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Sub-source is an important Rumanian industrialist, who has had connections with both the left and the conservative groups:

1. Opinions of General Mihacea regime

Sub-source stated that General Mihacea had acted without any political finesse during his brief week in office. Mihacea's greatest blunder was blurted at the Ath theatre on 11 February which irrevocably alienated the Bulgarian Legation. Sub-source stated that he personally had requested Mihacea not to make such a speech and that if a speech were necessary it should have contained criticisms of both groups in the government made from the point of view of the people who were the victims of the party conflicts. Sub-source stated that as soon as Mihacea had made that speech he became unnerved and supported by all the wrong elements in Rumania - the reactionaries and the Russophiles.

In sub-source's opinion, General Mihacea never really understood the nature of his office as Prime Minister. He was asked to accept the office after the parties had made their agreement concerning the composition of the government and the program to be followed. Consequently, Mihacea was not in a position to assume that he could act as an independent agent or pursue any program of his own. If the parties themselves did not continue in their coalition - as was the case when the NKD began its campaign for a new government - Mihacea's only course was to have resigned. Instead of acting with this in mind, Mihacea developed a program of his own.

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and proceeded to carry it out vigorously. His program was essentially anti-NKD and pro-the historical parties. Thus, in sub-source's opinion, Rädescu espoused partisan politics (albeit without quite realizing it) and destroyed his usefulness as an impartial government head.

2. Abdication of the King

Sub-source was of the opinion that it was very fortunate that the King finally accepted the Groza government and had not either refused it or abdicated. Sub-source stated that the communists had established a list for a provisional government two days before the King's decision to accept the Groza government. If the King had refused, the National Democratic Front would have presented this government and would have established a regency. Thus, the road to their ultimate goal would have been made much shorter.

3. Attitude of Labor

Sub-source stated that in his factory the workers were unanimously in favor of a union organization to protect their rights against the owner, but that the great majority of the workers were against a political syndicate and were opposed to the NKD direction of labor. As a result, the position of the union in the factory has not been very stable and the factory committee has been changed seven times in the past few months.

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The following comment on elements contributing to the Radescu crisis was made by a Rumanian industrialist, well-connected with left-wing as well as conservative groups:

1. Radescu's actions: Source said Radescu acted without political finesse during the last weeks. His greatest blunder was his speech at the Aro Theater on 11 February, which irrevocably alienated the FND. After this Radescu was surrounded by all the wrong elements in Rumania: Reactionaries and Russo-phobes. Source thinks that Radescu never understood the nature of his office, since he was offered it after the parties had agreed on a government and its programs. Radescu could not act independently. When the FND campaign for a new government began, he should have resigned, but instead he developed and started a program of his own, naturally anti-FND, and in favor of the historical parties. Source thinks that Radescu played partisan politics and destroyed his own usefulness as an impartial government head.

2. The King's position. Source thinks it fortunate that the King accepted the Groza Government, as the Communists had already prepared a list which the FND would have used for a Regency if the King had refused.

3. Labor. Source said his own factory workers are unanimously in favor of the unions to protect their rights, but the great majority oppose the political syndicate and FND direction so the union is unstable and seven different factory committees were formed in the past few months.

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