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General Headquarter of the Police

I have the honor to bring to your attention the following matters:
Our bodies inform us that in the city of Leova there is a center of Jewish minorities, which represents a danger to the safety and security of the State.

The authorities are biased, and so the minorities are encouraged in their actions.

We are giving you a note with some of the information for your edification and we attach a table with the members who are part of the communist organization, and we ask you to take it into consideration, knowing that our proposals are the following:

Considering the fact that your local Police bodies (from Leova and Bolgrad) have intimate relations with the local population, we believe that it is necessary to authorize a worthy individual, foreign, who can contact the Commander of The Informative Sector of Chisinau (Lt. Colonel Neculescu T.) and in collaboration, to finish the action of pursuing the subversive organizations from the cities that are contaminated by these dangerous elements for our Security. Also we ask you to communicate the dispositions where you advise how the officer will operate and with whom.

From the attached table it can be seen that some members from the Leova organization appear to be in Bucharest, which is why we ask you to check this matter, and communicate the result of this verification back to us.

GENERAL INSPECTORATE OF Gendarmerie

Paraianu Barbu

Head of Gendarmerie Services.

Lt. Col.

NOTE

Regarding the number of communist organization members of Leova

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| 1) Iampolschi | Medic |
| 2) Cremer. | Medic |
| 3) Apel Neanea | |
| 4) Cogan | Head of communist youth |
| 5) Sactier Matel | |
| 6) Constantinide Colica | |
| 7) Niculai Cociu | |
| 8) Fishman | Engineer |
| 9) Borea Svarts | (Arciz) |
| 10) Elie Deputat | |
| 11) Shecheter | |
| 12) Freida Cremer | |
| 13) Roza Apel | |
| 14) Gioma Ungher | |
| 15) Iancu Croitoru | Military in the 9th Regiment , Craiova |
| 16) Rebeca Croitoru | |
| 17) Liuba Daici | |
| 18) Gheorghe Nusan | |
| 19) Itic Stoler | |
| 20) Oca Litvac | |
| 21) Litvac's sister | |
| 22) Strul Argintaru | does duty in Galati |
| 23) Bercu Dubin | Cotroceni Str. No.95 Arsenal , Bucharest |
| 24) Pogan Motel | |
| 25) Motel Hozin | |
| 26) Strul Smilevici | |
| 27) Iancu Soposnic | |
| 28) Gioma Vainstoc | |
| 29) Iosel Ghiterman | |
| 30) Leizer Ghiterman | |
| 31) Liuba Elberg | |
| 32) Eleghi Elberg | |
| 33) Simin Elberg | ex head of cell to our agent |
| 34) Haim Glic | |
| 35) Mondel | |
| 36) Marcus Fiser | Bucuresti |
| 37) Eti Covolevschi | has connections with Deputat |
| 38) Simon Bercovici | Galati (powder theft) |
| 39) Aizinghelder, Leova | |
| 40) Moise Cremer | |
| 41) Iosel Cremer | |
| 42) Iosel Tvilic | |
| 43) Smail Catap | |
| 44) Iosel Catap | |
| 45) Matel Fainstim | |
| 46) Hac Cojocar | Bucharest , Cotroceni str. , Aeronautica Ars. No.95 |
| 47) Teli Cojocar | |
| 48) Beutin Leibzon | |
| 49) Haim Soctier | Mihail Turin's ex-boss |
| 50) Pose Volman | Bucharest , Pascal Str. , No. 31 |
| 51) Moti Smilevici | 2 Rosiori, Barlad |
| 52) Sura Cioban | |
| 53) Iosif Scondali | Leading boss |
| 54) Ioiu Crivoruc | |
| 55) Crivoruc's wife | |
| 56) Ivan Eichi Pesecovici | |
| 57) Arvan Elberg | |
| 58) Ghidali Cantargi | Dudesti street, no.101, Bucharest |
| 59) Glic Pinea | |
| 60) Fuci Lipa | |
| 61) Mois Fucs | |
| 62) Bechiger Oraz | |
| 63) Bechinger Leizer | |

64) Bercu Blanc

65) Petopedar

66) Burah lugar

ex cell boss to our agent

According to the original

Lt. Colonel

Informative note
no. 61 from 19.10.1935

While inspecting the Gendarmerie section from Leova, I observed the following:
In Leova, urban territory, a town with a majority of Jewish population, the law [*something illegible*] and the law regarding the operation of radios are not being applied.

There are 10 people, some of who are suspects, that have clandestine radios and that I indicated to the Regional Police Inspectorate.

The causes why the laws are not being applied:

Judge President Calin Petre has been living in Leova since the beginning of his career, is married to a Jew from Leova, maiden name Hushan. The judge's wife has a brother, a Jewish doctor and former officer in the French army, that has connections with the communist organization from Leova, a fact confirmed by the Sector Commander.

