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TITLE <b>VIOREL TRIPA, Wa.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - RU</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		
<p>Information received to date reveals that the Subject was born 6/28/14, in Dealu Capsi near Campena, Rumania, and attended Faculty of Theology of Chisinau, Rumania, until approximately 1935. Obtained Doctor's Degree at University of Bucharest. Subject at one time President of National Union of Rumanian students, which organization was controlled by the Iron Guard. Subject presently Honorary President of an organization in Canada believed to be called Iron Guard Party of Rumania, which meets in Toronto, and is headed by one MIRAI VITAZU and Reverend M. CICALA.</p>		
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DETAILS:		
<p>Confidential Informant Detroit T-1, of known reliability, and who is acquainted with Rumanian Church activities, advised on December 10, 1952, that the Subject, as Bishop of the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate in North and South America, is actually under the direction of Reverend JOHN TRUTZA, Cleveland, Ohio, who is opposed to the Reverend ANDREW MOLDOVAN forces in the current factional split in the Rumanian Orthodox Church.</p>		
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Confidential Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, advised Reverend ANDREW MOLDOVAN was made a Bishop in Communist Rumania in 1950, and was later deprived of this ecclesiastical title and Church properties by a Court Order issued in 1952.

According to T-1, the Subject was born in Campeni, Rumania, on June 28, 1914. The Subject attended school in Rumania, completing his preparatory studies in the early 1930's. The Subject studied at the Faculty of Theology at Chisinau until approximately 1935. Subject obtained his Doctor's Degree at the University of Bucharest according to T-1. The Subject at one time was President of the National Union of Rumanian Students. T-1 advised this organization was controlled by the Iron Guard Party in Rumania.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-3, who is well-acquainted with the Rumanian Orthodox Church activities in the United States, advised on January 29, 1953, that the Subject is now residing at Vatra, Grass Lake, Michigan. T-3 stated that Vatra is located near Jackson, Michigan, and consists of properties and buildings belonging to the Rumanian Orthodox Church in the United States. According to T-3 Subject attended a Gestapo School in Germany in approximately 1938 and later headed a student group movement in Rumania in 1941, and was instrumental in instituting a revolt under the auspices of the Iron Guard movement which led to the massacre of thousands of Rumanians. T-3 commented that the above information is common knowledge among Rumanian displaced persons. T-3's reliability as yet has not been established.

T-3 continued that Reverend M. CICALA, Pierre Street, Windsor, Canada, has also been accused of committing atrocities in 1941 in Rumania, while serving under the Subject's authority as an Iron Guard leader. T-3 advised that approximately fourteen displaced persons in Toronto, Canada, who formerly served under TRIPA in the Iron Guard movement, presently attend meetings in the parish of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Toronto, Canada. According to T-3 these displaced persons form an organization of which the Subject is Honorary President. T-3 advised that he cannot recall the exact name of the organization, but believes it may be the Iron Guard Party of Rumania. The organization is restricted to former members of the Iron Guard Party. T-3 named CICALA as being one of the leading organizers of the Iron Guard in Canada.

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and stated that MIHAIL VITEAZU is now head of the organization in Canada. T-3 stated that he is acquainted with a few individuals who are friendly with displaced persons in Canada who were formerly Iron Guardists. T-3 stated that through these people he should be able to obtain additional information on possible Iron Guard activities in Toronto. According to T-3 it is his understanding that the case in Federal Court in Cincinnati, Ohio, entitled The Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate through Bishop ANDREW COLDOVAN versus JOHN TRUZA, VIGORAL TRIFA, Et Al was supposed to have begun court proceedings on April 6, 1953.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-4, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with Rumanian Orthodox Church activity in the Detroit area, advised in April, 1953 that the Subject was actually born in Dealu Capsi near Compena, Rumania. T-4 advised that he believes the Subject's parents are still living near Compena, and that the Subject has approximately seven brothers who are presently residing in Rumania. According to T-4 the Subject has a cousin by the name of RACHEL TRUFA in the United States presently living in Warren, Ohio.

Confidential Informants Detroit T-5 and T-6, both of known reliability, were contacted in March, 1953, at which time they advised they were unable to furnish additional information on the Subject.