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The information given below is keyed to the numbers on the Developmental Project Form.

- 1. Military, political, and economic intelligence in the Craiova, Giurgiu, Bucharest, and Constanta areas. 56 DS 27 56 F 6 8/11
- 2. General areas given above. 57 D/S 14/9

Note: This operation is concerned with a plan to build up a net of agents utilizing men furnished for that purpose by a Rumanian resistance movement. See para 7. of this memo for details of the movement.

3. a. "TRAJAN" (cover name), #19 059, is the head of this operation working for Organization #19. He plays a similar role in Projects #114 and #116. See Project #116 for details known about Subject.

b. "TONID" (cover name), #19 150. (See NEL-A-610, para 1.) Educated as officer. Lives in Rumania. Since 1944 he has been the leader of the circle described in para 7. of this memo. Speaks Rumanian and French. Had considerable experience leading troops. Knows Rumania and southwest Russia. He has been given instruction in intelligence, counter-intelligence, codes, and secret inks by TRAJAN. He has already done the following: built four sub-agencies from the men made available to him from his resistance movement. They came from the reconnaissance part of the movement and have been reformed to do their new task. They have also been schooled by him. He has also arranged courier points to be changed periodically and separate ones for foreign traffic in Craiova. He will also take precautionary

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measures for warning his men or arranging their flight or hiding places in case of danger. He remains apart from the intelligence collecting/forwarding aspects of the group. TONIO is a Rumanian patriot, experienced and very energetic.

- c. "MARK" (cover name), #19 151. Rumanian, 48 years, living in Rumania, (see MBL-A-610, para 2.) Reserve Officer in Rumanian Army. Mittelschule, Hochschule, and foreign study. Since 1944, he has been deputy to TONIO as leader of the resistance movement. He speaks Rumanian, Greek, Turkish, and Bulgarian; knows Rumania well and the Balkan countries. Technical matters and communications are his specialty. He is a good organizer, and like his chief, TONIO will work outside of the regular intelligence collecting/forwarding part of the work. He is described as patriotic, energetic, clever, and very taciturn. Joined the party mentioned in reference, para 2., for cover reasons. Trained in intelligence, secret inks, and code by TRAJAN.
- d. "LEON" (cover name), #19 152. Rumanian, 45 years, leader of sub-agency in (see MBL-A-610, para 3-a). Subject speaks Rumanian, Italian, and German, and knows all of Rumania and northern Serbia well. The net run by his sub-agency has been systematically built for intelligence work since 1945. Their job at present is OB of the Soviet and Rumanian Armies and economic intelligence which can be gathered by their agents who have cover as members of (see reference, para 3-c), to enable them to penetrate Soviet undertakings. LEON works out of patriotism and is active in spite of ill health. (See ref., para 3-b). He, too, is a member for cover reasons of the organization mentioned in reference memo, para 3-b. He lives in Rumania. Trained in intelligence, secret inks, and code by TRAJAN.
- e. "VASILE" (cover name), #19 153. (See MBL-A-610, para 4). Lawyer. Mittelschule, Hochschule, military service, Reserve Officer who speaks Rumanian, Greek, Serbian, and Hungarian. He knows south Rumania and Macedonia well. Leader of a sub-agency in town described in para 4 of reference memo. The members of his group have been building their covers since 1945, mostly in (see ref., para 5). Subject joined the organization mentioned in ref memo para 4 for cover purposes. His particular task is the penetration of Soviet transport systems, OB on Soviet and Rumanian troops, and the building of a connection to Austria via the Danube. He is working for patriotic reasons and is said to be very intelligent. Lives in Rumania. Trained in intelligence, secret inks and codes by MARK.
- f. "NICOLA" (cover name), #19 154. Mittelschule, Officers School. Speaks Rumanian, Greek, Russian, and French; and is well acquainted with all of Rumania and Bessarabia. He is the leader of a sub-agency in the city of Bucharest, where he lives, and has the task of building up connections with high military circles, the government and, in particular, with Soviet staffs. (See reference, para 6.) Trained in intelligence by TONIO.

g. "CONSTANTIN" (cover name), #19 255. Notary Public. Moved in his youth from Macedonia to Rumania. Graduated from a Mittelschule and Hochschule, and was a reserve officer of the Navy. He lives in Rumania in (see reference, para 7); where he is the head of a sub-agency. He speaks Rumanian, Bulgarian, Greek, and Turkish; and knows east Rumania and the Black Sea ports. He is to cover these ports by getting his sub-sources into shipping jobs and harbor offices, and technical personal into naval installations. He is described as a patriot who works for that reason. MARK trained him in intelligence, codes, and secret inks.