The Chief of Police from Leova, namely Crăciun, originally from Leova, is now going to get married in Leova and has all the interest to get along with the population and the police, from all the parties.

The Chief of Police from Cahul, namely Topor, a Bulgarian by his name, as far as I am informed is from Belgrad.

In Leova, there is a communist action, which includes a significant number of members.

The organization has recently distributed manifests on 1 May 1935 and on 26 August 1935, a case which was investigated by the police from Cahul, with delay and without any results.

The intellectual leadership of the organization is held by Doctor Iampolski, an intelligent man with a vast knowledge, former mayor under the government led by The National Peasants' Party, the party which he is still a member of today. He doesn't have any property or income and yet he held two girls through college abroad. Upon their return, the girls have overtly undertaken communist actions.

His present political action is to reorganize the young members of the The National Peasants' Party, in which, according to our knowledge, a consistent number of young communist Jews enrolled, who told our undercover agents who were recruited amongst them to enroll in The National Peasants' Party in order to work, *with the communist action as a mask*, especially when The National Peasants' Party will obtain the government.

Even the leader of the young faction of The National Peasants' Party, namely Petopedar, is a communist.

In Leova, there are two Jewish libraries, one at the Bruchis bookstore and one at Iampolski's house. Both contain books with a subversive communist character.

With the help of our resident agent, I took possession of one of the books from Mr. Iampolski's library, which was bought by a young communist person enrolled in the young faction of The National Peasants' Party, entitled "Under the Red Flag" signed by Dem. Theodorescu. In this book, through a story, a shocking communist education is being proposed.

Mrs. Hana, a Jew living in Cahul, with relatives in Leova, has perseveringly pursued the friendship of Mr. Ivanovici and put him in contact with a Jewish communist, the daughter of a photographer Mr. Deputat from Leova, who is now living in Bucharest.

Both have told the officer that they are expecting important events that will bring happiness to them and the officer. [*Something illegible*] communist principles and they are suspected of espionage. Among the communists identified in Leova, there are 8 persons who are living in Bucharest in groups of 2-3 people, as can be seen in the attached list of the communists who have been suspected and identified until now.

As well as a communist action we are informed that during 1935, a church bell was rang during a night without a clear reason, upon which some people gathered, including all the young communists who came and sat in the square for a while. It was suspected that that was an exercise to see the manner in which people responded to a gathering.

Another communist action that took place during 1935 was when the Judge found at the Court House a well known communist from Galați, who wanted to burn down the Court House in order to destroy the archive related to different trials –

filed against the Jewish population for various deviations or tax problems. The individual was sentenced for 3 years to jail, and after his appeal he received a reduced 6 month sentence, which he is now still executing.

Until now, we've undertaken the following actions:

1. We recruited two agents residing in Leova, of which one is a member of the communist organization and was in three cells under the leadership of Simion Elberg [*something illegible*].
2. We placed in Leova the undercover agent number 41 who I indirectly and covertly put in contact with the resident agents.
3. With their help I identified 66 persons known as communists.
4. I took possession of some books with a highly subversive character.
5. I took possession of some revolutionary songs that the young people are using in order to educate themselves in a revolutionary spirit, which I attach to this note.
6. I identified two Jews, one from Husi, who come often to Leova and are suspected of being communists a fact [*something illegible*].

7. I named 8 leaders for the cells, who are armed with revolvers and have the following slogan “Every young communist will have a 12 shot firearm in his pocket”.
8. The connections with the rural territory are obvious in Iargara, where on 1 May 1935 manifests, similar to those from Leova, were distributed. We are suspecting connections with Galați, Hăucești, Huși, Românești și Tătărești.

All the aforementioned activity is not known by the police and all the information we possess has not been transmitted to any police section because we are in the first stages of the investigations.

Measures proposed for the future:

- to continue the investigations, while searching for proof as well
- to take possession, copy or photograph the main parts of as many books from the Jewish libraries
- to identify the members, by precisely determining both their role in the organization and their residence
- to follow, with the help of collateral authorities, all those who come to Leova
- to identify those who are connected to Iargara and other cities.

We are waiting for the following orders. Considering that this is an urban territory, if I deliver all the information to the Chişinău Regional Police Inspectorate [*something illegible*].

However, our action will be able to be performed with 3-4000 lei which will be used to pay the undercover agents that we recruited.

The Chief of the Informative Police Sector II, lieutenant colonel Neculescu.

1945 October 19
Informative Police - Sector II

Leova Gendarmerie Sector

The stage of the informative activity, started in order to discover the communist organization from Leova, I have reported it to the General Inspectorate of Gendarmerie from Bucharest and to the Regional Inspectorate Gendarmerie from Chisinau, requesting orders regarding the way to proceed with the operation and if we can work by ourselves from now on, if we will have to collaborate or if we leave the operation it in the hands of the police authorities from the Regional Inspectorate of Police from Chisinau.

Until then, execute without hesitation the instructions you have received from me.

