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2. The Margineni prison is a former monastery in which over 600 political prisoners were held. None of the prisoners had ever been sentenced but were kept there by administrative orders. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. The Ghencea camp was comprised of over sixty large barracks buildings formerly used by the Germans and located near the Bucharest cemetery. There were between 10 and 12 thousand men and women in the Ghencea camp. Most of the prisoners were employed in workshops making barrels. Food conditions in the camp were very bad. Prisoners were given 250 grams of bread daily; two days a week they received mamaliga instead of bread. They received a cup of tea in the morning and soup for lunch and dinner. Sanitary conditions were extremely poor. Many prisoners were ill but were rarely ever given any medical treatment. The mortality rate in the camp was very high. Informant remained in this camp until the end of August 1953 when the camp was abolished after the amnesty granted by the Rumanian Government in the celebration of "23 August". The prisoners were either set free or transferred to other prisons. Many priests were in the camp and were among the first to be freed. 25X1

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4. [Redacted] the Bragadirou farm, a prison which is located at a distance of about 30 minutes by car from Bucharest. Six hundred prisoners guilty of sabotage and thefts had been in the Bragadirou prison but after the amnesty they were set free and 600 political prisoners took their places. In the prison the inmates worked on a large farm raising vegetables. The food in the Bragadirou prison was much better than at the Ghencea camp. Bread ration was 600 grams daily and the prisoners had two dishes for lunch and one for dinner including many fresh vegetables and meat quite often. Each prisoner received a ration of ten cigarettes daily. The director of the prison was a Lieutenant Apostolu, [Redacted] who was very decent in his treatment of the prisoners.

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5. [Redacted] the Galati Central prison. [Redacted] is considered to be one of the largest prisons in Rumania. Over 1,000 prisoners are detained there. The director of the Galati prison was Nicolae Maromet, [Redacted] a Communist whose conduct was generally criticized. Food conditions in the Galati prison were very similar to the Ghencea camp. Prisoners were entitled to receive a five-kilo package of food monthly from relatives, but only those who served the interests of the director received their packages. The remainder were sent back or stolen. Prisoners were allowed to bathe every 15 days.

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