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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

1. The following activity took place when informants ship arrived in Constanta harbor dring November 1950:

About one and a half miles from Constanta harbor, the ship was met by the pilot boat and one tug. The pilot, one soldier as a guard and one plain-clothes Militianan were put aboard. The pilot took the ship into the harbor to position No. 1 on Attachment A. The soldier remained on the bridge and the Militianan wandered about the ship. At this point another motor launch approached the ship and put aboard two quarantine officials, two customs officials, two customs guards, three plain-clothes Militiamen and the harbor pilot. The harbor pilot with the aid of two tugs towed the ship to the pier at position No. 2 on Attachment A. Here the ship was boarded by two additional customs officials, two Sovrom agents and two officials of the Port Control Office.

- 2. The following procedure which took about three and a half hours was conducted:
 - a. Radio sealed.
 - b. Ship's papers, required under Rumanian regulations, the crew list and all seamen passports were taken ashore for examination.
 - c. All the crew, except one man in the engine room and one in the kitchen were ordered on deck. The Captain, all officers and crew were physically searched.
 - d. All cameras, binoculars, extra cigarettes, excess money were sealed in one locker.
 - e. All cabins, quarters, lockers and other space was carefully demanded.
 - f. A list of all money, personal goods and ship's cargo was demanded.
 - g. A list of all those desiring to go ashore was demanded.

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The ship's papers and all seamen passports were returned in 48 hours.

- All ship's personnel were allowed on shore only between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.. No mention was made of what the consequences might be if a crew member failed to return to the ship by 8:00 p.m.. All ships personnel could go ashore or return to the ship singly or in groups. They were escerted from the ship through the port area, by a soldier guard, to the Port Control Building. Here the offices of Port Authorities, Customs, Quarantine, Sovrom and Militia are located. All ships personnel were searched there by Militiamen. They were allowed to have nothing more than a broken package of cigarettes. At this point all ships personnel were advanced small amounts of Rumanian Lei by the Sovrom Agency. Thereafter all vere issued a pink, single page shore pass by the Militia. This document contained name, nationality, sex, description, name of ship, date and hour and minute of arrival on shore. This pass was good only for one day, and was retained by the Militia upon return to the ship. Another search was also made of the ship's personnel on their return to the ship. They were then escorted from the Port Control Building back to the ship.
- 4. As of November 1950 the following ships were noted in the Constanta harbor:

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ARDEAL KARPATY WILET NICOLAEV MARIALUISA DANUBIAN PEREDAVIK PLEKANOV KARL MARX PANSIO Three ships, 7-8,000 tons Two ships, 3-5,000 tons One ship, 5-6,000 tons One ship, 3,000 tons One ship	Rumanian Polish Finnish Russian Italian Fanamanian Russian Russian Finnish Russian Russian Russian Russian Russian Russian Russian Russian	Loading general cargo. Bunkering. Bunkering. Loading timber and cement. Loading timber. Loading timber. Loading fuel cil. Discharging cotton. Loading timber. Bunkering. Loading fuel cil. Loading fuel cil. Loading fuel cil. Loading fuel cil. Discharging cetton. Discharging cetton. Discharging general cargo.

8. Reportedly, there are about two to three thousand Soviet troops in Rumanian uniforms located about ten kilometers from the Constants port area.



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