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1. Building needs for the year are planned by a State Planning Commission. The Commission works as an overall organization centralizing the projects submitted by the Planning Departments of various Ministries and of Sovromconstructia, the large semi-independent building organization.
2. The Rumanian Cabinet also has its own planning department known as IPI (Institut de Proiectari Industriale - Institute for Industrial Projects), which works on secret projects. Source did not know what type of work was involved, nor by whom the projects were carried out.
3. Applications for additional and emergency work, extensions and repairs which become necessary in the course of the year after the general plan has been completed, are received by the Ministry of Construction from ministries, organizations, and factories.
4. The work approved by the Planning Commission is allocated by the Cabinet itself to the various ministries and to Sovromconstructia. The latter claims the more important projects, the ministries, in fact, being left only with work that has been turned down by Sovromconstructia. Detailed plans and drawings for those construction projects which are allocated by the Cabinet to the various ministries are worked out by the planning department of the respective ministry. The finished plans are then handed to the Ministry of Construction, which is responsible for the execution of the work. The Ministry of Construction distributes work to the construction companies which operate under its supervision. The companies obtain all their commissions in this way, and do not accept any work directly. The materials required for the work are ordered through the Ministry and not by the construction companies themselves.
5. There were 25 construction companies under the Ministry of Construction. An unknown number of these have been closed recently because they did not operate efficiently, or their management or technical staff was not capable. The companies are known only by their numbers.
6. The work carried out by the construction companies is of the following categories:

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- a. Housing and building for local administrations.

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- b. Factories and silos.
 - c. Waterworks, reservoirs and docks.
 - d. Roads, railroads, bridges, tunnels and embankments.
7. The Construction Ministry maintains three separate designing offices. Two of these are under the Building and Installations Section of the Ministry, namely:
- a. IPC (Institutul de Proiectari a Constructiilor - Institute for Construction Projects) Prepares designs for domestic buildings (housing, administration and schools) and industrial needs such as factories and storage space.
 - b. IPCS (Institutul de Proiectari Constructiilor Speciale - Institute for Special Construction Projects). Works out details for roads and bridges.
 - c. ICEP (Institutul de Cercetari Ceramice - Ceramic Institute). Prepares designs for cement and brick factories, under Building Materials Section of the Ministry of Construction.
8. The Ministry of Metallurgical and Chemical Industry: This Ministry has four planning units:
- a. IPROM (Institutul de Proiectari Machine - Institute for Machine Projects).
 - b. I.C. PROM (Chemical Industry).
 - c. IPROMET (Metallurgical Industry).
 - d. ICSIM (Metallurgical Research Institute).
- These four units are planning to build a factory and sheds to house rail-road trucks at the Astra-Stalin works, sheds for trucks at Grivita Rosie, sheds for the Otelul Rosu-Cluj factory and a chemical plant near Cluj.
9. The Food Ministry has a construction unit known as CIP (Refrigeration Industry Company). Buildings planned by the Food Ministry include large refrigeration units at Braila, Bucharest (Ober market), and Timisoara. Refrigerated rolling stock was imported from Denmark, Great Britain and Switzerland, in exchange for timber and cement.
10. The Ministry for Electrification maintains a joint projecting and construction unit known as Energo Constructia. The Energo Constructia has planned dams at Arcuda, Chei Bicaz (not yet completed), Portile de Fier, and a reservoir to hold six million cubic meters of water.
11. The planning department of Sovromconstructia is known as IPSR. Source states that it is carrying out most of the military construction in Rumania. It has just finished a stadium at Bucharest for the Dynamo Sports Club. The stadium is on Strada Stefan Cel Mare and is estimated to have cost a billion lei.
12. The headquarters of No. 1 Construction Company is at Strada Beldiman No. 1, Bucharest. About 1,500 officials are employed by the construction company itself, and another 1,700 by the construction teams set up to carry out individual jobs. This is the permanent staff only, both foremen and laborers being taken on temporarily as required. The company is divided into an administrative and technical section. Work is carried out by means of construction teams working on separate projects. In 1950, this company maintained about 100 such teams, but in 1951 their number was greatly reduced. Their general organization corresponds to that of the companies under which they work. Details of the administrative structure are given in the appendices.

