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\* Excerpt of pertinent information : Mr. Barnes accused us of bringing the Crown into the discussion too often. He reminded us that General Radescu was the last constitutional Prime Minister and hence an irreplaceable asset, and that, whereas General Radescu was chased out of the country by the Russians, the King continued to stay in Rumania and to collaborate with the government imposed by Vishinsky on March 6. . . . Again Mr. Barnes asked us to forget the past. He went on saying that the duty of all Rumanians was to close their ranks around General Radescu. The situation abroad, he said, is different from that in the country, and for that reason we should designate in the National Committee persons that are representative and agreeable to the Western chancelleries. . . "Be wise," said Mr. Barnes further, "You must find a solution with General Radescu, and in no case without him." We replied that General Radescu wants nothing but a majority within the National Committee, in order to impose his will, and this we could not admit at any price. The formula of ten belongs to the King. It was accepted both by General Radescu and by the parties. Hence we did not mean to proceed to another formula before being asked to do so by the King. Mr. Barnes accused us of showing ~~disloyalty~~ bad faith, and said that by our attitude, we were merely retarding the solution of the present crisis. Mr. Barnes also told us the General and Mr. Gafencu accuse us of being in the pay of Mr. Cretzianu, hence but a camarilla. . . Impressions: This interview made us see that Mr. Barnes is entirely under the influence of General Radescu. He pleaded the General's thesis with partisan warmth, at certain times going beyond even the shades called for by circumstances.

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