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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING
3. HUNGARY: NOTHING
4. POLAND: NOTHING.
5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER

THE POST-GROMYKO VISIT MODERATE LINE CONTINUED TO EMANATE FROM PANKOW AS ULBRICHT MADE IT A POINT TO VISIT SEVERAL OF THE WEST GERMAN PAVILLIONS AT THE LEIPZIG FAIR AND TALKED POLITICS WITH ONE OF THE FRG'S INDUSTRIAL LEADERS OTTO WOLF VON AMERONGEN, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST GERMAN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE (EQUIVALENT TO US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE). THE PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DR. ULRICH SAHM (FRG) AND GERHARD SCHUESSLER (GDR) WILL CONTINUE TODAY. THE WEST GERMAN DELEGATION AT ONE POINT HAD TO TOUCH BASE WITH BONN YESTERDAY BUT NOTHING IS KNOWN OF WHAT TRANSPIRED DURING THE TALKS. SCHUESSLER WOULD ONLY SAY THAT THE TALKS HAD BEEN "BUSINESSLIKE, POLITE AND FRANK" AND DR. SAHM OBSERVED THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS HAD TALKED TO EACH OTHER LIKE GERMANS AND REQUIRED NO TRANSLATOR. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT POSITIVE INTEREST AND EVEN SMALL AGITATION ON THE PART OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE GDR POPULATION IN FAVOR OF THE PANKOW AUTHORITIES ASSUMING A CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION RE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRG. THE NEGATIVE PROPAGANDA TREATMENT PRECEDING THE GROMYKO DEPARTURE WAS PROBABLY DESIGNED, IN PART, TO CHILL HOPES THAT THERE WOULD BE A CHANGE IN THE GDR AS A RESULT OF CHANGE IN TACTICS VIS-A-VIS BONN. THUS BINDER IS PROBABLY CORRECT WHEN HE WRITES THAT DUE TO ANXIETY IN THE SED RANK AND FILE ULBRICHT HAS LET THE WORD BE SPREAD WITHIN THE PARTY NOT TO WORRY, "NOTHING IS GOING TO COME OF THE MEETING AND EVERYTHING WILL REMAIN THE SAME."

BAHR, NOW BACK IN MOSCOW, WILL BEGIN DISCUSSIONS AGAIN WITH GROMYKO. RADIO BUDAPEST OBSERVED THAT "A SMOOTH EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS" IS NOT EXPECTED IN THE SECOND STAGE AND THAT THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE LONG. RADIO BUDAPEST QUOTES MOSCOW POLITICAL CIRCLES IN TERMING THE DISCUSSIONS "A SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC EVENT." BAHR IS QUOTED AS TERMING THE NEW ROUND "ESPECIALLY INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT" SINCE GROMYKO IS FRESH FROM PANKOW. BAHR IS DESCRIBED AS NOT BEING PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE MOSCOW TALKS AND AS CLASSIFYING THE GROMYKO VISIT COMMUNIQUE AS "NOT TOTALLY NEGATIVE."

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6. OTHER (CONTINUED)

RE THE LOW PRESSURE SOVIET CAMPAIGN TO COMPOSE DIFFERENCES WITH THE YUGOSLAVS, TASS ANNOUNCED THAT CPSU-CC SECRETARY KATUSHEV HAD "FRIENDLY TALKS" WITH BELGRADE'S AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW MICUNOVIC YESTERDAY.

END MSG