

RADIO FREE EUROPE
MUNICH

INCOMING CIPHER MESSAGE

TO: 0

NYC-103 27 AUG 68
TO: WALTER INFO COLLINS COOK
FM: SCHNEIDER INFO KAUFMANN

0507PM

FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED TODAY FROM HALASZ:

THE ROMANIANS ARE EITHER GENUINELY WORRIED, OR WANT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION OF ANXIETY ABOUT A CONTINUING SOVIET TREND AGAINST THEIR COUNTRY. MANESCU ARRIVED IN NEW YORK AND SAW U THANT AT NOON IN HIS CAPACITY AS FOREIGN MINISTER RATHER THAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT. WHEN HE CAME DOWN HE WAS ASKED IF HE WAS "APPREHENSIVE." HE SAID HE WAS "ATTENTIVE."

I JUST TALKED WITH THE ROMANIAN PRESS OFFICER WHO FIRST INSISTED THAT MANESCU WAS HERE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS. LATER, HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT THEY FELT THE DANGER TO ROMANIA WAS NOT YET PAST. HE SAID THE SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS SO FAR AS HE KNEW WERE CONTINUING. HE REFERRED ME TO THE ISVESTIA ARTICLE AGAINST ROMANIA. ON THE CZECH SITUATION PROPER HE SAID, JUST AS THE OTHER EAST EUROPEANS I TALKED TO TODAY, THAT THE NATURE OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT WAS NOT YET CLEAR AND INDICATED THAT FOR THIS REASON THE PERIOD OF OVERALL DANGER IN EAST EUROPE HAS NOT YET PASSED.

THERE IS ALSO SPECULATION HERE, NOT FROM EAST EUROPEAN QUARTERS, THAT MANESCU MAY HAVE COME TO BE ON HAND AS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IS CALLED, THIS TIME NOT ON THE CZECH SITUATION, BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ROMANIA.

END MSG

This message is classified as Strictly Confidential. Please handle in accordance with RFE Policy & Procedure Manual, Div. XI, Section 1 & 2.