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REPORT MADE AT : BUCHAREST	DATE : 16 Apr 46	PERIOD COVERED :	MADE BY : AD25
SUBJECT : GENERAL ; Current Leading Rumanian Military Figures SPECIFIC ; Lt General Nicolae RADESCU			STATUS : Pending
REFERENCE : US State Dept Bucharest Memorandum dated 29 March 1946 Subject: "Biographies of Current Leading Rumanian Military Figures"			
SOURCE : AD1080 AD1045			

SYNOPSIS OR BRIEF REPORT :

1. In reply to US State Dept Bucharest Memorandum of 29 March 1946, Subject: "Biographies of Current Leading Rumanian Military Figures", the attached information is furnished.
2. As the standard Rumanian "Who's Who" type publications contain no information about these individuals, the information was obtained through sources within the Rumanian General Staff and sources within the Rumanian Siguranta. The sources are usually reliable and the information is probably true.

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Lt General Nicolae RADESCU

1. Nicolae RADESCU was born in Pihment, Rumania, on 30 March 1874, is of Rumanian citizenship and Orthodox faith. He has identity card "CFR" #116 issued in 1940. His residences have been as follows: #108 Str. Nerva Traian; 6 December 1944 he moved in the Ministry of Interior Bldg, and on 15 February 1945 at #24 Str. Jules Michelet (the British Mission). His present address is Str. Glepeterii Vechii #4, Bucharest.

2. From 14 April 1928-1 July 1930, Subject was the Rumanian Military Attache in London. Upon his return to Rumania, he became a member of the Military Household of the Royal Palace, first as Chief of the Decorations Office of the Palace, later becoming an Aide ~~Major~~ to the late King Ferdinand I. He held this position for a long time. In 1930, Subject was discharged from the Army because of old age. On 15 October 1944, Subject was appointed Chief of the General Staff and he held this position until 1 December 1944 when he was appointed to form a new cabinet. On 6 December 1944, Subject presented his proposed list of the new cabinet members to the King who approved it. On the same day, the new cabinet took the oath of office. Subject, beside being the Prime Minister, was also Minister of the Interior, this post being formerly held by Nicolae VENESCU, but who was not acceptable in this new cabinet by the leftist factions.

3. A series of misunderstanding made Subject approve certain proposals made by the Undersecretary of State for the State Administration in the Ministry of Interior, Teohari GEORGESCU and Subject requested of Mr. Petre GHOZA, vice-president of the Council of Ministers in Subject's cabinet, to approve the dissolving of the Undersecretariate of State for State Administration. It was approved and GEORGESCU was dismissed. This incident caused all the misunderstanding between Subject and the leftist parties, which came to a climax when the demonstration of 24 February 1945 was effected and the Army fired into the crowd, killing several persons. The ensuing result was that Subject and his cabinet were dismissed, following pressure by VISINSKY on the King, and the GHOZA regime came into power.

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4. After 15 March 1945, a campaign against Subject began and even a Moscow radio broadcast stated that he had intended to create a new dictatorship regime in Rumania, that he sabotaged the proposed purge of the State organizations and had kept in office men guilty of the country's disaster and downfall, among them:

- a. Major-General DUMITRACHE, accused of having executed 600 old men and children in an anti-tank ditch at Maleik, Russia.
- b. General NICULESCU, accused of having stolen a large amount of Russian property during the occupation of Russia by Rumanian troops.
- c. Captain Ostrowschi OROVIAN, accused of having tortured Russians at Smerinka and Melitopol, Russia.

5. Subject was further accused of collaborating with the National Peasant Party in which there were certain groups of legionnaires under the leadership of one Ilie CAJAL. On this occasion, Iuliu HANIU was accused of collaborating with Subject for a coup d'Etat (Source: ARJ200). (Source: AR2000 states that Subject had certain relations with the Mihail STELESCU faction of the Legionnaire movement).

6. Following these accusations, Subject was to have been incarcerated but, as stated above (see para. 1,) he was taken under the protective wing of the British Mission in Bucharest and lived in their building the better part of a month until an agreement between the British and the GROMA government was reached, assuring the former that the latter would in no way harm Subject, directly or indirectly.

* Source OSS RAA Rome 9/45 reports the following information: DUMITRACHE was CO of the 24 Alpine Division; CO of the Mountain troops fighting in Kuban; was awarded the Finnish "Liberty Cross" 1st Class. Source Caserta dated 3/29/45, IN-8744, (Washington card #1339) lists Subject as war criminal. Arrested most likely because he allowed legionnaires to pass through the Rumanian lines to Germany.

** Source OSS RAA Rome 9/45 reports the following: Gociu Radu NICULESCU promoted Div. Gen'l 4/11/42. Min. Nat. Def. (?) 4/11/42.



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7. Subject is free now and lately, there have been rumors to the effect that he has secret meetings with MANIU and BRATIANU. It was also rumored that Subject intends to organize a new party to be named the "Conservative Party". However, to date this has not been verified.

8. Subject was anti-German and during the German occupation of Rumania, was interned for a period of time in a concentration camp upon the direct orders of KILLINGER because he protested (via letters) against German activity in Rumania. This attitude gained for him the esteem of the majority of the Rumanians.

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