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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Doctor (Dr.) Charles Kremer, a retired Romanian dentist residing in New York City (NYC), Constantin Antonovici, a Romanian sculptor residing in NYC, and Constantin Milovan, 353 West 53rd Street, New York (NY), NY, have been gathering material against Bishop Viorel Trifa, head of the Romanian Orthodox Church of America. It has been a lifetime dream of Dr. Kremer that Trifa be prosecuted for being a member of the Romanian Iron Guard in Romania and for the alleged atrocities he committed against the Jews.

In Dr. Kremer's fight to gather material on Trifa he has recruited Antonovici and Milovan, who are mentioned above. It is the source's opinion that he should furnish some personality data regarding Kremer, Antonovici and Milovan.

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Source advised that Dr. Kremer has been a long-time resident of the United States (US) and to his knowledge was not in Romania during the alleged atrocities which were committed against the Jewish people. Dr. Kremer, for a number of years, has been obtaining materials and receiving widespread publicity in several newspapers in the US. He has had articles printed against Bishop Trifa in the "New York Times", the "United Israel Bulletin", published in NYC, and in the "Jewish News", which is published in Michigan. In addition to the newspaper articles, Constantin Antonovici has written a manifesto stating what he knows concerning Trifa's activities in Romania and Constantin Milovan has become the right hand man of Dr. Kremer in relating any stories that Dr. Kremer tells him concerning Trifa. Recently, Milovan started to publish a newspaper in New York known as "Dreptatea". This newspaper, which appeared in April and May, 1974, contained derogatory stories against Bishop Trifa.

Source advised that he has known Antonovici since 1957. When he first met Antonovici, Antonovici made no mention of the alleged atrocities committed by Bishop Trifa in Romania in the early 1940's. In 1962, Antonovici observed his French-born wife leaving the church residence of the Reverend Florian Galdau, Pastor of the Romanian Orthodox Church in NYC. Antonovici lodged a complaint with Bishop Trifa concerning the immorality of the Reverend Galdau and he also advised Trifa that Galdau was mishandling church funds.

Source learned from Antonovici that Bishop Trifa sent a priest by the name of Surducan to investigate Antonovici's complaint against the Reverend Galdau. According to Antonovici, Surducan recommended that Galdau be removed, but Trifa refused. Antonovici gave the following reasons why Trifa refused to remove Galdau:

1. Galdau and Trifa were business partners in a motel in Florida and in a hotel in Niagara Falls, NY.

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2. It was Antonovici's opinion that the Reverend Galdau was blackmailing Trifa for reasons unknown to Antonovici.

Source advised that he has read many of the articles published under the authorship of Antonovici and on one occasion in the summer, 1973, issue of "United Israel Bulletin", Antonovici writes about a speech made by Bishop Trifa in Bucharest. Antonovici gave a description of the inside of the auditorium where the speech was made and it is the source's opinion that only a Romanian Iron Guard member or an individual highly sympathetic to the Iron Guard cause would be allowed to enter this auditorium.

Source learned that Antonovici had written a manifesto which contained information that Bishop Trifa, when he entered Bucharest with a band of Romanian Iron Guard members, left the city burning. Source learned from the translator of this manifesto that this was not true and the translator suggested that Antonovici delete this story regarding the burning of Bucharest from his manifesto.

The source inquired of the translator why Antonovici did not ask Dr. Charles Kremer to translate his manifesto into English. Antonovici answered that "Kremer is crazy and would put other things in the manifesto".

Source advised that one of the most puzzling characters of the three mentioned above is Constantin Milovan. He is presently unemployed and able to publish a newspaper by the name of "Dreptatea". Milovan is now an American citizen and after obtaining his American citizenship he traveled to Romania and returned praising the advances being made by the Romanian people. It is source's opinion that Milovan made many friends during his travels in Romania and became very sympathetic to the Romanian cause.

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It is the source's opinion that actually Milovan received some type of instructions from the Romanian Intelligence Service.

The source bases his opinion on the fact that Milovan is a constant visitor to the Romanian Library in NYC, and has joined Dr. Kremer in attempting to destroy Bishop Trifa and the Romanian Orthodox Church. Milovan has caused disruptions in many of the community activities in NYC. Source knows for a fact that Milovan and Dr. Kremer have been attempting to talk individuals who are well known in Romania and residing in the US to return to Romania.

The source is convinced that the above three individuals, under the leadership of Dr. Kremer, are being guided by Romanian officials assigned to the Romanian United Nations Mission in NYC and the Romanian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Source advised that the three individuals mentioned above are friendly with Ion Monafu, Third Secretary, Romanian Library, New York, NY. Source knows for a fact that Monafu is attempting to influence well known Romanians in the US to return to Romania.

Romanian Iron Guard was a political movement founded after World War I for the purpose of strengthening economic conditions, eliminating semetic and foreign influence, achieving education reform, boycotting industrial and government interest and promoting interest of peasantry. The movement was pro-monarchy, pro-German, and anti-Communist and were active in the 1930's to the early 1940's, when the pro-Nazi regime was ousted by the communists. The leadership presently exists in Madrid, Spain.

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