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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING KAUFMANN REYMAN  
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON  
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 123

1. BULGARIA: THE BULGARIAN REFUSAL TO ALLOW THE PLANE FROM WEST BERLIN TO LAND IN VARNA (SEE ITEM SENT DS) COULD HAVE ITS REPERCUSSIONS IN THE CANCELTION OF WEST GERMAN VACATION TOURS TO BULGARIA. WE WILL WATCH FOR THESE REPERCUSSIONS.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: FOR CONCLUSION OF CONGRESS SEE EERA UNIT PAPER ON THE FEW TOP PERSONNEL CHANGES AND THE OPTIONAL GUIDANCE NOTE ISSUED TODAY. CS MEETING TODAY DISCUSSED SOME POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION. THERE WAS COMPLETE AGREEMENT ABOUT THE COMPLETE SATELLITE STATUS OF THE CSSR HAVING BEEN CONFIRMED AT THE CONGRESS. DIFFERENCES, HOWEVER, EMERGED OVER HOW STRONG HUSAK'S PERSONAL AUTHORITY IS NOW IN THE PARTY. ONE ARGUMENT HAD IT THAT HUSAK, UNDER A SOVIET TUTELAGE WHICH HE WELCOMED, HAD MUCH GREATER AUTHORITY THAN BEFORE; THE OTHER CONTENDED THAT HE WAS STILL VERY MUCH CONSTRAINED BY GROUPINGS IN THE PARTY TO WHOSE POINT OF VIEW HE HAD HAD TO SURRENDER SO MUCH IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: GIEREK'S RETURN TO THE CONGRESS IN PRAGUE IS SOMETHING OF A MYSTERY, INEVITABLY RAISING THE QUESTION OF HOW IMPORTANT AND URGENT IT WAS FOR HIM TO ACCOMPANY MOCZAR TO OLSZTYN. WE HAVE NO ANSWER AT PRESENT IN THIS CONNECTION, NOTE KEPA'S SPEECH IN WARSAW (ITEM SENT DS) -- PERHAPS A RATHER CONFIDENT SOUNDING SPEECH FOR A MAN SUPPOSED TO BE IN BIG TROUBLE.

ON SUNDAY IT WAS PEASANTS' DAY IN POLAND AND THE OCCASION WAS CLEARLY USED TO ASSERT THE NEWLY WON CONFIDENCE OF THE UPP. (A SIT. REP. ITEM WILL DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT.) IN

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A SPEECH IN OLSZTYN, GUCWA CONFIRMED THAT THE NEW SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR PRIVATE PEASANTS FROM NEXT JANUARY WOULD INCLUDE OLD AGE PENSIONS. THIS HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SPECIFICALLY STATED.

5. RUMANIA: CEAUSESCU IS TAKING A STRONG TEAM ON HIS EASTERN TRAVELS (SEE ITEM SENT DS). MAURER'S PRESENCE SHOWS A RETURN TO FITNESS AND ALSO SERVES TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE ASPECT OF THE VISIT, WHEREAS THE OMISSION OF NICULESCU-MIZIL MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO PLAY DOWN THE PARTY ASPECT OF IT. (ALL THIS, OF COURSE, WITH AN EYE ON MOSCOW.) IT SHOULD BE NOTED AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH MANEA MANESCU AND ILIESCU ARE CC SECRETARIES. THE PRESENCE OF MANESCU WOULD INDICATE THAT SERIOUS ECONOMIC TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PEKING. ON THE CHINESE VISIT NOTE THE ADMONITORY RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST IN RUMANIAN ABOUT THE NEED FOR JOINT WARSAW PACT CONSULTATION ON MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES.

THE WESTERN PRESS IS ALREADY PLAYING VERY STRONGLY THE "MEDIATION" THEME OF CEAUSESCU'S VISIT. WE ARE NOT USING SPECULATION THAT STRESSES THIS THEME TO THE EXCLUSION OF PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING ELSE, BUT WILL USE BALANCED SPECULATION WHICH PUTS MEDIATION AS JUST ONE POSSIBLE ASPECT OF THE CEAUSESCU TRAVELS.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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