Keep in mind that through the recruited resident agents you have to take into your possession the communist propaganda material.

Search and find the location where you can find the material.

Request more books from the Jewish libraries in order to observe their subversive character.

Continue the identification process of the suspected communists by confirming their residence and their precise addresses.

Create a file of this section in which you will input any information that is brought forth to you every day, with copies after the title, author and sections from the contents of the books that are presented to you, always with the No. from the library registry and even their picture. These books have to be returned afterwards so that you can see more books and therefore bring more information that will help.

Form a scheme of the communist organization in which you insert each identified individual with their roles and cells they activate in: after the received information divide them by age, by attitude and by their developed activity in the organization.

Keep in touch with the respectable Mrs. Hana and Deputat and see their intentions - confirm their precise address.

Confirm and report the name of the individual that wanted to set fire to the Court and which is condemned.

The book "Under the red banner" by Dem. Teodorescu will be brought back to you. You will get copies of the main part of the book as I instructed you before.

Confirm if the library has been closed, when, by whom and in which situation it was reopened.

The presented order, which has to be received and confirmed, will be inserted in the case file.

Head of Inf. Police Sector II .CHISINAU

Lt. Colonel, (ss) Meculescu Teodor.

INFORMATIVE NOTE
No.73 of 1 November 1935

Following the Informative Note No.61 and 68/935

It is confirmed again by our undercover agent that the Jewish library from the "borrow and keep" society from Leova, Cahul County, which is led by the chemist Grimberg and placed in the houses of Doctor lampolschi, contains communist literature.

For these reasons, the library was closed due to security reasons in 1930, and the circumstances through which it has been reopened are unknown. It is believed it was the intervention of Doctor lampolschi.

It has been revealed that members of the youth organization are intensely active, these individuals are presented in the attached table. They are organized in cells, and can be seen gathering every night at the periphery of the Leova city.

In the city of Leova once existed a society called "Junimea", where most of the young people with communist feelings joined.. In this society older individuals usually lectured and are those suspected of communist actions.

In the place of this society, which no longer exists, it will appear on the day of 3 of November the "Union of the Private Sector Officials" the same day the election of the definitive committee will take place. A call was made in this matter, backed by the Authorization No.332 from 1935 of the "General Union of Private Sector Officials of Romania", Leova section, which invites private sector officials from different fields: commerce, industry, and offices in Leova and also from the rural districts of the surrounding areas, to join in order to defend the common interests and to respect the working schedule. From the way the committee is built and from the manner the actions are taking place, a deduction can be made that a subversive action will take place in this organization.

Measures Taken:

- We are following the possibility to take in our possession a large number of brochures from the shown library.
- We are watching the activity of the identified individuals and we continue to identify others.
- We will observe activity of the "Syndicate of the Particular Officials" and how it operates.
- For this purpose, we have placed an undercover agent from the team and we recruited beside the two resident agents, another agent with Jewish origins.

Head of Informative Police, Sector. II Chisinau
Lt. Colonel,

Gen. Insp. Of Gendarmerie
Reg. Insp. Of Gendarmerie

Table

Core intensively active youth from the U.T.C (Union of Communist Youth)

No.	Name	Address	Occupation	Age	Observation
1	Iancu Soposnic	Str. Traian	Grain Trader	20	
2	Motel Hozin	Str. Traian 13	Works for Grain Trader	20	
3	Liuba Elberg	Str. Regele Ferdinand 113	Dental Practice	19	
4	Eleghi Elberg	Str. Regele Ferdinand 113	-	-	
5	Shloima Cauffman	Str. Regele Ferdinand	Haberdashery Owner	23	
6	Goima Vainstoc	Str. Regele Ferdinand 86	Shop Owner	18	
7	Smeil Catap	Str. Ion Voda	Typesetter, Printer	19	
8	Haim Glik	-	Grain Trader	20	
9	Eti Covolevski	Str. Traian 48	-	-	
10	Elie Deputat	Str. Regele Ferdinand 101	Photographer	22	
11	Strul Argintaru	Str. Transilvania	Carpenter	23	
12	Pini Argintar	Str. Transilvania	-	18	
13	Iosel Ghiterman	Str. Regele Ferdinand 33	Shop boy	18	
14	Leizer Ghiterman	Str. Regele Ferdinand 33	-	20	

INFORMATION SECTOR CHISINAU

To the Informative Note No.61 and 73, regarding the Leova organizations, with honor we inform that the General Inspectorate has intervened to the Police General Headquarter to assign a delegate which together with you, will finish the action you started on urban territory.

Until we will communicate the name of the delegate and until contact, you will continue the surveillance action using the current means.

Regarding the amount of money you asked, the matter will be solved accordingly with the possibilities that will be given, and the result will be communicated in time.

Head of Gendarmerie Services
Lt. Colonel

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Head of Bureau I, sig. Sat
Baleanu Alexandru