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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK FEDERAL ASSEMBLY ARE COVERED TODAY IN A CS DAILY GUIDANCE AND AN EERA BUDGET PAPER (BOTH BEING SENT DS). THE QUESTION OF A DEPUTY TO THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE ABOUT TRIALS OF ANTI-SOCIALIST OFFENDERS IN 1968 AND 1969 COULD CLEARLY LEAD TO A NEW AND MORE SERIOUS PHASE IN THE "CONSOLIDATION" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SEE ALSO DGS SENT TODAY ON PREMIER STROUGAL'S REMARKS IN THE ASSEMBLY ABOUT THE MILITARY OBLIGATIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDER THE NEW CS-SOVIET TREATY.

3. HUNGARY: THE TISZA NEAR SZEGED IS AT ITS HIGHEST RECORDED POINT EVER AND THE DANGER TO THE CITY IS CONSIDERABLE.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: AS THE GREAT DANGER OF EVEN WORSE FLOODING CONTINUES, PREMIER MAURER LEFT FOR MOSCOW YESTERDAY WITH A VERY STRONG DELEGATION COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF ECONOMIC OFFICIALS INCLUDING GHEORGHE RADULESCU AND PLANNING CHIEF BERGHIANU. THE VISIT IS EVIDENTLY A FOLLOW-UP TO CEAUSESCU'S VISIT, BUT IT IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT THAT IT HAD TO TAKE PLACE SO URGENTLY AND AT A TIME OF SUCH CRISIS IN RUMANIA. INEVITABLY MOSCOW IS IN A STRONG BLACKMAILING POSITION IN SERIOUS ECONOMIC TALKS WITH RUMANIA AND SEVERAL WESTERN OBSERVERS HAVE NOT FAILED TO NOTICE THE FACT. ONLY BALANCED COMMENT ALONG THESE LINES IS, HOWEVER, BEING BROADCAST AND, IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT CEAUSESCU WILL GIVE IN TO ANY PRESSURE IF IT IS APPLIED.

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6. OTHER: THE NATO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE HAS ISSUED A FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH CLEARLY PUTS THE SOVIETS ON THE SPOT TO GIVE A SENSIBLE, CONSIDERED RESPONSE. SEE DGS ON THE CONFERENCE TODAY.

ACCORDING TO THE "NYT" OF 28 MAY, SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE'S MINISTER IN PARIS, MR. CHAU SENG, HAS REPEATED HIS LEADER'S CALL FOR SOVIET RECOGNITION OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. THIS REINFORCES OBSERVATION THAT SIHANOUK IS STRIVING FOR NEUTRAL STATUS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEKING (CF. DR. NO. 117).

POLISH PAPER "ZYCIE WARSZAWY" CONCEDES THAT PILOTS ARE FLYING MIG 21'S IN EGYPTIAN AIR SPACE BUT, FOLLOWING NASSER, SAYS THAT THEY ARE NOT APPROACHING CLOSER THAN 35 KILOMETERS TO THE SUEZ CEASE FIRE LINE. "ZW" SAYS THE PRESENCE OF THESE SOVIET PILOTS IS ENOUGH TO KEEP THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE FROM CARRYING OUT ITS DEEP PENETRATION RAIDS, ADMITTING THAT SOVIET PILOTS SERVE TO "STABILIZE THE SITUATION" OVER THE NILE VALLEY PERFORMING "A ROLE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SOVIET FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN TIME OF CRISIS."

IMPLICATION OF THE GROSE "NYT" ARTICLE IS MOUNTING CONCERN OF THE ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE NATO ROME MEETING AND ITS FINAL COMMUNIQUE AND EARLIER IN THE DIRECT US QUESTIONING OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AS TO ITS INTENTIONS IN THE ME. ROGERS IS AGAIN PRESSING FOR A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS, ACCORDING TO GROSE. UNDERSECRETARY ELIOT I. RICHARDSON EXPRESSED U.S. CONCERN ON 30 APRIL WHEN HE WARNED THAT WHEN "ONE OF US, IN THIS CASE THE USSR, INVOLVES ITSELF MILITARILY, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE OTHER WILL TAKE NOTICE AND REACT."

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RADIO MOSCOW, "ZA RUBEZHOM" AND "IZVESTIA" ARE KEEPING UP THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA SNIPING AT PEKING. "IZVESTIA" IS OF SOME INTEREST IN THAT IT HAS AGAIN PICKED UP THE THEME OF HONG KONG, BY IMPLICATION CHALLENGING THE CHINESE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS "HOT BED OF IMPERIALISM" IF THEY ARE, IN FACT, AS REVOLUTIONARY AS THEY PRETEND.

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