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SUBJECT: ITALY - Report On Rumanian "Iron Guard".

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION.

The following information was obtained from an Austrian business man who returned from Italy in early May 1949. Source 10/5559 received the information from a confidant of SIMA. Evaluation of Source: "C" (fairly reliable) of Information: "6" (Truth cannot be judged).

The Rumanian National, ~~PAPANAC~~ ^(see) and present head of the former members of the "Iron Guard" is now residing in Southern Italy. He is reportedly extremely bitter toward his ex-chief SIMA, Horia for the following reason:

Some time ago, Minister ~~PATRASCU~~ ^(see) went to Rumania in the hope of being able to collaborate with the Communists. At first he was well treated and given a villa on the outskirts of Bucharest. The Rumanian authorities requested him to furnish the names and addresses of all the former members of the "Iron Guard" in Rumania. As soon as this list was submitted, Patrascu and all his ex-colleagues were arrested. Patrascu was given a thirty (30) year prison sentence and deported to Siberia.

Papanac believes Horia SIMA responsible for this treachery and has accused him of sacrificing his old friends for personal ambitions.

A few months ago, Horia Sima reportedly sought to become a member of the Rumanian Committee of Liberation which has been formed in America. When he was informed that this Committee would not accept the collaboration of the Iron Guard, Horia Sima allegedly dissolved the Iron Guard as of 1 April 1949.

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