

1972 SEP 6 MUNICH

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OUTGOING CIPHER

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MUN 10 6 SEP 72

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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THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMENT SO FAR AVAILABLE ON THE MUNICH TRAGEDY (SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, DS ITEM) HAS BEEN DIGNIFIED AND CIVILISED. NO COMMENT IS YET AVAILABLE FROM RUMANIA OR BULGARIA BUT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE IT WILL BE DIFFERENT.

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: IT WOULD APPEAR FROM A RADIO BRATISLAVA BROADCAST THAT THE "SHIELD 72" WARSAW PACT EXERCISES WILL BEGIN SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. PARTICIPITATING CONTINGENTS ARE ARRIVING BUT, SO FAR, THERE IS NO MENTION OF RUMANIAN TROOPS. THE BAVARIAN RADIO REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT ONLY STAFF OFFICERS AND TROOPS WOULD BE SENT. THE SOURCE FOR THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE A DPA REPORT, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE THIS REPORT AT THE MOMENT.

3. HUNGARY: SEE STANKOVIC PAPER QUOTING THE BELGRADE POLITIKA, WHICH REPORTS THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT BUDAPEST AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND THAT A HUNGARIAN CC PLENUM WILL TAKE PLACE SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE NEM. BOTH DEVELOPMENTS WERE EXPECTED (ALTHOUGH THE EXACT TIMES WERE NEVER SPECIFIED) AND THE HUNGARIAN BD HAS USED THE POLITIKA REPORT WITH CLEAR ATTRIBUTION. WE ARE NOT USING THAT PART OF THE POLITIKA REPORT WHICH QUOTES FROM A PRAVDA ARTICLE ON HUNGARY UNTIL WE HAVE STUDIED THE PRAVDA TEXT.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING (FOR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE WARSAW PACT EXERCISES, SEE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ABOVE).

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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