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VERY URGENT
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RE: PREA 15 OF 20 FEBR 1964:

1) NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT IN HUNGARY SINCE YOU LEFT MUNICH. REGIME IS EAGER TO NEGOTIATE WITH WASHINGTON, BOTH KALLAI AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EMPHASIZED IT PUBLICLY. UNDERWOOD (NY TIMES) REPORTED ABOUT THE FIRST SUCH CONTACT IN BUDAPEST, BUT HIS STORY WAS DENIED BY THE U.S. LEGATION (UPI, FEBRUARY 22). SOME WESTERN NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATED THE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOVIET TROOPS FROM HUNGARY AND THAT IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY KHRUSHCHEV PERSONALLY. THIS IS, HOWEVER, PURE SPECULATION, CONNECTED WITH THE ADVANCE OF APRIL 4.

MINDSZENTY CASE: NO NEW DEVELOPMENT, EXCEPT THAT TOMER'S NAME POPPED UP ONCE AGAIN. IN HIS INTERVIEW GIVEN TO "LE MONDE" (FEBRUARY 19), KADAR DECLARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MINDSZENTY PROBLEM: "IL SUFFIT D'UN PEU DE PATIENCE POUR TROUVER UNE FORMULE PARMI LES DIVERSES QUI SONT POSSIBLE".

INTERNALLY: AN ENLARGED CP PLENUM WAS HELD LAST WEEK WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA: GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION, PERSONAL PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS OF ORGANIZATION, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING. RESOLUTIONS ON HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED. THEY DO NOT CONTAIN NEW FACTS BUT EMPHASIZE THE CORRECTNESS OF PRESENT REGIME POLICY (E.G., IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE PLOTS, MATERIAL INCENTIVES ETC.).

IN THE MEANTIME, SOME INTERESTING ARTICLES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED REVEALING REGIME CONCERN ABOUT CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LITERARY FIELD. THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "TISZATAJ" WAS DISMISSED AND THE REVIEW PUBLISHED A LENGTHY SELF-CRITICISM.

KALLAI WAS IN MOSCOW, ALLEGEDLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, BUT THE MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD. REGIME LINE CONCERNING THE DISPUTE REMAINS VERY CAUTIOUS (SEE PLS, KADAR INTERVIEW IN "LE MONDE").

2) PROGRAMMING: WE ARE WORKING ON A NEW AFTERNOON PROGRAM DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO YOUNG PEOPLE (IT WOULD REPLACE OUR LATE AFTERNOON REPEATS). ALSO WE ARE CONTEMPLATING DIFFERENT CHANGES IN OUR SATURDAY-SUNDAY PROGRAM. I HOPE THAT A NEW DRAFT SCHEDULE WILL BE READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL WHEN YOU RETURN TO MUNICH. REGARDS

END MSG