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Translation of Letter Addressed by ☐ to Barbu NICULESCU

Paris, 8 August 1948

Dear Barbu,

I received your letter dated 30 July and cannot let you without an answer. I will seize the first opportunity and send you the packages which you requested. That is not, however, why I am in such a hurry to answer your letter. You will see below. I do not understand how I can be qualified by the General (T.N. RADESCU) for the past or for the future, but I wish that he would not think that I have made a mistake. I do not deserve and I cannot accept that. Then as now I stated my convictions clearly and honestly, without pursuing any present or future personal interests.

I read carefully and with great surprise the whole letter which you asked me to make known to Veniamin also, which I have done. He sent a copy of your letter to Buzesti to check if you have reproduced his statements correctly, because here we are faced with an entirely different situation, which is as follows:

For a time there have been circulated "subversively", from hand to hand and from ear to ear, rumors, circular notices, communiques and letters, the contents of which are reflected in your letter, namely, that the State Department has given a mandate to the General to form the Rumanian committee with 9 plus 6 members, to prefer Tillea and Davilla to the political parties which amount to zero to the square, and that those who do not believe in or do not support the activity which was initiated by the General will be considered criminals.

I do not wish to go into any details but I think that the responsibilities will have to be determined. Up to the present we have only witnessed the lowest possible scandal. The Rumanian problem has become scandal No. 1. After it has been proved that H. M. the King did not entrust the General with a mandate in February of this year, we witness now another maneuver involving the alleged mandate which was given by the State Department. Once, everything was settled without much noise but I don't know how it will be settled this time. H. M. the King declared several days ago to Veniamin and to Popa that he will abide by the constitution and will not sponsor any committee which will not include the political parties. If the State Department has the right to meddle in our Rumanian affairs - a la Vishinsky - or if they would think to make suggestions as to persons, then nothing would differentiate between the democratic practices of the East and of the West. But the State Department authorized a public denial by the press, on the 28th of last month, of everything you told me that they allegedly decided. The serious part of your letter, however, is the statement that the General "has decided" to inform H. M. the King and the State Department... The King, therefore, is no longer consulted but simply forced to face a committee which would be formed according to the General's personal desires, for which he does not even intend to obtain the approval of the persons involved in it. He will launch a "national committee", the 16 Ministers of which will be 4-6. What will happen if the president fails to win a confidence vote? It is right, today the minorities govern everywhere. "Pauker-ism" has entered our blood and we get inspiration from its operation. Whether one

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wishes or not, one must become a member of the government, if one is ordered to! No matter what the King says, I will do as I know! My dear, what the General does amounts to coups d'etat abroad and by our cynicism and by our Rumanian unconsciousness we undermine the foundation of the Crown. This is no more patriotism, although such "patriots" as Tillea and Davilla have involved the General to such an extent, that both the King and the whole Nation no longer count. I regret to write to you so brutally, but I only confess to you my honest feeling. I honestly believe that what is being prepared constitutes the basest masquerade.

I send you my greetings and I wish you a long and prosperous career under the new regime, proclaimed on 10 August 48.

Signed,