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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] Office of General Counsel

FROM: [redacted] Chief, PCS/Litigation Branch

SUBJECT: U.S. v. Trifa

REFERENCE: C/PCS/LB memorandum dated 12 April 1979

1. Reference is made to the 11 April 1979 request made by Mr. Eugene Thierolf, trial attorney of the Special Litigation Unit, Department of Justice, that General Ion M. Pacepa be asked to comment on the authenticity of a photograph which the DOJ had received from official Rumanian sources.

2. General Pacepa, former Secretary of the Rumanian Ministry of the Interior, Deputy Chief of the DGIE and Presidential Counselor, reviewed the photograph during the week of 16 April 1979 and indicated that he had never seen the photograph before although he readily acknowledged that it could very well be a Rumanian intelligence recreation of a bonafide photograph.

3. General Pacepa, without being prompted, immediately recognized the photograph as Iron Guard legionnaires but made similar comments concerning the authenticity as was made by Mr. Thierolf, e.g. the hair slicked down in a picture of an allegedly fast-moving motorcycle and sidecar.

4. This completes our response to the DOJ requests for the debriefing of General Pacepa reflected in the references to reference.

(signed) [redacted]

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