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**Letter from Canadian Embassy, British Interests
Section, W. H. G. Fletcher to P. A. Rhodes of the
Foreign Office**

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Summary:

Third Secretary of the Romanian Embassy reports that Romania is eager to "widen their horizons" and "are now anxious to contact us and probably other western missions."

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Canadian Embassy,
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Mr. Gardner

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Dear Rhodes,

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We think you might be interested in the following.

2. M. Ion Edu, Third Secretary of the Roumanian Embassy, telephoned Mr. Gardner, H.M. Vice-Consul, asking for an appointment to see him. He called as arranged and it transpired that he had no business to discuss and it was a purely friendly call. He also saw Mr. Richardson, H.M. Consul. M. Edu enquired when we were likely to resume relations with the U.A.R. and was told that there was no reason to expect an early resumption. M. Edu said that it was their policy to have diplomatic relations with all countries even though they might disagree with them on important matters and had now resumed diplomatic relations with West Germany. As far as he was concerned the Cold War had been of absolutely no benefit to Roumania and they were determined to widen their horizons. He said there had been great progress in the cultural field in Roumania and he missed the opportunity of attending good concerts and theatres here.

3. He also asked had we had any difficulties with the U.A.R. authorities about the entry of officials to Egypt when it is apparent from their passports that they have previously been in Israel. He said that Roumanian Government officials, members of the State commercial organisations, had been refused entry to Egypt for this reason. He seemed curious as to whether we issue duplicate passports, which he must already know that we do, but we did not enlighten him and said merely that we had experienced no difficulties.

How silly. P.M.

4. Chancery have recently had visits from both the Roumanian Counsellor and the Roumanian 1st Secretary. It seems therefore that the Roumanians are now anxious to contact us and probably other western missions.

5. I am copying this letter to our Chancery in Bucharest.

*Yours etc,
Harry.*

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