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RESUMPTION OF THE ROMANIAN LEGATION'S ACTIVITIES IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM AFTER WORLD WAR II
(Summary)

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At the end of World War II, a significant portion of Romanian society looked toward the United Kingdom with hope that it would help Romania escape the growing influence of the USSR. London had yielded political initiatives to Moscow but hoped to maintain its economic interests in Romania. After August 1944, Romania and the United Kingdom, two former enemies, attempted to normalize their diplomatic relations. The context was very challenging, with negotiations for the Peace Treaty, Romania's status as a former ally of Nazi Germany, and the increasing influence of the Soviet Union in the political life of Bucharest. Even though the Romanian communists desired international legitimacy, they regarded London as one of the capitals that could challenge their legitimacy in Bucharest. Essentially, we have two former enemy countries trying to normalize their diplomatic relations in a difficult international context and against the backdrop of opposing foreign policy interests. This study, based on previously unpublished documents from Romanian and British archives, follows the intricate and occasionally turbulent process of resuming diplomatic relations between Romania and the United Kingdom.

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