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1. The individual mentioned in memorandum (a) is identified as Nicolae Radescu.
2. Attached hereto is a Biographic Report concerning Subject.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
BIOGRAPHIC REPORT

NAME RADESCU, Nicolae (Lt. Gen.)

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CASE NO.
DATE 18 November 1949

NATIONALITY	Romanian	BIRTHDATE	30 March 1874
PRESENT POSITION	President, Romanian National Committee	BIRTHPLACE	Pianort, Rumania
LOCATION	New York City 464 E. 72	RACE	ROM
Gen. Occupation	Army officer	MARITAL STATUS	Divorced
EDUCATION		NAME OF SPOUSE	
LANGUAGES	French, English	CHILDREN	One son
RELIGION		POLITICAL AFFILIATION	
ATTITUDE TOWARDS:	U.S.		
			U.S.S.R.

CAREER:

1926-1928 Military Attache, London.
 1928- — Member, Military Household of the Royal Palace.
 1941-1944 Interned in concentration camp.
 1944 Chief of the General Staff, October - December.
 1944-1945 Prime Minister, December 1944 - February 1945.
 1945 Under British protection, March - May; subsequently placed under forced domicile.
 1946 Escaped from Rumania to Cyprus, 15 June; later went to Lisbon.
 1947 Arrived in United States, November.
 1949 President, Romanian National Committee, 9 May;
 Visited Europe, October.

REMARKS:

General Nicolae Radescu, the last legal Prime Minister of Rumania, has been persecuted by both the Fascist and Communist Rumanian regimes. During the German occupation of his country, he was interned in a concentration camp because of his protests against German activity in Rumania. Appointed Prime Minister in December 1944, he was dismissed from this office in February 1945, following pressure by Vichinski on the King; the Gross regime then came into power. Escaping from Rumania in June 1946, Radescu made his way to western Europe, where he became a leader of the Rumanian political emigration.

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Remarks (continued)

The central figure in the lengthy and complicated maneuvers leading up to the formation in May 1949 of the Romanian National Committee, of which he assumed the presidency, General Radescu was reported in 1948 to be apparently more and more willing to work with persons whose motives were open to question; viz. Davila, Tilea, and Nicolae Malaxa. The latter, a wealthy Romanian industrialist, allegedly the chief pro-Nazi agent in Rumania under King Carol, and afterward one of the chief sustainers of the Iron Guard, was said to be working in close contact with Romanian Communists. 2/ Malaxa, who lives in New York, reportedly stated in November 1948 that he was subsidizing General Radescu to the extent of \$5000 monthly. 3/ It was reported in September 1949 that Radescu had admitted to the Romanian National Committee that he was subsidized by Malaxa and that the Committee had asked Radescu to cease any relations, political or financial, with Malaxa. 4/

Radescu has been characterized as well-intentioned but old and "naive" by King Michael, 5/ who more than once evidenced concern over Radescu's insistence that Davila and Tilea be included in any Romanian National Committee. The King also is reported to have criticized Radescu's plan for establishing a comprehensive "union", representative of all types of Romanian outgroups, including former fascists. 6/ 6/

Radescu recently went to Paris reportedly with the intention of summoning a "congress" of Romanian personalities in order to secure a mandate for the formation of a new Romanian National Committee that would support his views. He is said to have decided, however, not to convocate his "congress" following the receipt of a message from King Michael instructing him to come to an agreement with the members of the present Committee. 7/

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