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The following letter was addressed to General Nicolae Rădescu, President of the Rumanian Committee with headquarters in New York and Washington, with a copy to Alexander Cristianu, its acting Secretary General, by General Constantin Petre-Lazar, aide to King Mihai. It was written from Copenhagen on 29 July. The text of the document follows:

"I presented to His Majesty the King, upon his return from Norway, your entire correspondence, dated 12. VII. 1949.

"His Majesty the King kindly took into consideration all your correspondence of 12. VII. 1949 and authorizes me to transmit the following:

"In your personal report, His Majesty finds that, after you again declare that the formation of the National Committee was in error, according to your opinion, nevertheless you think it (the Committee) 'should remain formed'; then, on page 6, you categorically say, that as things stand, the National Committee finds itself 'without a single possibility to do something constructive' due to a majority hostile to your good intentions; however, you do not indicate how you understand to work without or against the absolute majority of the Committee.

"Also, and with great surprise, His Majesty finds, in your report of the same date, you declare that some of the information to His Majesty goes by 'round-about routes'; but you do not specify in truth that you are convinced that only the channels through you personally are the right ones; which, if that be the case, you accord yourself the right to censor, to which nobody can agree.

"Thus, from your report of 12.VII.1949, His Majesty concludes, with regret, that, in truth, the Rumanian National Committee for Coordination, in its present form, is not able to perform urgent and helpful services for its oppressed Fatherland.

"However, before announcing new decisions, His Majesty expresses his wish to have the opinion of the National Committee.

especially regarding the following matters:

"What explanation can the National Committee give for the fact that the different acts of the Committee were not presented to His Majesty for either his approval or his information (Proclamation made to Rumania, Memoranda for the Conference at Paris, et cetera)? His Majesty learned of some of them from the newspapers.

"Can the Rumanian National Committee for Coordination, in its present formation and number, work with enthusiasm and usefully in the service of Rumanian national interests? If not, what more appropriate formation can the present National Committee propose, and which persons (at least two persons should be nominated) would receive the confidence so as to head an eventual new National Committee?

"The effects of the Coplon trial: has it had, or will it have an unfortunate influence on the activities of the present National Committee and Rumanian interests?

"The National Committee is requested to reply to His Majesty's wishes in a report signed by all members present in an ad-hoc meeting; the meeting which, in your capacity as president, you are requested to summon immediately, and the replies of the National Committee should be received at Copenhagen before 28 August 1949.

"In the event that within the National Committee no agreement is reached by a majority of the Committee (5 plus 1 equals 6), His Majesty will take into consideration reports by groups of the same opinion, as well as reports from individuals, each member of the National Committee being considered by His Majesty as a rightful counsellor.

"With this occasion, Mr. President, His Majesty extends, you and the entire National Committee, his wishes for your health and work, and asks that at each meeting of the Committee a few moments of recollection be reserved, in honor of our country and our nation, as well as in honor of those, who willingly and at the risk of their lives, remain among the Rumanian people, considering themselves their spiritual and political exponents, which they are!

"Please accept, Mr. President, assurances of my special consideration."

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