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On 16 October General Constantin Petre-Lazar, Aide to King Mihai, wrote to General Nicolae Radescu, reproving him for certain of his recent political activities. The text of this document follows (numbering and lettering of sub-paragraphs is the writer's own).

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General,

Guided by my pro-Rumanian sentiments, I take the liberty personally to write you the following:

1. From Prof. N. Haretu I learn that Mr. Grigore Gafencu sent you a copy of the letter which he wrote to me, on 15 September, from New York. Therefore, I beg you to accept, hereto attached, a copy of my reply sent to Grigore Gafencu on 5.X.1948.

In this reply you will find the reasons why I believe all Rumanians, in general, and Grigore Gafencu in particular, are bound to bring about the fulfillment of the Royal request.

2. In this respect, your own situation is more clearly defined. Because, besides constitutional and traditional obligations applicable to all Rumanians, you also have the obligation of carrying out an agreement which you alone have undertaken, as confirmed in the close of your letter of 15 August, where you write:

"I would beg you, having in mind the urgency which events have forced upon us, that I receive as soon as possible word of His Majesty the King's decision, after which each and everyone will be obliged to obey."

3. It has been reported in a bulletin by BBC:

Paris, 8 October (AFP)- "General Nicolas Radescu, former president of the Rumanian council of ministers, has just created the Democratic Union of Free Rumanians, a movement whose aim is to bring together Rumanians living abroad in all parts of the world who are desirous of taking part in the struggle for Rumanian independence. The union, founded by the General following his recent visit to former King Michael of Rumania, comprises the different groups of Rumanian emigres."

From this, the following might be understood:

A. You are taking steps to create an organization of all Rumanians abroad, "desirous to take part in the fight for the independence of Rumania" in
a political organizations.

B. On the basis of the statement, "the Union founded by Radescu following his recent visit to former King Michael of Roumania", it could be understood by those who are informed regarding the formation of a Rumanian Coordination Committee, including the communication of 5 August, in either of the following ways:

a. That General Radescu's initiative supersedes the decision of the Sovereign;

b. The initiative taken by General Radescu is taken with the authorization of the King.

Points A and B would thus be in contradiction of the obligations you undertook in writing, to follow closely the King's decision.

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Point Bb would be, however, in contradiction to the legal truth: Since, as you well know, following the last two audiences, the problem of forming a Rumanian Coordination Committee remains to be fulfilled according to the letter and spirit of the communication of 5 August 1948 (also sent to the Council of Democratic Political Parties, S.X.1948).

Despite all this, I am certain that Mr. Gafencu and yourself will approve and abide by the constitutional and traditional obligations, as well as your own personal obligations. All for the honor and good of our country, so tried today.

Accept, I beg, General, warmest regards and wishes for your health and well being.

General G. Petre-Lazar