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STEPS TOWARDS THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN CLOSENESS.  
THE YEAR 1961 AND THE VISIT TO THE USA OF THE  
ROMANIAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION, LED BY DEPUTY PRIME  
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(Summary)

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The easing of the Romanian-American strained relations took place gradually, especially after the acceptance given by Americans for Romania's admission to the UN (1955). At the initiative of Moscow, the eastern states opened new channels of communication and collaboration with the West in the 1950s, with the desire to gain access to trade and new technologies. Between 1956–1960, the Romanians were gradually accepted to congresses and scientific specializations in the US. During this time period, American journalists, congressmen and culture people visited Romania, building step by step more hassle-free relations between people and institutions. As a result of these good relations, in 1961, the visit of an important Romanian economic legation to the US took place. Romanian specialists have gained access to the “secrets” of American agriculture and industry, have managed to get in touch with large US companies and to see on the spot, live, the application of new working protocols in agriculture.

The experience and knowledge gained helped the Romanians to return to the country with a big plus, which meant an important contribution to the economic modernization of Romania. Moving towards Western technologies, the closeness they achieved with the Americans while trying to gain access to the top achievements of the US economy, was in fact the Romanian response to the harassment made by Khrushchev, for years, to the “younger brother” of the Balkans. Besides, the very good reception that the Romanians felt in the United States was due to Bucharest's restriction towards some actions of the USSR and the emphasis of the autonomous character of Romania, within the Eastern Bloc.

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