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TO: WAGNER INFO WASIUTYNSKI ARKUS REYMAN PETZALL
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THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT WE PLAN A DIRECT LIVE REPORTAGE FROM YOUR STUDIO TRANSMITTED BY TELEPHONE WHICH WILL COVER THE ARRIVAL OF NIXON IN WARSAW BETWEEN 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM NEW YORK TIME WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

AFTER VENTILATING ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES WE FOUND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BEAT WARSAW.

THE POLISH TELEVISION WILL PROBABLY BROADCAST THE REPORTAGE FROM THE ARRIVAL ONLY LATER IN THEIR OWN NEWSCAST AND THEIR COVERAGE WILL BE PROBABLY SELECTIVE. AFN TELEVISION IN WEST GERMANY WILL NOT CARRY SIMULTANEOUS TV COVERAGE.

YOU SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT NOBODY ON YOUR POLISH STAFF HAS EVER DONE A RUNNING COMMENTARY. WE HAVE TRAINED SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THIS JOB, BUT THEY ALL HAD TO MAKE A START. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE TWO PEOPLE REPEAT TWO PEOPLE WATCHING THE TELEVISION AND TAKING THE MIKE IN TURN. A BEGINNER SHOULD NEVER HAVE THE FEELING THAT HE HAS TO TALK CONTINUOUSLY. WHILE ONE MAN TALKS THE OTHER MAKES OBSERVATIONS AND CONTINUES AFTER ONE OR TWO MINUTES' BREAK. IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO ALLOW FOR CLEAR SOUND WHENEVER POSSIBLE, FOR INSTANCE: NO SPOKEN WORD SHOULD INTERRUPT PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OR WORDS OF MILITARY COMMAND, ETC. WHENEVER THE AMERICAN COMMENTATOR SPEAKS THE SOUND SHOULD BE PLAYED DOWN, BUT HIS WORDS IN THE REMOTE BACKGROUND ARE NOT AN OBSTACLE. WE DO REALIZE THAT YOUR PERFORMANCE MAY NOT BE PERFECT, BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE TIMING AND THE COVERAGE ITSELF ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SHORTCOMINGS OF UNEXPERIENCED COMMENTATORS!

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND VERY STRONGLY THAT RUNNING COMMENTATORS SHOULD BE YOURSELF AND EITHER WIERZBIANSKI OR BAU OR KOSSOWICZ.

INDEPENDENTLY OF THE RUNNING COMMENTARY, COULD YOU PLEASE TAPE THE CLEAR SOUND AND SEND US ANOTHER VERSION PREPARED IN THE USUAL MANNER FOR LATER USE IN "PANORAMA".

PLEASE ALSO DO KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT ANY OTHER SIMULTANEOUS REPORTAGES FROM NIXON'S TRIP. THE CLIMAX MAY COME DURING NIXON'S VISIT IN THE WARSAW CATHEDRAL ON THE OCCASION OF CORPUS CHRISTI. THE COMMENTATOR OF ONE OF THE LEADING AMERICAN NETWORKS APPROACHED ME FOR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE COVERAGE AND WAS EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS HIGHLIGHT OF NIXON'S SCHEDULE.

GOOD LUCK AND PLEASE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THE LACK OF EXPERIENCE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. IF ONE OF YOU STAMMERS OR OCCASIONALLY HAS SOME DIFFICULTIES IT WILL DO NO HARM WHATSOEVER.

END MSG