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To: Mr. Jack D. Neal, Chief
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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, FBI

Re: NICOLAE MALAXA, with aliases ✓
INTERNAL SECURITY - R, Rumanian

For your information, this Bureau is now in receipt of information indicating that Malaxa's wife and son were successful in obtaining permission to leave Rumania and are at the present time in Istanbul, Turkey.

In this connection, reliable confidential informants of this Bureau in the past have reported that Malaxa's sole desire in cooperating with the Rumanian Government was to enable the escape of his wife and son from Rumania and that this may have been a possible reason for his continued collaboration with the Communist regime in Rumania.

It was reported by a very reliable source that Petre Balaceanu, Charge d'Affaires of the Rumanian Legation in Buenos Aires, communicated with the Rumanian Mission of the United States at Washington, D. C., and indicated that an engineer who was designated as "M" intended to begin construction of a large factory in Argentina.

A reliable informant of this Bureau stated that it seems certain that the engineer "M" whom Balaceanu was discussing was none other than Malaxa and Balaceanu's communication reflected that the factory to be constructed in the Argentine was for the purpose of manufacturing railroad equipment and was to be under the direction of Sergui Dimitriu, former Minister of the Rumanian Legation in Buenos Aires.

Balaceanu, in his communication to the Rumanian Mission in Washington, D. C., stated in part that, "It looks like the matter is at a very advanced state" and that the engineer believed to be Malaxa would soon sign the contract with the Argentine Government. Balaceanu expressed his amaze-

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ment that the engineer "M" would use such a representative as Dimitriu and then posed the following question, "Has his, 'M's', patriotism formerly so radiant that it almost burned us, cooled off?" The communication was concluded by saying that if representatives of the Rumanian Mission in Washington, D. C., thought it proper, they should, when they next see "M," remind him about "the matter" without divulging the source of their information.

Reliable informants have also reported that Balaceanu, when in Buenos Aires, Argentina, indicated that he might decide to return to Rumania during the Summer of 1948, and would definitely do so if his new secretary did not arrive in Buenos Aires. Balaceanu indicated it was imperative that he have the latest instructions and he would have to get them personally from Bucharest, Rumania, if the secretary which he was to get did not bring them to Buenos Aires.

This is being furnished to you for your confidential information and it is requested that no dissemination be made outside your department in this regard.

cc - Director
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