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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN KAUFMANN SCHNEIDER
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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 73.

1. BULGARIA: PLEASE CORRECT ERROR IN RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 70, SECOND SENTENCE, WHICH SAYS "BASHEV HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED IN VIENNA THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH HIS YUGOSLAV COUNTERPARTS BUT NOW THIS APPEARS UNLIKELY EVEN IF, IN FACT, BULGARIA WOULD EVER SERIOUSLY CONSIDER DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF ONE OF ITS REPUBLICS." CHANGE THIS SENTENCE TO READ: "...THIS APPEARS UNLIKELY EVEN IF, IN FACT, YUGOSLAVIA WOULD EVER SERIOUSLY CONSIDER DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF ONE OF ITS REPUBLICS."

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: CZECH MINISTER OF CULTURE MIROSLAV BRUZEK TOLD A NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE OF CULTURAL WORKERS THAT IDEOLOGY AND POLITICS WOULD DETERMINE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL WORKERS WHO MUST "IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH THE CULTURAL POLICY OF THE SOCIALIST STATE." BRUZEK SAID THAT GOVERNMENT "COUNCILS" WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO MANAGE INDIVIDUAL ARTISTIC FIELDS. THESE "COUNCILS" WILL PROBABLY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND WILL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, BE AUTHORIZED TO DISTRIBUTE MATERIAL REWARDS TO OBEDIENT CULTURAL WORKERS. BRUZEK CRITICIZED THE "NONSENSICAL BEHAVIOR OF SOME OFFICIALS OF ARTISTIC UNIONS" AND PROMISED TO RECTIFY THE ERRORS AND DEFORMATIONS IN CULTURE. THE CONFERENCE REPORTS ANOTHER TURN OF THE SCREW ON THE NON-CONFORMIST ARTISTS AND WRITERS. OTHER SPEECHES WERE MADE AT THE MEETING, BUT NOBODY OF NOTE FROM THE 600 IN ATTENDANCE (IF, IN FACT, ANYONE OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE ATTENDED) SPOKE, INDICATING THAT RESISTANCE ON THE CULTURAL FRONT CONTINUES AND THAT THE MAJORITY OF CREATIVE INTELLIGENTSIA HAS NOT CAVED TO REGIME PRESSURES. WE SHALL IN ALL PROBABILITY HAVE A GUIDANCE WHEN BRUZEK TEXT AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE TO US.

RADIOS BRATISLAVA AND PRAGUE REPORTED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM CONSIDERED A NEW DRAFT LAW ON "MISDEMEANORS" WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FIGHT "UNHEALTHY AND HARMFUL PHENOMENA" IN CZECHOSLOVAK LIFE AND WILL ENABLE THE "FASTER AND STRICTER PROSECUTION OF INFRINGEMENTS OF PUBLIC ORDER." THIS WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN INCORPORATING INTO STATE LAW THE
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MORE REPRESSIVE ASPECTS OF THE EMERGENCY DECREES ISSUED AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION ANNIVERSARY AS SUPPLEMENTS TO EXISTING STATUTES. WE AS YET DO NOT POSSESS A TEXT OF THIS DRAFT BUT ANTICIPATE SOMETHING DRACONIC.

AN ARTICLE FROM TRIBUNA BY ANNA SVAROVSKA ADOPTS A TONE OF MODERATION TOWARD THOSE ERRING PARTY BRETHREN LED ASTRAY BY RIGHT WING SEDUCERS (BEING SENT AS DESK SPECIAL TODAY). SVAROVSKA QUOTES HUSAK TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PARTY IS NOT A "SLAUGHTER HOUSE" AND WE ARE NOT "BUTHCERS" OBSERVING THAT MOST OF THE DISORIENTED COMRADES WERE GUILLESS DUPES, AND THAT LENIENCY SHOULD BE SHOWN THEM. FROM THE BRIEF EXCERPTS WE HAVE AVAILABLE, A RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE OF TODAY APPEARS TO EXPOUND THE SAME THEME OF FORGIVENESS TO THOSE WHO COMMITTED VENAL TRANSGRESSIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF REFORM. THUS, THE KNIFE MAY BE CUTTING INTO HEALTHY FLESH, AND HUSAK AND COMPANY MAY BE EXERTING THEMSELVES TO PREVENT THE LIMB ON WHICH THEY PERCH FROM BEING AMPUTATED BY THE ULTRAS. CONTINUING BLOOD-LEETING AT THE LOCAL LEVELS, HOWEVER, ILLUSTRATES THE DIFFICULTY IN HALTING SUCH VENDETTAS ONCE THE FORCES OF THE INQUISITION HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR HEAD.

A RADIO PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR SOVIET SOLDIERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS BEEN INITIATED AT USTI NAD LABEM. WE ARE AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THIS LOCATION.

4. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

5. POLAND: AN ITEM FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN WHICH DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT POPE PAUL MIGHT MOVE WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS TO ESTABLISH REGULAR BISHOPRICS IN THE WESTERN TERRITORIES WAS SOURCED TO A WELL-INFORMED POLISH CATHOLIC AND HAS BEEN MARKED FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY. IT IS PROBABLY TRUE TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOURCES ESTIMATE THAT MR. BRANDT'S GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE NO GREAT OBJECTION IF THE VATICAN WERE TO RECOGNIZE THE ODER-NEISSE AS POLAND'S WESTERN BORDER IS PROBABLY CORRECT. ADDITIONAL SPECULATION HAS IT THAT VATICAN ACTION HINGES ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ANTICIPATED WARSAW-BONN NEGOTIATIONS.
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OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO US TODAY IS THE FARNSWORTH PIECE FROM WARSAW APPEARING IN THE NYT WHICH SAYS THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS OFFERED POLAND THE EQUIVALENT OF \$550 MILLION IN LONG-TERM CREDITS TO PURCHASE WEST GERMAN EQUIPMENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, ETC. THIS IS OF OVERRIDING SIGNIFICANCE TO US IN THAT WERE THE POLES ABLE TO SECURE SUCH A CREDIT TO HELP THEM OUT OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL BACKWARDNESS, THE PRESSURE FROM OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON THE SOVIET UNION TO APPLY FOR LONG-TERM CREDITS THEMSELVES FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WOULD INTENSIFY ENORMOUSLY, AS WOULD THE DRIVE FOR ESTABLISHING NORMAL POLITICAL AND OTHER ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT THE POLES HAVE ASKED FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN THE REPORTED \$550 MILLION, SOME REPORTS PLACING THEIR REQUEST AT A BILLION DOLLARS. WHAT FIGURE FINALLY EMERGES, OF COURSE, WILL BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY BONN'S WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO EXTEND WHAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. WE ARE CHECKING THIS STORY LOCALLY, BUT AS YET HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM DESPITE THE FACT THAT WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ARE GIVEN AS THE ORIGIN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP ON THIS THAT YOU CAN GIVE US. THE POLISH BD WILL NOT USE THE STORY UNTIL CONFIRMED, AND THE OTHER BD'S ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE IT WITH ATTRIBUTION.
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6. OTHER: THE WEST GERMAN-SOVIET TALKS ON THE RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OF FORCE OPENED IN MOSCOW ON 8 DEC. THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED BY SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND THE TWO MEN HELD TALKS LASTING FOR SOME 90 MINUTES. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED BY OFFICIALS AT THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. PRESENTLY HOWEVER, THE TWO MEN WHO COULD CONDUCT SUCH TALKS WITH THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAPPENED TO BE OUT OF TOWN. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SEMYONOV IS IN HELSINKI AND FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV IS HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER IN PEKING. YESTERDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN THE WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND GROMYKO TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH WAS DESCRIBED BY WEST GERMANY AMBASSY OFFICIALS AS BUSINESSLIKE AND FAVORABLE. THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

MEANWHILE, THE FIRST EAST GERMAN REACTION TO THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE HAS BECOME AVAILABLE HERE. A CAA BACKGROUND PAPER ISSUED YESTERDAY POINTS OUT THAT UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE CONFERENCE, EAST GERMAN PARTY BOSS WALTER ULBRICHT PRESENTED HIS SIDE OF THE CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE. IN DOING SO, ULBRICHT MANAGED TO DISTORT THE FORMULATIONS USED IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND USED ONLY SELECTED REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. ULBRICHT ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE GDR, A PROBLEM WHICH WAS GIVEN LESS THAN A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE COMMUNIQUE. AN EDITORIAL APPEARING IN THE 8 DECEMBER ISSUE OF NEUES DEUTSCHLAND NOTED A STATEMENT MADE BY US SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS CONCERNING THE "PARALLEL COURSE" OF AMERICAN AND WEST GERMAN POLICIES. SUCH A PARALLEL COURSE OF POLICY, THE EDITORIAL STATED, WILL DISAPPOINT THOSE WEST GERMAN VOTERS WHO WERE COUNTING ON A POLICY OF UNDERSTANDING AND WHO DESIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUAL RELATIONS WITH THE GDR ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. GENERALLY SPEAKING THE EDITORIAL TRIED TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY CHANGE IN WEST GERMAN POLITICS FOLLOWING THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. AS THE CAA BACKGROUND PAPER POINTS OUT: "THE GDR MEDIA SIMPLY IGNORE FACTS WHICH DO NOT FIT THEIR THEORY IN ORDER TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GDR'S AIMS HAVE BEEN UNDERWRITTEN BY THE ASSEMBLY OF COMMUNIST LEADERS IN MOSCOW AND THAT THE RIGID POINT OF VIEW OF EAST GERMANY IS STILL THE ONLY CORRECT ONE."

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IN LINE FIFTEEN 10TH GROUP WORD SHUD READ PREVENT RPT PREVENT;
AND IN LINE 17 FIRST GROUP WORD SHUD READ BLOOD-LETTING RPT BLOOD-LETTING;

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