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THE UNITED STATES IS CONSIDERING A NEW APPROACH TO THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION, RFE LEARNED TODAY.

A MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE UN TOLD THIS CORRESPONDENT CONFIDENTIALLY, BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED ON FOR INTERNAL AND BACKGROUND USE, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY APPROACHED THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FREDERICK H. BOLAND OF IRELAND, TO UNDERTAKE THE MISSION IN WHICH SIR LESLIE MUNRO OF NEW ZEALAND AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN IN THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION, HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL SINCE 1958.

THE SOURCE (FYI: JOSEPH GLENNON, SECURITY OFFICER OF US MISSION WHO SAID HE WAS REFERRING TO DOCUMENTS OF RECENT DATE) SAID THAT BOLAND HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED AND IN PRINCIPLE HAS ACCEPTED THE ENVISAGED ROLE "CONTINGENT ON BASIC COOPERATION FROM THE SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES." IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS US MOVE HAS THE BACKING OF SEVERAL ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST CO-SPONSORED THE HUNGARIAN ITEM. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRESENT ROLE OF SIR LESLIE MUNRO AS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT BE SUPPLANTED BY THE EFFORT OF MR. BOLAND.

THE RFE SOURCE ATTRIBUTED THIS US-INSPIRED EFFORT TO THE FACT THAT THE INTEREST OF THE MAJORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION HAS DIMINISHED IN THE COURSE OF YEARS AND IN THE FACE OF NEWER AND SEEMINGLY MORE PERTINENT AND "PIVE" ISSUES OF OUR TIMES. THE UNITED STATES FELT, THEREFORE, THAT SOMETHING "DRAMATIC" OR "NEW" SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO AROUSE OR CAPTIVATE THE INTEREST OR THE IMAGINATION OF THE ASSEMBLY. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT FREDERICK H. BOLAND, WHO HAS THE ESTEEM OF THE MAJORITY OF THE NON-COMMITTED COUNTRIES WHOSE VOTES HAVE BECOME VITAL IN THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE, IS THE MOST LIKELY PERSONALITY WHICH MIGHT BREAK THE STUBBORN ATTITUDE OF SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST ANY UN ATTEMPT TO GET OFFICIAL ACCESS TO HUNGARY TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION THERE IN THE SPIRIT OF A DOZEN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.
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ONE OF THE OUTSIDE FACTORS WHICH MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE AMERICAN DECISION, OR INFLUENCE IT, WAS THE CURRENT ASSEMBLY EFFORT, WITH VIGOROUS SOVIET BLOC BACKING, TO GET ACCESS TO THE UN TRUST TERRITORY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA WHICH IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. A SPECIAL COMMISSION, SIMILAR TO THE ONE ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED FOR HUNGARY, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND IS NOW NEGOTIATING WITH THE JOHANNESBURG GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO ENTER THE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN TERRITORY. SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ERIC LOEW JUST SENT (YESTERDAY) A LETTER TO HAMMARSKJOLD INFORMING THE UN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS OPPOSED TO THE ASSEMBLY DEMAND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE CASE OF JURISDICTION IS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. THE SOVIET BLOC HAS BEEN VEHEMENTLY DEMANDING THAT THE UN INVESTIGATING COMMISSION, HEADED BY PROFESSOR FABREGAT OF URUGUAY, PROCEED WITH ITS INVESTIGATION AT ALL COST AND UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE

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ANOTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE UNITED STATES INTO RECONSIDERING THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE APPROACH HAVE BEEN THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CUBA AND SPECIFICALLY THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE CUBAN QUESTION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL POINT OF VIEW.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION SOURCE INTIMATED TO RFE THAT THE US EXPECTED THE SOVIET BLOC TO TREAT THE CUBAN AND THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION ON THE PAR. AS A RESULT OF THIS EXPECTED ATTITUDE, IF THINGS WERE ALLOWED TO STAND WHERE THEY ARE TODAY, ARGUMENTS CONCERNING HUNGARY AND CUBA WOULD APPEAR TO MOST ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS "TIT FOR TAT." THE MORAL PRINCIPLE AND THE MERIT IN THE HUNGARIAN CASE WOULD SOON BE EQUATED TO THE SEEMING PARALLEL OF CUBA AND THE "AMERICAN INTERVENTION THERE."

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE US FEELS THAT THIS WILL IN ANY CASE BE THE SOVIET APPROACH AT THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IT IS PREPARING FOR A FRESH APPROACH TO THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION IN ORDER TO OFFSET THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF THE CUBAN STORY ON THE CASE OF HUNGARY.

THE SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER BOLAND HAD BROACHED THIS PROPOSAL TO THE SOVIETS AND THE HUNGARIANS, OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE MADE PUBLICLY AT A LATER STAGE IN THE FORM OF AN OPEN APPEAL. IF IT ALREADY HAD BEEN MADE IN THE FORM OF A DIPLOMATIC FEELER, THE SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHAT IF ANY REACTION CAME FROM THE SOVIETS.

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