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13. Generally speaking, the Ministry of Construction supplies all materials directly to the building sites. The materials come from factories in all parts of the country. Cement for local consumption is of poor quality, being made with clay. It is not of the Portland type. It is not strong, and takes a long time to set. Timber for local consumption is also of poor quality. It is often green and full of knots. Timber for export, on the other hand, is of good quality. Other materials are of fairly good quality.
14. During the past two years the following projects have been carried out by the No. 1 Company:
- a. The Obor market at Bucharest.
 - b. An aerodrome at Clinceni, with a concrete surface of 22 to 25 cm. thickness.
 - c. Extensions to the Timpură Noi factory at Bucharest.
 - d. A hall and stores at the Titan cement factory, Bucharest.
 - e. Buildings for IPI (Institute for Industrial Projects).
 - f. An annex to the building of the Ministry of Metallurgical and Chemical Industry.
 - g. Buildings for the Ministry of Art.
 - h. An annex to the building occupied by the head offices of the Food Ministry.
 - i. A silo for the 13 December bakery.
 - j. A silo for the Biruinta oil factory.
 - k. Buildings for the Soviet exhibition.
 - l. Living accommodations for a certain number of Russians.
 - m. Additions to the old Royal Palace.
 - n. The Mendeleeff School, an intermediary technical school.
 - o. Additional halls for the Republica factory.
 - p. The town of Stefanesti. A series of buildings was put up on the Florica estate, which formerly belonged to Bratianu, to house Greek children evacuated during World War II by the Communists. Source stated that there were not only children at Stefanesti but also men, and that they were all most anxious to get back to Greece.
 - q. State Farms (known as "Red Farms") at Pipera, Bragadiru and Pantelimon.
 - r. Living accommodations and workshops at the new town of Cernavoda, a part of the Danube-Black Sea Canal.
 - s. Buildings for the Cominform newspaper, For a Lasting Peace, For a People's Democracy.
 - t. Houses at Snagov for Cominform employees.
 - u. Docks and houses at Urziceni.
 - v. Buildings for the broadcasting station (sic).

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15. The following companies belong to the Ministry of Construction:
 - a. Company No. 2 is situated at Bucharest and constructs domestic and industrial buildings.
 - b. Company No. 8 is a special unit for construction of metal objects such as mobile bridges, cranes and girders. The company is using the premises of the formerly well-known Mihoci mechanical workshops.
 - c. Company No. 19 specializes in sanitary installations.
 - d. Company No. 21 specializes in electrical installations.
 - e. Company No. 6 engages in domestic and industrial work. This company carried out a large project at Petrila on behalf of Sovromcarbune, successors to the Petrosani Coal Industries.
16. The Ministry of Food maintains a section which constructs artificial fish ponds, movable barrages and embankments for the needs of the fishing industry. The Ministry of Metallurgical and Chemical Industries has a works department which carries out minor building and repairs for the enterprises under its supervision.
17. A group of industries specializing in synthetic dyes operates at Lugoj, Hunedoara, Tarnaveni and Timisoara. Production is directed by former experts of I.G. Farbenindustrie, Merck and Sheryl, and the products are excellent, and in no way inferior to German dyes. The same factories also produce alcohol and industrial lubricants.
18. There is in Rumania a Physical Institute carrying out atomic research under the direction of the well-known physicist Horia Hulubei. The institute is well equipped, and every effort is made by the State to supply all its needs. An electron microscope was recently bought from Germany for the Institute.

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Appendix 1

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Engineer Bradescu	Construction team inspector of No. 1 Construction Company
Bruhl	Chief of Personnel Department
Engineer Ciocca	Construction team inspector
Engineer Cazimir	Head of Projecting Department
Enginner Duncan	Construction team inspector
Grecescu	Head of Finance Department
Ionescu	Head of Staff Department (Cadre)
Engineer Mustata	Head of Technical Department
Engineer Prifer	Chief engineer
Architect Rosenthal	Construction team inspector
Petre Stoian	Assistant director
Serbanescu	Head of Equipment Department
Slifca	Head of Accounts Department
Toma	Head of Welfare Department
Turcu	Administrative director (Was due to be replaced by a man named Klein.)
Weintraub	Head of Supply Department

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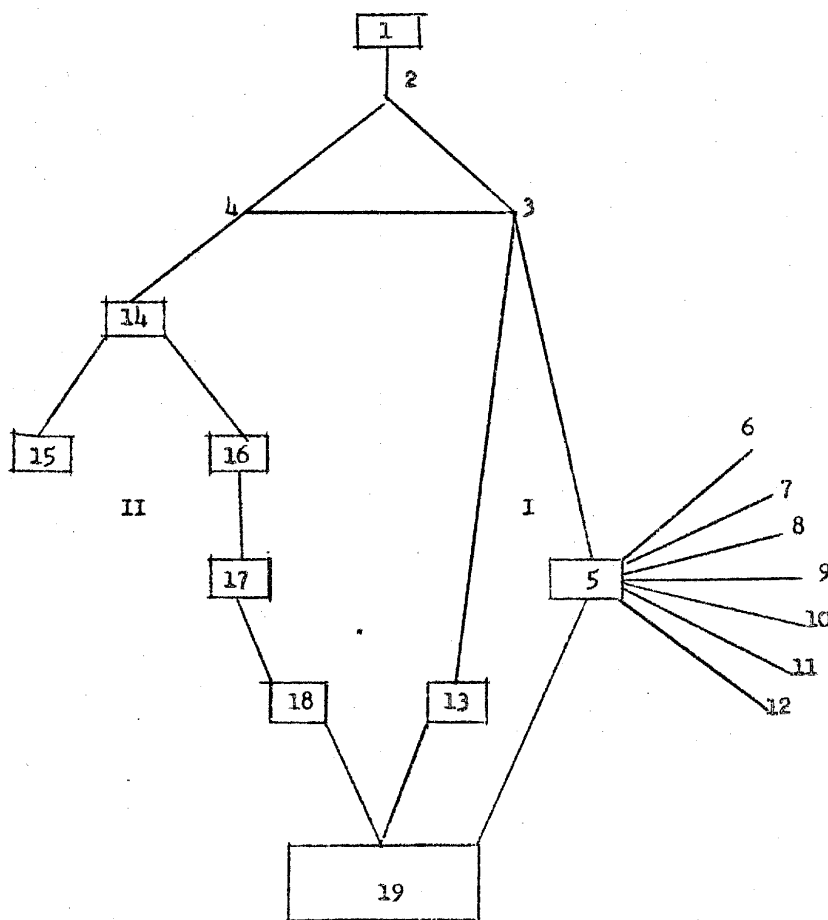
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Appendix 2



