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To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

From: *Cmk* Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: *NO. 1001* VALERIAN TRIFA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - ROMANIA

Enclosed is one copy each of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports dated December 4, 1951, July 1, 1952, and September 30, 1953, captioned "VIOREL TRIFA; IS - RU."

Trifa is Bishop of the autonomous Episcopate of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the United States (U. S.) and resides in Detroit, Michigan. He was naturalized as a U. S. citizen in 1957. Based on a U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) investigation, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is conducting a denaturalization proceeding in U. S. District Court (USDC), Eastern District of Michigan, in which Trifa is the defendant. Counsel for Trifa has filed a motion for production of all information regarding Trifa in possession of the FBI, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a basis exists for estopping the U. S. Government denaturalization proceeding.

The DOJ has ordered the FBI to review its files concerning Trifa in order to produce this information in USDC. In connection with this review, please advise if the information regarding Trifa in the enclosed reports furnished the Bureau by your Agency and identified by T symbol #3 in the enclosed December 4, 1951 report, T symbol #2 in the July 1, 1952 report, and T symbol #3 in the September 30, 1953 report, may be released entirely or in part to the USDC for possible release to the Defense. In addition, please advise whether any of the above information, if classified, can now be declassified. Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

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