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<p>"1. At his last meeting with [] in Munich, on 31 July 1952, [] was again puzzled and confused because all evidence pointed to the fact that the Americans are employing and supporting the Iron Guardists of <u>Horia SIMA</u>'...</p> <p>4. [] sketched to [] what he considers to be the dangers of this situation. He stressed that American encouragement and support of this kind would lead, as an immediate result, to an increase in the ranks of the Simists, both abroad and in Rumania, and all the consequences which are sure to result therefrom. He explained to [] that at the end of the war there were very few Simists in Rumania, among the greatly reduced number of Legionaries who had survived punishment, persecution and the war. The Simists, also known as Brigadiri, developed abroad from among the Legionaries who had taken refuge in Germany. The assassination of CODREANU, of Vasile CRISTESCU and of an important number of highly trusted Legionary leaders, the Legionary rebellion, SIMA's flight to Germany and the change which he gave HITLER to blackmail ARBONESCU into yielding to excessive German demands, SIMA's tremendous ambition and desire to become commandant of the Legionary Movement at any cost, Nicolae PATRASCU's mission to Rumania which exposed thousands of Legionaries to the Communists - to name only a few reasons - had reduced to almost nothing SIMA's following in Rumania. Since the end of the war SIMA had tried assiduously but unsuccessfully to rebuild a following in Rumania. His attempted rapprochement with the Communists through PATRASCU ended in complete failure. The teams which he sent to Rumania failed to organize a following.</p> <p>Most of the Simists were either sentenced in Rumania in absentia or committed crimes, both there and abroad, for which they have not been tried. They are presently attached to SIMA to a considerable extent because of these crimes. They realize that their only chance to escape punishment for their crimes in a liberated Rumania is to increase their following considerably and to be able to claim that they helped refugees and the country's liberation, in addition to the support which they are sure to get from the Vatican. They formed 'Rumanian Committees' in all the centers where there were Rumanian refugees in Germany, Austria, Italy, France, etc...</p> <p>Those refugees whom the Simists develop as followers and whom they cannot use in intelligence work, after they debrief them thoroughly, are directed to South America - especially Argentina - and to Spain, where they are used in political activities. [] and, according to him other Rumanian refugees as well, believe that the Simist political activities in Spain are also supported by the U. S. State Department and possibly other agencies through</p>			
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Mgr. John KIRK, an American, who heads the Vatican Mission for Rumanian refugees in Spain, the great majority of whom are Simists. According to [] latest information from Spain, KIRK is ready to support them in many of their activities, if they provide good attendance to the religious services which he holds. The Simists are also trying hard to infiltrate into the United States for political work. Their political schemes, activities and attitudes everywhere are aimed at obtaining political recognition and at the seating of their representatives on the Rumanian National Committee. [] considers that short of this seating of representatives, their political activity abroad has so far been successful.

The employment of the Simists by U. S. organizations for intelligence work in Rumania would give them a perfect opportunity to try to organize a Simist following in Rumania, which the Simists are desperately in need of, for use after the country's liberation. The majority of the population in Rumania is presently in despair. The non-anti-Communists are ready to help, hide and collaborate with anyone who brings them a ray of hope from the west, especially from the Americans, provided that they do not suspect them of trying to carry out some other nefarious maneuver conceived by Horia SIMA and his command. The fact that they are contacted by Simists is apt to affect the morale of at least some people whom they contact in Rumania adversely, and make them wonder why the Americans chose to work through the Simists. [] is convinced that the majority of the former Legionaries in Rumania would refuse to work with the Simists, whom they would not trust."...

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