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TO: DURKEE INFO PETZALL YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: COUNTRY MEETING REVIEWED THE UPCOMING (NEXT MONTH) LAWS ON ORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND THE CONGRESS OF CO-OPERATIVE FARMERS. COMPARING THE UPCOMING BILLS WITH THOSE PASSED IN 1969 -- THE MAJOR CURRENT THEME OF THE BD'S AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMING -- MOST OF THE DIFFERENCES ARE FOR THE WORSE ALTHOUGH NOT TO A STRIKING DEGREE. THE LEGAL PROVISION FOR OWNERSHIP OF LAND IS BEING MODIFIED TO DISCOURAGE DEPARTURE FROM THE KOLKHOZES. THE PERMITTED SIZE OF PRIVATE PLOTS IS BEING CUT TO ABOUT HALF, ALTHOUGH YOUNGER FARMERS IN CS AND THE REST OF EASTERN EUROPE SEEM TO BE INCREASINGLY LESS INTERESTED IN THESE PLOTS THAN THEIR ELDERS.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: YESTERDAY'S PUWP CC SESSION WAS OF INTEREST ONLY IN ITS DECISION TO RELEASE JOZEF TEJCHMA FROM HIS POST AS A CC SECRETARY. THIS COMES AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO US. HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND RELATIONS WITH OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND RECENTLY REPRESENTED THE PUWP AT THE PCI CONGRESS. RADIO WARSAW LAST NIGHT SAID TEJCHMA WAS RELEASED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ASSIGNMENT TO WORK "IN THE PRESIDIUM OF THE GOVERNMENT." THE SEJM IS MEETING TODAY TO ELECT ITS OFFICERS, A NEW COUNCIL OF STATE, INCLUDING PRESIDENT, ETC. (DS). THUS WE SHOULD KNOW LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW AT THE LATEST WHETHER TEJCHMA IS BEING DEMOTED OR PROMOTED. IT SEEMS TO US HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT IT IS A CASE OF DEMOTION, PARTICULARLY IF THE REUTER REPORT THAT HE IS TO BECOME A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IS CONFIRMED. IF TEJCHMA, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS APPOINTED FIRST RPT FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER ONE MIGHT SEE IT AS A GROOMING OF HIM TO SUCCEED JAROSZEWICZ AS PRIME MINISTER IN VIEW OF THE LATTER'S AGE AND HEALTH -- OR AT LEAST AS A SIGN THAT JAROSZEWICZ WOULD DEVOTE HIMSELF TO ECONOMICS AND LEAVE HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES TO TEJCHMA. TEJCHMA IS ONE OF THE MORE PROGRESSIVE MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP; HE HAS CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TOWARD WORKING OUT A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTELLECTUALS AND HIS REMOVAL AS CC SECRETARY WILL DOUBTLESS CAUSE CONCERN IN THAT SECTOR. IF HE HAS BEEN DEMOTED, PERHAPS THE REASONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN THIS SPHERE OF HIS ACTIVITY AND POSSIBLE SOVIET DISPLEASURE ABOUT IT. ZDZISLAW ZANDAROWSKI -- A RELATIVE HARD-LINER -- HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE CC SECRETARIAT BUT NOT FULL SECRETARY. BD WILL WITHHOLD COMMENTARY UNTIL WE HAVE MORE FACTS.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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