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RUMANIA

<u>ARMY</u>	(300)
Movement	(304)
Soviet Armed Forces	(309)
War Preparations	(311)

MOVEMENT OF SOVIET TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT.

SOURCE ATHENS : Confidential -- Details available at
Evaluation Section.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : September 1954.

EVALUATION COMMENT : None of the recent emigrés from Rumania
and Bulgaria have reported any movements of this nature.
UNCONFIRMED -- Caution is recommended.

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Southbound columns of Soviet tanks and
self-propelled guns roll through GIURGIU every night since the
bridge between that city and RUSCHUK was completed.

Residents on Calea Serban Voda, GIURGIU's
main thoroughfare, who watch the Soviet engines of war rumbling
steadily by on their way to Bulgaria, say the spectacle reminds
them of the German troop movements preceding Hitler's attack
on Greece in 1941.

Similar southbound movement of war equip-
ment has been observed through OLTENITA and NEGRU VODA.

End.