dumitru Groza to leave Romania, if Trifa would feign illness and give up his position as head of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the US. Trifa and Groza were supposedly high officials in the Romanian Iron Guard movement in Romania in the 1930s and the 1940s. If Trifa agreed to step down, the Romanian Government would send a replacement to the US for Trifa.

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[Source learned that approximately two or three years ago Savu Candea, who is a banker in Cleveland, visited Romania and gave Groza a letter from Trifa. Groza expressed no interest in engaging in any type of politics in Romania, inasmuch as he had spent 16 years in a Romanian prison.

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.

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