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FOLLOWING A SERIES OF ARTICLES IN THE WEST EUROPEAN PRESS (CF MUN 33 10 SEP.) ON THE PARTISAN FACTION IN POLAND, THE EXPECTED SERIES OF PHILLIPE BEN HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR IN LE MONDE. THE FIRST ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED YESTERDAY IS A GENERAL ONE ON THE SOVIET BLOC FOLLOWING THE 22ND CPSU CONGRESS. TODAY'S BEN PIECE IN LE MONDE COVERS IN ADDITION TO SOME GENERAL REMARKS ON THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE AND CHINA PROPER, SOME MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE INTRA-PARTY STRUGGLE IN POLAND. A RESUME OF THE FIRST AND A FULL TEXT TRANSLATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE IS NOW BEING SENT TO YOU IN THE CLEAR. THERE ARE TWO MORE ARTICLES IN THE SERIES. THE THIRD TO BE ON EAST GERMANY AND THE FOURTH ON COMECON PROBLEMS. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE SECOND BEN ARTICLE IS THE KIND OF NEW MATERIAL ON THE PARTISANS ISSUE WHICH SHOULD ALLOW US TO "LIFT THE CORNER" A BIT AND RESUME THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTISANS TO OUR POLISH AUDIENCE. AS YOU KNOW, PHILLIPE BEN SPENT HIS VACATION IN VARNA AND ALTHOUGH THE PARTISAN ISSUE WAS MENTIONED TO HIM BY A THIRD PERSON (NOT BY US) BEFORE HE ARRIVED IN BULGARIA, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN HIS ARTICLE WAS ALL OBTAINED BY TALKING TO POLES ALSO VACATIONING IN BULGARIA.

WE DO NOT PLAN TO MOUNT ORIGINAL COMMENTARY OURSELVES BUT TO USE IN THE BEN SERIES IN FOUR SPECIAL PRESS REVIEW PROGRAMS GIVING EXTENSIVE SUMMARY AND EXTRACTS. PROVIDED THAT WE GET QUICK APPROVAL FROM YOU FOR THIS STRAIGHT-FORWARD TREATMENT OF THE BEN MATERIAL, THE FIRST PROGRAM WILL BE BROADCAST AT PEAK LISTENING TIMES ON SATURDAY AND THE SECOND ONE-DEALING WITH THE PARTISANS-ON SUNDAY IN THE SAME MANNER. THE OTHER TWO BEN ARTICLES WILL BE DEALT WITH SIMILARLY AS THEY APPEAR.

THAT THE ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN LE MONDE PLACES RFE IN AN ALMOST INTOLERABLE POSITION IF WE DO NOT PROMPTLY BROADCAST THIS CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO POLAND IN A MANNER TO WHICH OUR AUDIENCE HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED. THE REASON IS SIMPLE. 500 COPIES OF LE MONDE REACH POLAND DAILY AND THE RECIPIENTS BEING MEMBERS OF THE ELITE WILL HAVE READ THE ARTICLES AND HAVE TALKED ABOUT THEM WITH THEIR FRIENDS BY THE TIME RFE PLANS TO GO ON THE AIR. IF WE DO NOT BROADCAST THIS SERIES, THIS CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF OUR AUDIENCE AS WELL AS THE LEADING FUNCTIONARIES OF THE REGIME WILL KNOW THAT RFE HAS BEEN GAGGED. THIS CAN ONLY LEAD TO A LACK OF CREDIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE FUTURE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU THAT BEN MATERIAL DOES NOT ORIGINATE WITH US AND OF COURSE HAS NOT BEEN PLANTED BY US IN LE MONDE. WE STRONGLY FEEL THAT THIS IS PRECISELY THE KIND OF NEW MATERIAL WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BRIEF RE-OPENING OF THE PARTISAN ISSUE ON THE POLISH PROGRAMS.

WE EXPECT, OF COURSE, THAT WE WILL GET APPROVAL FROM YOU SOONEST AND KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU WILL BE DOING YOUR BEST TO GET IT.

BEST REGARDS

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