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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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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 60

1. BULGARIA: ZHIVKOV ARRIVED IN PRAGUE TODAY ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, ACCOMPANIED BY PREMIER STANKO TODEROV.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: THE FOLLOWING CHIEF DELEGATES TO THE PCI CONGRESS HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE EAST EUROPEAN PARTIES:

BULGARIA: ABADJIEV

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: LUCAN

HUNGARY: NEMETH

POLAND: TEJCHMA

RUMANIA: PANA

THE CZECHOSLOVAK CHOICE OF LUCAN, A FEDERAL DEPUTY PREMIER BUT ONLY A CS PARTY CC MEMBER, CAN ONLY BE CONSTRUED AS A DEMONSTRATIVE SLIGHT TO THE PCI, ILLUSTRATING THE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. HUNGARY'S DECISION TO SEND NEMETH RATHER THAN KOMOSIN MAY THROW FURTHER LIGHT ON THE POSITION OF THE LATTER. THERE HAVE BEEN RELIABLE REPORTS RECENTLY OF SOME ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN KADAR AND KOMOSIN AND IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT KOMOSIN WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE RECENT DELEGATION TO RUMANIA. NOW, HE IS NOT PRESENT IN MILAN. THE DECISION NOT TO SEND HIM IS PERHAPS ALL THE MORE CURIOUS SINCE DURING THE PAST YEAR HE HAS CONDUCTED TALKS WITH PCI REPRESENTATIVES BOTH IN BUDAPEST AND ROME. THE SELECTION OF PANA RAISES THE FURTHER QUESTION OF WHO IS RUNNING THE PARTY DURING CEAUSESCU'S ABSENCE IN AFRICA. ONE CAN ARGUE THAT PANA, AS SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS, WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOGICAL CHOICE, BUT IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN INTER-PARTY CONTACTS, IF NOT TO THE SAME EXTENT AS NICULESCU-MIZIL. OUR GUESS IS THAT THE LATTER IS MINDING THE SHOP AT HOME.

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IN ADDITION TO THE "KOMUNIST" ITEM WHICH WAS ASSUMED MIGHT BE AT LEAST A PARTIAL EXPLANATION OF THE YUGOSLAV SPECULATION ABOUT THE RECRUDESCENCE OF A COMINFORM-TYPE ORGANIZATION, SEVERAL OTHER IDEOLOGICAL TRACTS HAVE APPEARED IN SOVIET PUBLICATIONS CALLING FOR IDEOLOGICAL UNITY AND POLITICAL COORDINATION ETC. WE NOW HAVE THE "KOMMUNIST" ITEM WHICH IS EXCERPTS FROM A KAPITONOV SPEECH AND THE "MEZHDUNARODNAYA ZHIZN" ARTICLE BY SANAKOYEV AND WILL RECEIVE TODAY THE "PRAVDA" ARTICLE BY AXEN. WHILE THERE IS MUCH IDEOLOGICAL BREZHNEV DOCTRINE MATERIAL IN THESE ITEMS THE LANGUAGE APPEARS TO US TO BE FAIRLY STANDARD AND WOULD NOT SEEM TO FORESHADOW THE CREATION OF A COMINFORM SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION. AS YET THE ONLY PEOPLE TAKING THE LATTER POSSIBILITY SERIOUSLY SEEM TO BE THE YUGOSLAVS, AS SUNDIC'S ATTACK ON SUCH AN ORGAN WOULD SUGGEST. THE YUGOSLAVS MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE KNOCKING DOWN STRAWMEN FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. CAA IS PREPARING AN ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE BD'S.

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