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### Romania-USSR

### Ceausescu Shows Independence Through Defense Cut Referendum

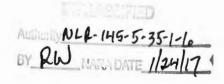
In a move designed to flaunt President Ceausescu's independent foreign policy within the bloc and to bolster domestic support at a time of economic austerity, Romania on 23 November staged an unprecedented national referendum to secure public approval of a 5-percent reduction in military expenditures. Moscow has not directly criticized the referendum but has shown a lack of enthusiasm for it.

The Romanian leadership went to great pains to demonstrate popular support for the referendum initiative, which Ceausescu had announced in a 4 September speech. The holding of the referendum required that the Grand National Assembly amend the Romanian Constitution—an action taken on 23 October (Agerpres, 23 October). A State Council decree followed, changing the voter eligibility rules to enfranchise adolescents between the ages of 14 and 18 just for this referendum (Scinteia, 6 November). Bucharest claimed the day after the referendum that 99.99 percent of eligible voters approved the defense cut—a figure even higher than the 97.73 percent who were reported to have voted for the official slate of candidates in the March 1985 election to the Grand National Assembly (Agerpres, 24 November 1986 and 18 March 1985).

Soviet Reserve

Moscow has shown its lack of enthusiasm for the Romanian referendum by giving it scant attention and by stressing the traditional Warsaw Pact stance the Eastern bloc reductions in military expenditures should be accompanied by comparable NATO reductions. Only five of the 36 lines in TASS's report (as published in *Pravda* on 26 November) dealt with the referendum itself. Instead, TASS focused primarily on the position adopted by the 10-11 June Warsaw Pact summit in Budapest, which, as TASS pointed out, called for significant "mutual" reductions in military forces and expenditures on the part of the two alliances. In contrast to Romania's decrease, Soviet official data on its defense budget for 1987 show a slight increase in rubles and the same percentage of spending compared with the 1986 budget (*Pravda*, 18 November).





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Gosagroprom. Zaychenko was even identified later, in the 1 April 1986 *Moskovskaya Pravda*, as a first deputy chairman of the Gosagroprom, but since then he has dropped out of public view. There has not yet been any announcement of his removal, but with the revelations in the Moldavian press he can hardly continue to hold his high post.

Exposures of corruption and misreporting have expanded steadily ever since Brezhnev's death, especially since Gorbachev took power in March 1985, and represent an effort to bring errant republics under greater control. Gorbachev engineered a major purge of Central Asian republic leaders during his first year as general secretary, but none of the first secretaries accused of wrongdoing was as closely tied to Brezhnev and Chernenko as Bodyul, and the exposures did not suggest that anyone at the very top had protected them.<sup>2</sup> By now publicizing the fact that Brezhnev regime officials in Moscow had quashed investigations of wrongdoing in Moldavia, Gorbachev may be preparing the way for more direct scrutiny of the leadership of Brezhnev and Chernenko. (U/FOUO)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The purges in Central Asia are discussed in the *Trends* of 5 February 1986, pages 3-7.

Background

Ceausescu has long held to an independent position on military expenditures. In November 1978, for example, the Romanian leader publicly revealed that he had disagreed with his colleagues at a Warsaw Pact summit on the need for additional spending for arms. Soviet leader Brezhnev registered strong, if indirect, criticism of Ceausescu's proposals when in early December 1978 he pledged "not to agree to the weakening of our defenses" while Western military might was increasing and castigated calls for reducing expenditures as "demagogic" (Pravda, 6 December 1978). (U/FOUO)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Trends of 29 November 1978, pages 5-9, and 6 December 1978, pages 1-5.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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December 9, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR NICHOLAS PLATT

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Presidential Message for Romanian-US Economic

Council

The NSC concurs with State's recommendation that a message be transmitted to the Romanian-US Economic Council meeting which convenes its 14th Plenary Session on December 11 in Tarreytown, New York.

Attached at Tab A is recommended message, as amended.

Rodney B. McDaniel Executive Secretary

Tab A Message

# Draft Presidential Message for Romanian-U.S. Economic Council Meeting

I am pleased to greet the members of the Romanian-U.S. Economic Council as you convene in New York for your 14th Plenary Session.

Your Council brings together commercial leaders from the United States and Romania, and your meetings advance trade and economic cooperation between our countries. Through the exchanges you have facilitated, trade has become one of the cornerstones of the relationship between our two peoples. I am encouraged that U.S. exports to Romania are up about 50 percent in 1986 over 1985. I hope that this trend will continue and that the full recovery of American sales to Romania will lead to the expansion of trade in both directions.

I extend best wishes for a successful meeting. .

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 8, 1986

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### ACTION

| MEMORANDUM FOR A | ALTON | G. | KEEL |
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FROM:

PAULA DOBRIANSKY

SUBJECT:

Presidential Message for Romanian-US Economic

Council

The Romanian-US Economic Council will convene its 14th Plenary Session on December 11 in Tarrytown, New York. State recommends that it would be appropriate to send a greeting from the President to the participants of this session. Attached at Tab I is a McDaniel/Platt memorandum authorizing State to transmit the message, as amended, at Tab A.

The Office of Presidential Correspondence has cleared the text.

Jack Matlock and Steve Danzansky concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Rod McDaniel to sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve W

Disapprove \_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I McDaniel/Platt Memo

Tab A Draft Message

Tab B Incoming

### United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

December 5, 1986

## MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ALTON G. KEEL, JR. THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Message for Romanian-U.S. Economic Council Meeting

The Romanian-U.S. Economic Council will convene its 14th Plenary Session on December 11, 1986, in Tarrytown, New York. As we have done in the past, we believe it would be appropriate to send a greeting from the President to the participants of this session. Attached is a draft of the Presidential message.

If this text is acceptable, the Department of State will transmit the message to the Council meeting.

Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

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FROM:

GRANT GREEN

SUBJECT:

Secretary Shultz Daily Report of 12 January 1987

Attached for your information is a section of Secretary Shultz's daily report which pertains to your area of interest. Please hold closely and do not refer to this in your conversations.

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