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Letters to the System. II. Silenzio Stampa!

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The System forbids us to speak, to write, to meet, to...scratch. The System keeps a watch on us by his faithful cadres, through the television; it keeps us under surveillance through electronic, optical sensors for we shall not, God forbids, fall into a sin, however innocent it may be, not even a small peccadillo. The System asks all of us, even the women, to sleep at night with the hands at sight, outside the blanket. The System takes care of us. Long live the System!

Honourable Friends! Don't take it amiss! The nuclear danger pales into insignificance against the one posed to Romania by Romanians themselves. I've got it: "Silenzio Stampa!". "Silence, comrades, this is Radio Moscow". Let only the specialist with diplomas, my friend, prof. Dobrei Taraboantz who was put on TV again last night, do all the talking. He appeared exactly and immediately after the kind warning of the System's staff. The staff? The staff, like the jackass, gets used to everything; "water, straws and beating" will do it.

Let only the expert in nuclear clouds, my friend, dr. Jean Valjeanu, do all the talking. This bombastic, pretentious and lying specialist, capitalized on the tragic nuclear event at Fujimoto to enhance the public image of our System by making on the System's website ludicrous assertions about the alleged professional successes recorded by the System in this case. Is there no one to cut this man down to size and put him to silence?

Around the genuine Romanian physicists: the Wall of Silence! Silenzio Stampa! No word whatsoever about anyone of them. We push to the fore only the false ones! Only the loafers, the mediocrities, the living corpses! They are manoeuvrable and controllable! Hardened in the party fight! Just like the stuttering retarded friend of mine, the informer – party activists trainer, professor Gagamitza Pisinevski, an old cadre of BOB (namely, the Bureau of Base Organization, a political structure within the former Romanian Communist Party). The hush-hush mania destroyed the nuclear Japan! The Director of Ciornii Water was a repeater student three-times! A renowned specialist!

"In hoc signo vinces" God said to Romania. But he forgot to show the Romanians which sign was that exactly. What sign would God have wanted to show Romania? I wonder if it is not that sign. Live the Fight for Silence!

"Avelo, bahtalo,mo!" – as the gypsies say (viz. "Lotta luck strike you, bro!"). And Mishto to everybody!

(Translated from the Romanian apr174 by I. Negoitza).