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A confidential source, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine the reliability of his information but who is in a position to know, furnished the following information concerning Constantin Lupascu:

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The source advised that Constantin Lupascu, age 49 or 50, and residing presently in Ashtabula, Ohio, was a member of the Brothers of the Cross, a division of the Romanian Iron Guard in 1941 and 1942 in Romania. Lupascu dealt mainly with the youth movement of this group. After 1945, he became a member of the Romanian Communist Party and at the same time was appointed a commissar in the Romanian Intelligence Service (RIS). He served with the RIS from 1945 to 1948 for Section 1 of the intelligence service, located on Nicolae Filipescu Street in Bucharest, Romania.

Lupascu is the nephew of a Colonel (First Name Unknown) Lupascu, who is the former General Director of the RIS. This Colonel Lupascu was a close associate of Gheorghe Gheorghiu-dej, the late President of Romania.

Source advised that Lupascu departed Romania in 1948 and he came to the United States through Canada. Lupascu was a German language teacher at Gannon College in Erie, Pennsylvania. Two years ago he was ordained a priest under the auspices of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the United States and he is attempting at this time to replace Father Cordos at the Romanian Orthodox Church located in Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Lupascu now resides in Ashtabula, Ohio, and is married to a German girl whose name is unknown to the source. Lupascu supposedly traveled to Romania three years ago.

Source advised that ten years ago Lupascu was active in Romanian Iron Guard matters in Buffalo, New York, with the Reverend Viorel Trifa, who is the head of the Romanian Orthodox Churches in the United States.

The Romanian Iron Guard is an extremely radical, nationalistic, political organization founded in Romania in the early 1930's and it collaborated with the Nazi-German Government during World War II. Its main purpose was to seize power in Romania by any means.

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