4. All of the people mentioned in para 3-b through-g are members of a Rumanian resistance movement, composed of liberal monarchist-nationalist and Legionnaire groups who united to oppose Communism. They were specially chosen by the leaders of this resistance group as reliable men who have not in any way been compromised by activities to date. The families and most of the close friends of these people also live in Rumania. Reports are sent monthly to a cover address of LEON and from there to a cover address in Austria. Meetings also take place when necessary. See attached sketch for courier route.

5. All of the people living in Rumania are well covered by their positions.

TONIO knows TRAJAN, MARK, LEON, VASILE, NICOLA and CONSTANTIN. He also knows that the reports go to the US. This, plus a cover address which he knows, is the sum of his knowledge.

MARK knows the same people and knows reports go to the US. He also knows only a cover address aside from this.

LEON knows TONIO and MARK. He knows that he is working ultimately for the US but knows nothing further.

VASILE knows TONIO and MARK, that he is working in the end for the US, but nothing else.

NICOLA knows TONIO and MARK, as does CONSTANTIN. They both know that work is being done for the US but have no further knowledge.

All of the people living in Rumania have the identity papers usual to any resident of the country. Several of them are able to travel fairly freely.

6. a..None.

b. None.

c. TONIO \$ 50.
 MARK 50.
 LEON 70.
 VASILE 70.
 NICOLA 70.
 CONSTANTIN 55.

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Subsource of LEON \$150.
" " VASILE 150.
" " NICOLA 180.
" " CONSTANTIN 160.

d. Travel and expenses for TOMIO, MARK, LEON, VASILE, NICOLA, and CONSTANTIN. \$400.

e. Expenses of the courier route #1 (see attached sketch).

End point in Trieste. \$100.
Safehouse in Tarvis, Italy. 20.
Points B and C. 50.
Person D. 100.
Person E. 100.
Border crossing points F and G. . . 100.
Person H. 50.

Courier route #2 (not included in sketch. No description given. Will forward details as soon as they arrive).

This route consists of 11 people whose total pay is \$165.

This adds up to a total of \$2090. per month as submitted by ODEUM.

f. No responsibility claimed under these three contingencies by ODEUM for the present.

g. It will only be after these people are actually functioning that an estimate under (f) will be possible. Until then, limited help in resettlement or in becoming political refugees should be considered for any members of this net in trouble of whose good faith we are sure. This should not exceed \$50. per month for three months except where family responsibilities of the individual and his contribution are high.

7. This project is similar to Projects #114 and #116 in that they all are to use people as agents who were furnished us by patriotic anti-Communist groups for the express purpose. This, of course, makes the question of disposal costs for these three projects perhaps more important than usual since any real dissatisfaction with our handling of blown agents, bereaved survivors, and dependents would work in all probability to the disadvantage of all three projects.

Description of the group from which this project has drawn and is to draw its personnel:

This is a circle, formed in Rumania in 1944, which planned to influence the events in Rumania through the Western Powers. In expectation of a break between the west and Russia, this group formed a resistance movement and cached Rumanian and German military equipment in the mountains in large

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quantities. When it became apparent in 1945 and 1946 that the cold war would probably last a considerable time before, if ever, the time was to come for war, the military parts of this group were inactivated. The members of the military elements were incorporated into civilian life. In order to protect members of the group and their cover, an organization was formed for their protection. This protective element had the task of placing chosen workers in civilian, military, and governmental offices where they could be warned in advance of any danger as well as be in a position to study various trends. The Communist Party and organizations had a high priority in this penetration scheme. The fact that the group has remained unscathed testifies to the wisdom of this scheme.

