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Summary:

An analysis of persistent opposition demonstrations and the National Salvation Front's decision to increase the role of the Securitate.

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Continued antiregime demonstrations are prompting the ruling National Salvation Front (FSN) to turn for support to former dictator Ceausescu's ruthless secret police.

Comment: The current low profile of the Securitate is likely to change if, as is likely, the FSN continues to come under attack for its halfhearted support for democratic reform. Involvement of Securitate personnel in containing unrest greatly increases the likelihood that antigovernment demonstrations will turn violent. As was the case during the overthrow of Ceausescu, the Romanian military could play the key role in the FSN's survival.

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