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59: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING KAUFMANN REYMAN  
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON  
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 229

1. BULGARIA: WE HAVE BIO'D THE NESTEROFF SPECIAL (DS) REGARDING BULGARIA'S GRANTING 30 MILLION DOLLARS IN LOW INTEREST CREDIT TO TURKEY, PENDING NESTEROFF'S CHECKING WITH OFFICIAL TURKISH SOURCES. THUS FAR THE ONLY SOURCE IS A CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT IN THE TURKISH NEWSPAPER MILLYET.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: SPEAKING ON TV LAST NIGHT, FM SCHEEL CHARACTERIZED THE JUST-CONCLUDED PREPARATORY FRG-POLISH TALKS AS ACHIEVING "PROGRESS" BUT "NO AGREEMENT." (CF. UPI) THUS HE WILL FACE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WHEN HE GOES TO WARSAW ON NOVEMBER 2. WE WOULD DESCRIBE THE TONE OF RADIO WARSAW'S COVERAGE LAST NIGHT AS ARTIFICIALLY OPTIMISTIC. WHETHER OR NOT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL DEPART SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE BONN-MOSCOW TREATY FORMULATIONS, IS AT THE MOMENT QUITE UNCLEAR.

SUNDIC LAST NIGHT ON RADIO ZAGREB (DS) AGAIN ATTACKED "THE POLISH PRESS" (UNSPECIFIED) FOR SUGGESTING THAT THE YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN BORDER IS CONTROVERSIAL, AND FOR AIMING AT CREATING PRECONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE CHECKED OUT A RECENT SUNDIC BLAST AT ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI AND CONFIRMED THAT SUNDIC HAD BECOME HYSTERICAL OVER NOTHING. AT PRESENT WE ARE CHECKING THE POLISH PRESS AGAIN. IN OUR VIEW, THIS REFLECTS AN IRRATIONAL YUGOSLAV HYPERSENSITIVITY ON THE ISSUE OF MACEDONIA. AFTER WE HAVE CHECKED THE POLISH PRESS, THE POLISH BD PLANS TO REVIEW THE SUNDIC CHARGES IN PROGRAMMING.

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THE POLISH COUNTRY MEETING TODAY DISCUSSED TWO ARTICLES (BY KUROWSKI AND GLOWCZYK) TRANSLATIONS OF WHICH APPEAR IN POLISH PRESS SURVEY NO. 2247 OF OCTOBER 8. THE KUROWSKI ARTICLE, IN GOSPODARKA PLANOWA OF APRIL 1970, MAINTAINS THAT PARTIAL REFORM OF THE CENTRAL PLANNING SYSTEM IS IMPOSSIBLE AND THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN COMPLETE RELIANCE ON THE MARKET IS BOUND TO FAIL. IN THIS KUROWSKI GOES CONSIDERABLY FURTHER THAN THE HUNGARIANS OR EVEN THE YUGOSLAVS. FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO US, THE IN-SYSTEM ECONOMIC REFORMERS WAITED SEVERAL MONTHS TO REPLY AND TO DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM KUROWSKI'S EXTREME VIEWS. THIS DELAYED "DISSOCIATION" CAME IN THE FORM OF AN ARTICLE BY GLOWCZYK IN ZYCIE GOSPODARCZE OF SEPTEMBER 27. (A SUBSEQUENT ARTICLE BY GLOWCZYK HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED HERE.) GLOWCZYK, AN ECONOMIC REFORMER HIMSELF, EXAGGERATES KUROWSKI'S THESIS SOMEWHAT IN ATTACKING HIM, PRESUMABLY THE BETTER TO AVOID IMPLIED CRITICISM OF HIS OWN REFORMIST IDEAS. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW KUROWSKI'S ARTICLE CAME TO BE APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION IN GOSPODARKA PLANOWA IN THE FIRST PLACE OR WHY THE REBUTTAL WAS SO LONG IN COMING.

5. RUMANIA: RUMANIAN SOURCES YESTERDAY GAVE THE STORY TO WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES THAT RUMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS IN THE GDR IS LIMITED TO 300 MEN AT A "GENERAL STAFF LEVEL." ON OCTOBER 5 ADN PUT OUT A STORY WHICH IMPLIED THAT RUMANIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE MORE EXTENSIVE. (CF. CNR ROUNDUP--DS) THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL RUMANIAN STATEMENT ON THE MANEUVERS. YESTERDAY'S "LEAKS" TO WESTERN PRESS AGENCIES MAY BE A RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS WHICH THE RUMANIAN BD HAD RAISED BASED ON THE ADN RELEASE.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE CONDITION OF PRIME MINISTER MAURER. SYMPATHY MESSAGES HAVE BEEN SENT FROM THE U.S., CHINA AND WESTERN EUROPE, BUT NOT YET FROM THE USSR.

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6. OTHER: NIXON INITIATIVE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS BEING COVERED IN A GUIDANCE TODAY.

EXCELLENT DEWITT PIECE ROUNDING UP ALL THE ANGLES OF THE ZOGLMANN AFFAIR (CF DR NO 228) WAS SENT DS.

THE 8TH QUADRIPARTITE SESSION ON BERLIN WHICH OPENS TOMORROW WOULD APPEAR TO BE A CRUCIAL ONE. FRENCH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU, SPEAKING AT A MOSCOW NEWS CONFERENCE, STATED THAT WHILE FRANCO-SOVIET VIEWS ON BERLIN WERE NOT IDENTICAL A COMPROMISE SOLUTION IS A POSSIBILITY. GOSHKO REPORTING FROM BONN IN THE "WASH POST" WITHOUT CITING A SOURCE WRITES THAT THE USSR IS WILLING TO "NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY" AND "MAKE SOME OF THE CONCESSIONS BEING SOUGHT BY THE ALLIES AND WEST GERMANY." ALSO AMBASSADOR ABRASSIMOV AND WEST BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ TALKED FOR FIVE HOURS YESTERDAY ON "QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." GOSHKO REPORTS THAT A "GREATER SENSE OF URGENCY" ON THE QUESTION IS FELT IN BONN WHICH IS THOUGHT TO WANT VERY MUCH AT PRESENT TO DEMONSTRATE SUCCESS ON ITS OSTPOLITIK FRONT. ABRASSIMOV MAY BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS POSSIBILITY TO PRESSURE SCHUETZ TO EXERT HIS INFLUENCE ON THE THREE WESTERN POWERS TOWARDS MAKING CONCESSIONS TO THE USSR. TOMORROW'S QUADRIPARTITE SESSION IS BILLED AS ONE AT WHICH ABRASSIMOV WILL CLARIFY THE SOVIETS' POSITION PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED PREVIOUSLY.

WE NOTE THAT SOVIET AUTHOR ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE. CAA WILL ISSUE A PAPER FOR USE TOMORROW ON HIM AND THE ANALOGY OF HIS SITUATION TO THAT OF PASTERNAK.

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