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TO: KAUFMANN  
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U R G E N T PLS PHONE

YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF ENDRST STORY RE POLISH ATTACK ON RFE BEFORE UN HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE.

ENDRST REPORTS THAT HE WAS DELIBERATELY OR ACCIDENTALLY MISLED ON THIS STORY BY A U.N. PRESS OFFICER WHO HAD AT ONE POINT CLAIMED THAT RFE WAS NOT MENTIONED BY THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING. THE U.N. OFFICER IN QUESTION IS A SOVIET NATIONAL. THE ENDRST REPORT THEN CONTINUES AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE HE (THE PRESS OFFICER) WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME ENDRST FOUND THAT INADVERTENTLY OR ON PURPOSE HE HAD MISLED THE RFE CORRESPONDENT. THE U.N. SUPERVISORS OF KOVALENKO WERE ADVISED AND SAID THEY WOULD INVESTIGATE MONDAY. AMONG DELEGATES ASKED WHAT THEY HEARD SUJKA SAY ABOUT RFE WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US DELEGATION WHO SAID HE DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING ON RFE. UNQUOTE.

IF I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY, ENDRST SEEMS TO BE PUSHING AN INQUIRY WITH U.N. OFFICIALS ABOUT THE BEHAVIOR OF A SOVIET NATIONAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE U.N. THIS SEEMS TO ME A HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE PROCEDURE, PARTICULARLY IF PURSUED BY ENDRST. PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS ON AN URGENT BASIS AND TAKE WHATEVER STEPS YOU MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO STOP ANY NONSENSE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THIS MOVE BY ENDRST WAS CHECKED IN ADVANCE WITH YOU OR ANYONE ELSE IN RFE MANAGEMENT.

END MSG