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FROM KAUFMANN INFO WALTER WAGNER

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449PM

PLEASE POSTPONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SCHEDULED SUNDAY BROADCASTING OF CIEPELLA INTERVIEW. WAGNER HAS HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR OF THE 4H FOUNDATION WHICH IS SPONSORING AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH BLOCK COUNTRIES. NICHOLS IS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT OUR BROADCAST MAY JEOPARDIZE PLANNED FUTURE EXCHANGES WITH POLAND, AND WE FEEL THAT HE MAY BE IN A POSITION TO CREATE QUITE A PROBLEM FOR US WITH STATE DEPARTMENT. HE MADE A DIRECT REQUEST TO WAGNER THAT WE NOT PUT THE SCRIPT ON THE AIR. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT ISSUE IS NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO RISK KICKING UP A ROW WITH STATE AND THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT UNTIL WE CAN REVIEW ALL ASPECTS.

END MSG