

OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE

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TO: KASTNER COPY KAPPEL MATER
FM: GROZIER COPY NOWAK BERNARD GITLIN HAWTON GUNN

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REUR NYC 11 OF 2 SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING REPLIES FROM
NOWAK AND BERNARD:

1. (NOWAK - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL):

"INITIALLY THE REGIME TOOK A VIVID INTEREST IN
THE CHOPIN LETTERS. THERE WAS A SPECIAL MEETING IN THE
MINISTRY OF CULTURE LED BY CHAIRMAN LUCJAN MOTYKA.
APPARENTLY THE REGIME BELIEVED AS WE DID THAT THE LETTERS
WERE STOLEN BY THE GERMANS DURING THE WAR.

"THIS ATTITUDE CHANGED COMPLETELY WHEN IT BECAME
CLEAR THAT THE LETTERS HAD BEEN STOLEN AND SMUGGLED OUT
OF THE COUNTRY AFTER THE WAR AND THEREFORE THE GERMANS
WERE NOT INVOLVED. THERE IS EVEN A POSSIBILITY THAT AN
OFFICIAL OF THE PRESENT REGIME WAS A PARTY TO THE THEFT.

"THE GERMAN ATTORNEY FOR THE OWNERS OF THE LETTERS
IN POLAND WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT
THE CLAIM AND CONSEQUENTLY THE COURT HAD TO REJECT IT.
THE PRESS IN POLAND IS COMPLETELY MUTE AND ACCORDING TO
OUR INFORMATION IT IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO RAISE THE
SUBJECT AGAIN."

2. (NOWAK):

"I AM AFRAID I DO NOT HAVE EITHER THE TEXT OR
TAPE OF MY DALLAS SPEECH WHICH WAS IMPROVISED ON THE BASIS
OF A FEW NOTES. I DO NOT REMEMBER THAT I EVER PROMISED TO
MAKE THE TEXT AVAILABLE."

3. (BERNARD):

"THE SPEECH WAS BROADCAST BY BUCHAREST RADIO
MAY 7. WE THEREFORE HAD MONITORING TRANSCRIPT ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY. DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THE SPEECH AND THE ABSENCE
OF WESTERN REPORTERS IN BUCHAREST, IT TOOK SEVERAL DAYS
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BEFORE THE WESTERN PRESS GOT WIND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE SPEECH. WE DELIBERATELY PLAYED NO PART IN SPREADING
THE WORD. THE BUCHAREST REGIME, HOWEVER, BEGAN DISTRIBUTING
TRANSLATIONS OF THE SPEECH TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS --
THROUGH THE U.N. MISSION AND EMBASSIES -- ABOUT MAY 10TH."
REGARDS.

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