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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NYO received several Rumanian language publications alleged to contain information connecting TRIPA with Rumanian Iron Guard. GRIGORE GAFENCU, NYC, advised he is unacquainted with TRIPA, and has no first-hand knowledge of TRIPA'S activities in Rumania. LOUIS SMILOW, NYC, advised he has received from author M. CARP, Israel, original copy of so-called "TRIPA Manifesto of 1941" and the "Declaration of BENITRU BROZA", leader of the Rumanian "Legionaire Workers", which is stated to have been issued immediately following the issuance of the "TRIPA Manifesto". ROLIG advised that CARP, who has first-hand knowledge of TRIPA'S activities in the Iron Guard, escaped from Rumania and died in Israel in June, 1952.

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DETAILS: AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

In April, 1952, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, furnished to SA WILLIAM E. NUMERY and the writer several Rumanian language publications, which, according to T-1, contained information concerning TRIPA.

These publications, together with the pages on which information relating to TRIPA was stated to appear, are as follows:

1. Volume I of "Pe Marginea Prapastiei" (The Edge of the Precipice), published by the Presidentia Consiliului De Ministri, Bucharest, 1941. Pages 19, 21, and 22.

2. Volume II of the above book, Pages 106, 127, 224, 225, 227, and 240. According to T-1, these volumes are publications of the Rumanian Government in Bucharest in 1941.

3. A book entitled "Garda de Fier" - "Spre Reinvierea Romaniei" (The Iron Guard), by ~~PROF. STEFAN PALACHITA~~, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1951. Pages 134, 144, 145, 146, 151, 153, 304, and 305.

This book is stated by T-1 to be a defense of the Rumanian Iron Guard reflecting the anti-SIMA views of PALACHITA, now deceased. According to the Informant, PALACHITA was a close friend of TRIPA.

4. A book entitled "Cartea Neagra", "Fapte Si Documente" (The Black Book), by MATAI IASACARP, Bucharest, 1946. Pages 219 and 220.

T-1 stated that this book by CARP, Executive Secretary of the Union of Rumanian Jews, gives an account of the Rumanian riots allegedly incited by TRIPA'S proclamation of January, 1941.

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In addition, T-1 furnished photostatic copies of four pages of the Rumanian newspaper "Universul", a Bucharest publication:

Issue of December 12, 1940, page 3
Issue of January 20, 1941, page 3
Issue of June 3, 1941, page 7
Issue of June 18, 1941, page 7

These pages of "Universul" contain a number of news items concerning TRIFA. Page 3 of the issue of December 12, 1940, contains a photograph of TRIFA with MORIA JMA, and two other individuals identified as Professor IR. BRAILEANU, and VALERIU NEAGOE. T-1 stated that the originals of these newspapers can be found at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

BRIGIDE GAFENCU, 215 East 62 Street, advised that he is not personally acquainted with TRIFA. He further stated that he departed from Rumania in 1941, and he could not recall ever hearing of TRIFA while he, GAFENCU, resided in Rumania.

GAFENCU added that since coming to the United States he has learned from fellow Rumanians that TRIFA and Reverend ANDREI MOLDOVA head opposing factions in the Rumanian Orthodox Church. He further advised that he had also heard rumors to the effect that TRIFA is a former Rumanian Iron Guardist, but he could not vouch for the authenticity of such reports.

LOUIS SMILOW, Room 1807, 50 Beaver Street, New York City, was interviewed by SA MICHAEL S. MURPHY and the writer.

SMILOW advised that during World War II he was connected with the Privilege Division of the United States Office of Censorship in New York City.

SMILOW stated that he conducts an insurance business at 45 John Street, New York City. He further stated that he arrived in the United States from Rumania approximately 32 years ago, and since that time he has been intensely interested in Rumanian problems.

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SHILOV stated that he is also associated with SIMION HALPIN, Imports and Exports, 60 Beaver Street, New York City, who had for a long period been interested in giving financial and other assistance to Rumanian Displaced Persons who are now in Israel.

