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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. 263

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AFP REPORTED FROM PRAGUE YESTERDAY THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PRAGUE PROTESTANT COMMUNITY WERE ARRESTED ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 8 FOR DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE ELECTIONS. THOSE ARRESTED INCLUDE PASTOR JAROMIR DUS, THE PHILOSOPHER LADISLAV HAJDANEK (WHOSE WIFE WAS ARRESTED AND IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO CARE FOR THEIR FOUR CHILDREN), A LAY CURATOR OF THE PROTESTANT COMMUNITY, AND HISTORIANS JAN TESAR AND RUDLOF BATTEK. THE LATTER TWO WERE ARRESTED IN 1969 AND RELEASED IN OCTOBER 1970. BATTEK REPORTEDLY WAS RELEASED AGAIN THIS TIME AFTER 48 HOURS DETENTION. WE CONSIDER THIS REPORT HIGHLY PROBABLE, BUT HAVE LISTED BIO PENDING RECEIPT OF CONFIRMATION.

3. HUNGARY: COUNTRY MEETING TODAY REVIEWED THE SITUATION OF HUNGARIAN YOUTH ON THE EVE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE OFFICIAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION KISZ WHICH WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 8-11. AS IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT, THE REGIME'S DILEMMA EMERGED CLEARLY, I.E., HOW TO WIN OVER AN INDIFFERENT AND ANTI-PATERNALISTIC YOUTH BY MEANS OF A BORING, PATERNALISTIC CONTROL ORGANIZATION. BD YOUTH PROGRAM EDITOR KASZA RECENTLY ASKED 21 YOUNG TRAVELERS FROM HUNGARY "WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE KISZ?" ALL ANSWERED "NOTHING, IT'S HOPELESS." IN PROGRAMMING BD WILL CONTINUE ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS TO PROJECT THE DESIRABILITY OF MORE DECENTRALIZATION AND AUTONOMY FOR YOUTH WITHIN THE CONFINES OF KISZ. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT MEANINGFUL CHANGE WOULD REQUIRE A BASIC CHANGE IN MENTALITY OF THE REGIME AND IS A LONG-TERM PROPOSITION.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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