Legend to Appendix No. 2 - No. 1 Construction Company

- I - Administrative Section of No. 1 Construction Company.
II - Technical Section of No. 1 Construction Company.
- 1 - Staff Department (Cadre) of the Company.
2 - Director of the Company.
3 - Assistant Director of the Company.
4 - Chief Engineer of the Company.
5 - Administrative departments of the Company.
6 - Accounts Department of the Company.
7 - Finance Department of the Company.
8 - Planning Department of the Company.
9 - Welfare Department of the Company.
10 - Personnel Department of the Company.
11 - Supplies Department of the Company.
12 - Equipment Department of the Company.
13 - Chief of Administration of Construction team with political tasks.
14 - Technical Department of the Company.
15 - Drawing office of the Company.
16 - Executive Department of the Company.
17 - Construction team inspectors.
18 - Construction engineers.
19 - Construction teams.

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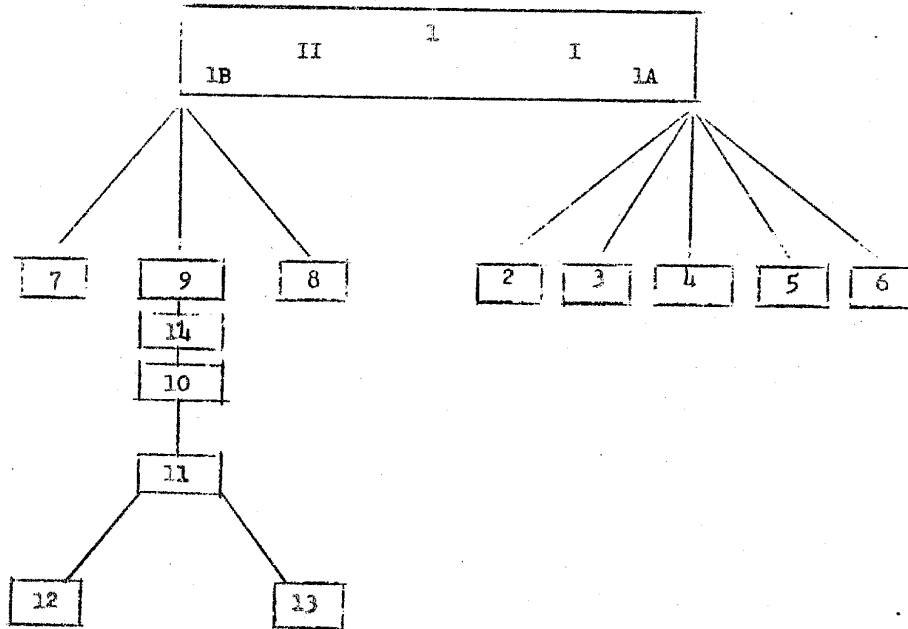
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Appendix No. 3

Construction Team of No. 1 Construction Company



- I - Administrative Section.
- II - Technical Section
- 1A - Political head of Administrative Section.
- 1B - Chief Engineer.
- 2 - Director of Labor Section.
- 3 - Director of Materials Section.
- 4 - Cashier.
- 5 - Director of Canteen.
- 6 - Watchman.
- 7 - Technical observer attached to team in order to take notes about details of execution of work.
- 8 - Supervisor of "norms"; one for every 50 laborers.
- 9 - Assistant chief engineer.
- 10 - Master craftsmen (2 to 3 for each construction unit).
- 11 - Foremen for each trade.
- 12 - Qualified workers.
- 13 - Laborers.
- 14 - Engineers.

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Planning Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Engineer Agent	IPCS
Engineer Anagnoste	ICSIM
Engineer Aurel Beles	IPC
Engineer Costinescu	IPI
Engineer Dorel Damscher	IPROM
Architect Galia	IPC
Engineer Hanganu	IPI
Architect Iordan	IPC
Engineer Ionescu	Energoconstructia
Engineer Silviu Niculescu	IPROMET
Engineer Pavelescu	IPCS
Engineer Cezar Pop	ICPROM
Architect Nicolas Popa	ICPROM
Engineer Petrulian	Energoconstructia
Engineer Sirchis	IPC
Engineer Slavescu	IPI
Engineer Schiten	IPROMET
Engineer Wender	IPC
Engineer Wisner	IPC

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