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ROMANIA: New Regime Consolidating Security

The government continues to make limited progress in eliminating the threat from Securitate diehards, but Romanians are increasingly skeptical of Communist dominance of the new government. [Redacted]

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On Tuesday, the new government put internal security forces and border guards under the Defense Ministry and set a new deadline for the Securitate troops to surrender. The government is also calling on civilians to turn in all arms issued to defeat Nicolae Ccausescu.

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[Redacted] nearly half of an estimated 200 Securitate members in Timisoara were dead, captured, or had escaped. [Redacted]

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Meanwhile, Vice President Mazilu said yesterday Romania is no longer a Communist state. His statement may have been prompted by a student demonstration on Tuesday protesting the refusal by government officials in the southern city of Craiova to meet with student leaders and the exclusion of younger prodemocracy leaders from government posts in Bucharest and other cities. [Redacted]

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Comment: The new government is seeking a modus vivendi with internal security troops scattered throughout the country. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] to end the threat of countercoups and to restore order. In some cases, it probably will offer amnesty in exchange for early surrender, while pursuing aggressive military action in the streets to satisfy the public's demands for retribution. [Redacted]

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The public's willingness to surrender newly acquired arms, meanwhile, will be an indicator of its trust in the new government. Demonstrators continue to complain about the makeup of the government and probably will not be placated by Mazilu's declaration. Non-Communists probably will have to be included in its top leadership to prevent larger protests as the euphoria over Ceausescu's overthrow begins to subside. [Redacted]

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**Romania: Ceausescu-Era Remnants Turning Up
in and Around New Government**

The success that Ceausescu-era hardliners have had in ingratiating themselves with the National Salvation Front is contributing to growing public skepticism of the Front.

Former Prime Minister **Ilie Verdet**, who is married to Nicolae Ceausescu's sister, has been named to the Provisional Leadership Council, the Front's executive body. [Redacted]

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Col. Gen. Iulian Vlad, who once served as military aide to Ceausescu and had been head of the Securitate—the secret police—since 1987, is functioning at the new Defense Ministry. Vlad called on his former subordinates to cease fighting after he surrendered to the Army on 23 December.

Former Prime Minister **Constantin Dascalescu** has been consulting with Verdet and Vlad. Dascalescu was a member of the party's elite Permanent Bureau and [Redacted] administered the hated program of village destruction.

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Former Deputy Prime Minister **Gheorghe Oprea** denied to the press that more than a handful of people had been killed in the uprising, changing his tune only after the tide of the rebellion turned. Afterward, Oprea [Redacted] said that Ceausescu deserved to die and that he intended to return from talks with Turkish economic officials to join the Front.

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