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RUMANIAN DELEGATION GETS A SEA-FRONT VILLA IN ATHENS.

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EVALUATION COMMENT: See for previous reports on the delegation under reference RFE Item Nos.5481, 5192 and 4914/56.

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The ten-member Rumanian delegation moved into the villa it has rented for three months in ATHENS on the corner of Niriidon and Poseidon Streets in OLD PHALERON overlooking the sea and facing toward CASTELLA and PIRAEUS.

As the house has only six master bedrooms, the delegation members, are, for the most part, sharing rooms. There are two bathrooms and on the ground floor level a large study, a large reception room and a medium dining room. All these rooms are in a straight line and when the connecting doors are opened the rooms form one large reception room capable of holding at least 250 persons. It was this feature that pleased the Rumanians -- RFE was told -- since they intend to throw a few parties.

The furniture is Louis XV throughout, RFE was told. There are adequate kitchens and servants rooms. For the moment the Rumanians are employing two Greek servants, but it is understood that Rumanian personnel are on their way to ATHENS. The front garden has been used as a playground and is very neglected. The telephone number of the villa is 99543.

The owners of this villa - a group of five elderly ladies - have been trying to rent it to Air Force personnel for the past two years. It was proposed as an Officers' Club at a rental of \$ 650 monthly. Then the villa was offered to individuals at \$ 400 monthly on a two-year contract basis. The Rumanians reportedly rented it for three months at \$ 1,000 monthly.

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