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TITLE VICTOR TRIPA, wa		CHARACTER OF CASE COMMUNITY - RU	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GEORGE SIMICIN stated subject bore reputation as a leader of the Iron Guard among the students of Rumania but he did not know this as an actual fact.

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DETAILS:

AT EAST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

GEORGE SIMICIN, 3723 Pulaski Street, who works at the Inland Steel Company, advised that he could not state positively that the subject was a member or leader in the Iron Guard because he does not know this for an actual fact. However, he did state that TRIPA was president of a Rumanian student organization which was composed of all the college and university students of Rumania during the early 1940's. SIMICIN stated that the members of this organization were reported in Rumanian newspapers to be approximately 90% Iron Guardists.

SIMICIN advised that TRIPA had been referred to by the Rumanian newspapers as a leader of the Iron Guard in Rumania during the period shortly before World War II.

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SIMON further advised that he was not a member of the Iron Guard but that he lived in a small town approximately 100 kilometers from Budapest, the city in which TRISA resided. Inasmuch as he had never met TRISA while he was living in Romania, he could not state from first hand information that TRISA was actually a leader in the Iron Guard although he did bear that reputation in Romania. He added that he did not believe that his brother IOAN SIMON could furnish any additional information inasmuch as his brother resided in the same small town as he did.

According to CAROL SIMON his brother has visited the TRISA faction of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Cleveland, Ohio, in the past, but these visits were for the purpose of taking advertisements from Lake County merchants to be included in the Rumanian Calendar and he has not engaged in any activities in connection with the split in the church.

SIMON advised that he, SIMON, is deeply grateful for the generosity of this country in permitting him to reside here and he is violently opposed to Communism. He further stated that he is alarmed in the recent split in the Rumanian Church and had attempted to remain neutral. He added that there have been numerous accusations that both factions were either Communist or Iron Guardists, but he considered them unfounded. He stated that people should be allowed to worship Christ as they pleased and it was beneath the dignity of the church to engage in the present split.

It is pointed out that ANDY RUSAL, owner of Andy's Tavern, 203 Michigan Street, East Chicago, and JOHN TRISA, 214 1/2 Wacker Street, East Chicago, who are admitted supporters of the TRISA faction of the Rumanian Orthodox Church, advised on separate occasions that they believed the SIMON brothers were members of the Iron Guard movement in the United States. However, Reverend HENRY LARS, pastor of the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Gary, Indiana, who is a self-admitted supporter of the TRISA faction of the Rumanian Orthodox Church, advised that he considered the SIMON brothers loyal Americans who were in no way connected with the Iron Guard or the Communist Party.

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