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PHILIPPE BEN TOLD ME HE WANTS TO WRITE IN "MONDE" AND OTHER PAPERS ABOUT IMMINENT ANTI-SEMITIC PURGE IN POLAND. HIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON RELIABLE REPORTS FROM JEWISH QUARTERS AND HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY WEINTRAUB. HOWEVER BEN WANTS TO CHECK WITH YOU BEFORE HE WRITES HIS STORIES AND HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY THIS MESSAGE URGENTLY. ACCORDING TO RUMOURS HE HEARD AND WHICH HE PERSONALLY BELIEVES THE PURGE OF JEWS IN THE GOMULKA ADMINISTRATION WILL FIRST OF ALL BE AFFECTING THE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, THE FOREIGN SERVICE, THE ARMY AND THE SECURITY APPARATUS WHERE MANY JEWS OCCUPY IMPORTANT POSTS.

LISTS OF PEOPLE TO BE PURGED HAVE ALREADY BEEN PREPARED AND THE MAIN AIM IS TO ALIGN POLAND'S ADMINISTRATION ON THE PATTERN OF SOVIET RUSSIA WHERE JEWS ARE PRACTICALLY BANNED FROM SECURITY, ARMY AND FOREIGN SERVICE BEING CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE.

THE PURGE WOULD NOT AFFECT PEOPLE IN LESS "POLITICAL" POSITIONS LIKE JEWISH RESERVE OFFICERS OR THE ARMY MEDICAL CORPS. THIS MEASURE IS BEING URGED BY RUSSIA AND GOMULKA IS SAID TO HAVE AGREED UNDER PRESSURE OVERRULING THE OPPOSITION OF CYRANKIEWICZ, RAPACKI AND LOGA SOWINSKI. THIS IS BEN'S STORY. HE WOULD WELCOME YOUR OPINION AND ADVICE.  
END MSG.