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Munich, September 19 1961-CNR/Rum.Eval.&Res.--"Agerpres announced on September 18 that by a decree of the State Council, Mihail Haseganu has been appointed permanent Rumanian representative to the United Nations Organization (with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, in place of Silviu Brucan, who took up other, unspecified, duties.)

The removal of Haseganu was published on the eve of the opening of the Sixteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Radio Bucharest reported on September 12 that the Rumanian delegation to the UN session headed by Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu was to include Eduard Mezincescu (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs), Silviu Brucan and Mihail Haseganu. They are to be joined by counsellors and experts.

The new permanent representative to the UN, Mihail Haseganu is a former rector of the Institute of Economic Sciences and Planning (1956). In May 1959, he was listed as Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and became a Rumanian Ambassador to Czechoslovakia in July 1959. He was recalled from Prague in August 1961.

It is worth noting that an economist was chosen for the UN post. Another factor which may have played a role in this diplomatic change was the appointment of a new Rumanian Foreign Minister in March 1961 in the person of Corneliu Manescu.

Silviu Brucan is a former journalist of Jewish descent (Deputy Chief Editor of "Scanteia" in 1955.) He was appointed Minister to the United States in March 1956. After the demotion of Iosif Chisinevski from the Politbureau and Party Secretariat (he is also of Jewish origin and is said to have had a strong influence on foreign relations) rumors persisted <sup>to the effect</sup> that Brucan, who was one of his protégés was about to lose his position in Washington. He was actually replaced by George Macovescu in July 1959 and became permanent representative to the UN.

His new position will shed more light on the reasons for his replacement.

Brucan used to be a Rumanian delegate to the UN General Assembly sessions of the past years, even during the period in which he was Minister to Washington. The <sup>present</sup> Rumanian Minister to the US George Macovescu was also a member of the Rumanian delegation sent in September 1959 to the 14th session of the UN General Assembly. In this respect, 1960 was an exceptional year, inasmuch as a top-level Rumanian

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delegation headed by Gheorghiu-Dej arrived in September 1960 in New  
York to attend the 15th session of the UN General Assembly.

The delegation sent this year (Foreign Minister level) does not  
include the Rumanian Minister to the US.

See for reference to interview granted by Silviu Brucan to the  
American Press (charges against the late Dag Hammarskjöld) "Scanteia"  
of April 9 1961.

"Scanteia" of May 28 1960 reproduced his speech broadcast by the  
US radio stations.

F 74 of August 2 and F 23 of August 6 provided information on the  
current diplomatic reshuffle in Rumania.

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