SHILOV explained that in the furtherance of these philanthropic endeavors, HALPIN had begun to correspond with Rumanian author SIMION CARP, who supplied HALPIN with the names of deserving persons of Rumanian descent, who are now in Israel.

SHILOV stated that HALPIN had advised him that CARP had written concerning an "Iron Guardist named TRIFA", who had recently arrived in the United States.

SHILOV explained that upon receipt of this information, he, SHILOV, had written to CARP requesting further data concerning TRIFA. He added that in April or May, 1952, he received from CARP an original copy of the so-called "TRIFA Manifesto", in the Rumanian language, which had been circulated in Bucharest in 1941, over the name of VIHARU TRIFA, President of the National Union of Christian-Rumanian Students.

SHILOV further stated that he also received from CARP an original copy of the "Declaration of BUNIHORONCEA", leader of the "Legionaires Workers". According to SHILOV, CRIZA and TRIFA headed different groups, both of which were "Iron Guardists". He explained that the term "Rumanian Legionaires" is synonymous with the term "Rumanian Iron Guardists".

SHILOV advised that he received no further information concerning TRIFA from CARP, inasmuch as CARP died in Israel in June, 1952. He stated that Mrs. CARP continues to reside at Rashi, 41 Street, Jerusalem, Israel.

SHILOV stated that TRIFA is the author of the so-called "Black Book", previously mentioned in this report, which was published in Bucharest in 1946. He added that he was not in possession of the book but would endeavor to procure a copy for the use of the New York Office.

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SMILOW furnished to the reporting agent, photostatic copies of the so-called "TRIPA Manifesto" and the "Declaration of KIMITRU GROZA". In addition, he furnished his own English translation of the GROZA Declaration and an English translation of the "TRIPA Manifesto", which translation, according to SMILOW, appeared in the March, 1941, edition of a publication of the Committee for a Free Rumania, called "Social Democratic Party".

The copy of the English translation of the Manifesto bears the notation that the translation is from "Annex Number 3, Volume 3, Page 290" of the publication called "On The Verge of the Abyss". This book was published in Bucharest in 1941, by the Presidency of the Rumanian Council of Ministers and is identical with "Pe Marginea Prapastiei", which publication has previously been furnished to the New York Office by Confidential Informant 1-1, previously mentioned.

A comparison of the photostatic copy of the "TRIPA Manifesto", in the English language, as received from SMILOW, with the reproduction of that document in the Rumanian language contained in the aforementioned book, reflects that they are identical. The English translation of the "TRIPA Manifesto" has, previously, been reported.

WALTER BROWN, Reports and Imports, 60 Beaver Street, New York City, advised that he escaped from Rumania to Turkey in 1941, and came to the United States from Cuba in 1945. He stated that he was personally acquainted with the author, GAK, in Rumania, and he and GAK had corresponded for sometime concerning assistance to persons of Rumanian descent in Israel.

BROWN stated that he is a former Rumanian businessman who took absolutely no part in Rumanian political matters while he resided in Rumania. He stated that he was not acquainted with TRIPA in Rumania, and was not aware of TRIPA's alleged Iron Guard activities through his correspondence with GAK.

Subsequent to the original interview with SMILOW, he furnished to the reporting agent a copy of GAK's "Black Book". According to BROWN, this book does not contain specific information concerning TRIPA or the Iron Guard Movement.

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SMILOW explained that the book is simply a documentary reflecting the treatment by the Iron Guardists of Rumanian individuals of Hebraic descent together with figures which reflect the monetary value of property of these individuals, which was confiscated by the Iron Guardists.

Enclosed to the Cleveland Office are photostatic copies of the "Black Book", "TRIFA Manifesto" and the "URCCA Declaration", with English translations of these documents, which were received from SA [redacted] SMILOW.