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BUCHAREST CITIZENS HORRIFIED TO FIND  
CORPSES ON THEIR DOORSTEPS.

SOURCE ATHENS: A 38-year-old Greek repatriate from BUCHAREST.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: December 1955.

EVALUATION COMMENT: See for reference on similar cases RFE Item Nos. 3349, 3024, 2745 and 437/56. Source of the present report, an artisan by profession who finished elementary school, left Rumania in the spring of 1956 to join relatives living in the West. His other reason to leave the country was -according to his own words-inability to make a decent living. The interviewer's evaluation of his reliability reads: "Seems a sincere, average city type."

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Further confirmation of reports concerning murdered corpses left in the streets of Rumanian cities and towns as a measure of intimidation /RFE Item Nos. 2464 and 2305/56/ was supplied by a BUCHAREST tailor now in the West, who told how residents of the capital's outlying districts were shocked one morning in early December 1955 to find bodies of persons who had been shot, lying sprawled in the streets outside their houses.

The bodies, which were found in the districts of Colentina, Piata Puzesti, Grivita, Bucuresti Noi and Grand, were not removed from the streets until mid-afternoon, clearly indicating that they were left there purposely for reasons of pure intimidation. Source's mother-in-law saw some of the corpses personally in the Colentina district.

Horror-struck BUCHAREST inhabitants confronted

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with this gruesome spectacle were naturally too terrified to ask what it meant; it was learned later /from word of mounth/ that the macabre exhibits were persons recently discharged from prisons and concentration camps who had talked too freely about their sufferings, thereby contravening the pledge of secrecy they had been made to sign upon their release.

According to source, most of the murdered men were former members of the policeforce.

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