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Source: Memorandum from Director, FBI to Department of State, copy to Director of CIA, dated 11 April, 1949.

The following statement appears on page 32:

MIRCEA ELIAD acts as paymaster for NICOLAE MALAXA, well-known Rumanian industrialist and political figure now in the United States, in the distribution of funds or scholarships to 'meritorious Rumanian students' in Paris. According to source, nearly all of these so-called students are former Iron Guardists, and ELIAD, himself, is a former Iron Guard officer and editor of 'Porunca Vremei', the official organ of the Iron Guard.

In an article appearing recently in the 'Curierul Roman', a anti-Government periodical published in France, General RADESCU is quoted as having promised MIRCEA ELIAD that he would "arrange for several scholarships to be given to meritorious Rumanian students in France." It is further reported that upon the General's return to France, from New York, he informed ELIAD that scholarships of 6,000 francs per month each had been granted for twenty students, to be recommended by the 'Association of Rumanian students in France', headed by Sorin Sonea.

Later on, MALAXA denied knowing ELIAD and disclaimed any connection with the scholarships mentioned. He did add, however, that it is entirely possible that General RADESCU had established these scholarships with money which he, MALAXA, has given him. However, he added, he never questions RADESCU about what he does with the money he gives him.

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