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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 1968 LAW ON REHABILITATIONS WERE DISCUSSED BY RADIO PRAGUE LAST NIGHT. THEY WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEXT CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION REPORT. AT PRESENT IT IS SUFFICIENT TO SAY THAT THEY APPEAR TO EMASCULATE THE 1968 LAW.

FOREIGN MINISTER WALTER SCHEEL SAID TODAY THAT WEST GERMANY WOULD LIKE TO HOLD TALKS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AFTER PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND.

SCHEEL TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BONN THAT THE MUNICH AGREEMENT WAS AMONG THE THEMES WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

"AT THE MOMENT," HE SAID, "THERE IS NO (DEFINITE) INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE WITH PRAGUE. IT APPEARS THAT PRAGUE AT THE MOMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE INTENTION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE NOT IN A HURRY HERE." (CF DEWITT SPECIAL SENT DS).

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: FOR RUMANIAN-SOVIET TREATY SEE TODAY'S DGS.

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6. OTHER: HILL SPECIAL SHOWS INCREASING GRAVITY WITH WHICH WASHINGTON VIEWS THE SOVIET MILITARY INTRUSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPOKESMAN, CARL BARTCH, HASTENED TO REJECT "DOVISH" OR PRO-ARAB SENTIMENTS IMPUTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IMPLIED BY THE "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE AND SAID THE US HAS "NO REASON TO DOUBT" STATEMENTS BY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL HAIM BAR-LEV MADE ON MONDAY ON SOVIET SAM-3'S. THIS IS INTERESTING BECAUSE THE WHITE HOUSE WITH ITS REMARK, ASCRIBED TO AN "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE," ON THE NECESSITY TO "EXPUL" THE SOVIET MILITARY FROM EGYPT, DESPITE THE SUBSEQUENT QUALIFICATION, IS AN OBVIOUS SIGNAL TO THE SOVIETS OF WASHINGTON'S CONCERN.

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CONCERNING FRG NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL, FOLLOWING A TWO-DAY CABINET MEETING, STATED THAT HIS PLANNED TRIP TO MOSCOW WOULD ONLY BE FIXED AFTER CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CABINET AND "PARLIAMENTARY BODIES" AND THAT HE WOULD ONLY PRESENT HIS FINAL REPORT ON THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO THE CABINET LATER IN JULY. SCHEEL CONFIRMED IN ADDITION THE NEED FOR A BIPARTISAN APPROACH STATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES FROM ALL THREE FACTIONS TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO MOSCOW FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. CHANCELLOR BRANDT SAID THAT THE CABINET HAD APPROVED SCHEEL'S POSITION ON OSTPOLITIK AND: AS IF TO DISARM ANTICIPATED CRITICISM, SAID THAT THE WESTERN ALLIANCE WAS THE BASIS ON WHICH THE FRG COULD CONDUCT ITS OSTPOLITIK AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE ON BERLIN AND THE GERMAN OPTION (RE UNIFICATION BASES ON SELF-DETERMINATION) REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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DESPITE REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR NOMINEE STEPANOV HAD RECEIVED THE APPROVAL OF PEKING (CF DR. NO. 147) THE ATMOSPHERE, CONTRARY TO SOME SPECULATION, BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE CPR DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CHANGED MEASURABLY. "PRAVDA" PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY TWO HISTORIANS YESTERDAY IN WHICH CHINA WAS CASTIGATED FOR MAKING "UNFOUNDED TERRITORIAL CLAIMS" ON LARGE AREAS OF SIBERIA.

THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT L. I. BREZHNEV CHOSE DEMONSTRATIVELY TO ATTEND A FOOTBALL MATCH OF HIS FAVORITE MOSCOW TORPEDO CLUB IN PREFERENCE TO POLITIKING IN BUCHAREST. CONCLUSION: NO BREZHNEV DOCTRINE NO BREZHNEV SIGNATURE OF BREZHNEV TORPEDOES FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

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