

RADIO FREE EUROPE  
MUNICH

OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE

1970 JAN 15

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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN KAUFMANN SCHNEIDER  
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BROWN KOHAK LYON

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 11

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: RUDE PRAVO YESTERDAY SAID THE TWO MAIN AGENDA TOPICS OF THE UPCOMING PLENUM WILL BE THE EXCHANGE OF PARTY CARDS AND A "REASSESSMENT OF THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF ECONOMIC POLICY." IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE RADIO PRAGUE'S COMMENTARY LAST NIGHT (DS) BY DR. JAN VECER (A NON-SIK ECONOMIC REFORMER) WHICH PRAISED THE HUNGARIAN NEM. CSBD WILL TAKE NOTE OF THIS COMMENTARY, MENTIONING IT IN CONNECTION WITH IZVESTIA'S VERY POSITIVE ARTICLE ON THE HUNGARIAN NEM. (OUR FULL TRANSLATION OF THE IZVESTIA ARTICLE SHOWS IT TO BE BOTH POSITIVE AND OBJECTIVE. THIS IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON IN THE SOVIET PRESS.)

ON JANUARY 13 INDRA TOLD A MEETING IN PROSTEJOV, MORAVIA (RADIO BRNO, 14 JANUARY) THAT "JUSTIFIED QUESTIONS HAD APPEARED CONCERNING THE CC'S CADRE POLICY AND THE PROPOSALS CONCERNING PLACING DUBCEK IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE." INDRA ADDED "WE HAVE CAREFULLY WEIGHED THE MATTER." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SEPTEMBER PLENUM'S OUSTERS FROM THE CC "APPEARED LITTLE" TO SOME PEOPLE. OUR IMPRESSION BASED ON AVAILABLE EXCERPTS OF INDRA'S SPEECH IS THAT WHILE OUTWARDLY SUPPORTING THE HUSAK LINE ON DUBCEK AND ON RESTRAINT IN PURGES, HE SIMULTANEOUSLY TRIED TO UNDERMINE THIS LINE BY REVEALING "FACTS" (E. G. RE DUBCEK) AND BY MAKING INSINUATIONS THAT REALLY TOUGH MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED AS SOON AS THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN BETTER CONDITIONED TO TOLERATE THEM. WE DRAW NO CONCLUSIONS NOW REGARDING THE DUBCEK APPOINTMENT TO ANKARA, AND HAVE BIO'D TODAY'S HOFMANN NYT ARTICLE.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING

4. POLAND: COUNTRY MEETING TODAY REVIEWED POLISH PRESS LINE ON FRG. THE HARD LINE ON GERMANY CONTINUES TO BE PURSUED IN SLOWO POWSZECHNE AND

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ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSZCZI, WHEREAS THE PRESS IN GENERAL CONTINUES TO PURSUE THE OFFICIAL LINE, WHICH IS MORE FAVORABLE TO BONN. THE MOST RECENT POLITYKA (12 JANUARY) CONTAINS AN ARTICLE BY RAKOWSKI WHICH TAKES A VERY POSITIVE APPROACH TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FRG AND STRESSES THE NEED TO DIFFERENTIATE AMONG THE VARIOUS FORCES IN THE CDU-CSU. (TRANSLATION IS IN PROCESS).

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING

6. OTHER: THE PATTERN OF PRELIMINARY EAST EUROPEAN REACTION TO BRANDT'S ADDRESS SEEMS TRUE TO FORM. THE POLISH, CZECHOSLOVAK AND HUNGARIAN REACTION IS MILD, MODERATE, CAUTIOUS AND FACTUAL. RADIO BUCKAREST WAS FACTUAL. THE BULGARIAN RADIO WAS CAUTIOUS, TENDING SOMEWHAT TO STRESS THE NEGATIVE. THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN WAS THE MOST NEGATIVE OF ALL, WHEREAS TASS--WHILE POINTING OUT THAT BRANDT HAD REJECTED THE EAST GERMAN PROPOSALS--SAID THAT THE ADDRESS CONTAINED "SOME POSITIVE ELEMENTS," IN OUR VIEW, THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND MOSCOW WILL REQUIRE FURTHER CONSULTATION AMONG THEMSELVES BEFORE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO BRANDT'S ADDRESS EMERGES.

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WHILE THERE IS YET NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM MOSCOW OF THE MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES REPORTED TAKING PLACE IN MOSCOW AT THE POLITBURO-CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEVEL, WESTERN NEWS SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED IT BASED ON INFORMED SOURCES, THE PCF HAS GIVEN THE NAMES OF ITS DELEGATES (DS) AND RADIO ZAGREB HAS NAMED THE LEADER OF THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION (DS). A BRIEF RADIO ZAGREB ACCOUNT ACCORDING TO TANJUG SAID THAT THE MEETING WOULD DISCUSS EUROPEAN SECURITY AND THE COLLABORATION OF EUROPEAN STATES: I.E., A EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE (ESC). THIS RENEWED EFFORT ON THE PART OF MOSCOW TO GENERATE MOMENTUM IN EUROPE FOR AN ESC IS IN KEEPING WITH THE OBSERVABLE INCREASE IN PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR IT, INCLUDING ZAMYATIN'S EFFORTS TO MAKE A VIRTUE OF A NECESSITY AT HIS TUESDAY NEWS CONFERENCE (SEE YESTERDAY'S DAILY REPORT). THOUGH MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT AN ESC IN SOME FORM WILL TAKE PLACE AT SOME POINT, IF THE NYT FROM BRUSSELS (14 JAN.) IS CORRECT AND THERE IS AN INCREASING SKEPTICISM IN WEST EUROPE TOWARD AN ESC, THEN THE USSR MAY BE MOVING TO FORESTALL A FURTHER EROSION OF OPINION AND TO ENGENDER SUPPORT FOR AN ESC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE BEST TERMS IT CAN GET. TRUE TO ZAMYATIN'S STATEMENT THAT NOT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE TWO MILITARY-POLITICAL BLOCS SHOULD BE PART OF THE MEETING BUT NEUTRALS ALSO, MOSCOW HAS MARSHALLED ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES ALL OVER EUROPE TO ORCHESTRATE AND ACCELERATE A MOVEMENT TOWARD AN ESC WHICH INCLUDES THOSE STATES OUTSIDE BLOCS.

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