TRAJAN (see Projects #114 and #116) during his two trips to Rumania in 1947 and 48 established contact with this group through its leaders. While he was back in the west between these trips, he was able to get a clear picture of this group from emigrant groups with which he talked. There can be no doubt that it is a group of Rumanian patriots cutting across all party groups (communies excluded) who have joined forces to present a united front against Communism. He was also able to prove to his satisfaction that while this group does have political contact with an emigrant group, it does not have any intelligence contact with it. Any other intelligence contacts were denied, and no trace was found of them. (The National Rifle Group with which they are in political contact is not described.)

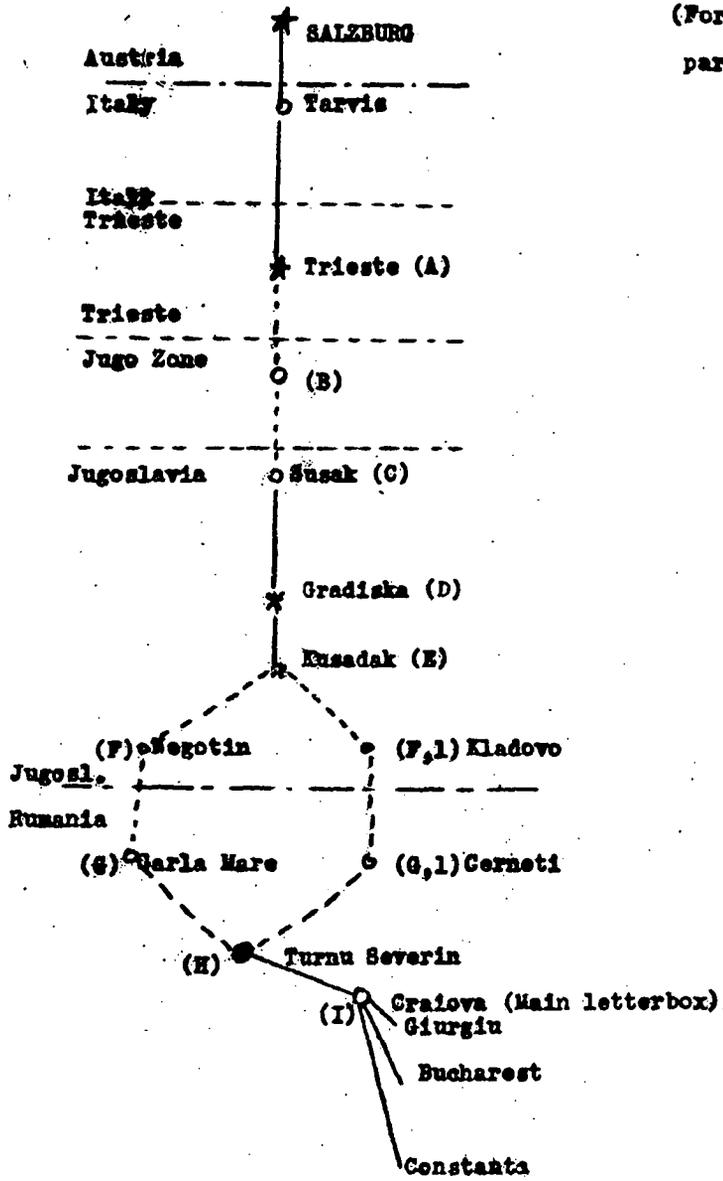
TRAJAN was told by the leaders of the group while on his second trip to Rumania in 1948 that they were ready to put at his disposal members of their group who were among the protective elements developed for the safety of their entire membership. Their motive was the recognition that the US is the strongest power with which they can ally themselves in the common fight against Communism.

TRAJAN trained TOMIO and MARK, who in turn trained the sub-agents. All people assigned to this intelligence work by the circle in Rumania immediately cease to have anything to do with the circle. TOMIO and MARK, as soon as their organizing is completed, will take no further active part in the intelligence collecting and forwarding aspect of the work, but will take any steps necessary to secure their people if they receive warnings of coming blows from the Rumanian circle. A report of May 1949 stated that this organization and the schooling have been completed. The sub-agents are not to have any contact with each other and are to limit their own direct contacts to five co-workers.

This Rumanian circle has close ties with the political group in Rumania led by (see MGL-A-610, para 8).

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SKETCH FOR PROJECT # 115



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