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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN KAUFMANN SCHNEIDER  
FM: WALTER (REED ACTING) INFO COOK BROWN KOHAK LYON

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 95

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: WE HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT AND HAVE LISTED AS BIO ERIC BOURNE'S REPORT IN FRIDAY'S CSM. BOURNE, BASING HIMSELF ON A "SECRET INTERNAL PARTY REVIEW OF THE PURGE LAUNCHED LATE LAST YEAR," CLAIMS THAT NO LESS THAN 620,000 MEMBERS HAVE LEFT THE PARTY SINCE AUGUST 1968, WITH DROP OUTS REPORTEDLY ACCOUNTING FOR "AT LEAST HALF" OF THE TOTAL, THE REST HAVING BEEN EXPELLED. HE SAYS FURTHER THAT THE FINAL AIM IS TO REDUCE THE PARTY BY HALF. DESPITE RECENT SIGNS THAT THE PARTY CARD EXCHANGE WILL HENCEFORTH BE CONDUCTED MORE RIGOROUSLY, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS YET THAT THE PURGE HAS BEEN OR WILL BE AS EXTREME AS BOURNE CLAIMS.

3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST HAS ANNOUNCED (DS) MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED WORKSHOPS AND FACTORIES BY COUNTERING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CENTRALIZATION. THIS WOULD CLEARLY APPEAR TO BE YET ANOTHER ENCOURAGING STEP, BUT DETAILED ANALYSIS AND PROGRAMMING WILL HAVE TO BE WITHHELD UNTIL FURTHER MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE.

4. POLAND: DUCKWITZ' TALKS IN WARSAW ENDED YESTERDAY EVENING WITH A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE CHARACTERIZING THEM AS A "FURTHER BUSINESSLIKE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ABOUT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATES" AND ANNOUNCING THAT THE NEXT ROUND WOULD BE HELD IN BONN IN JUNE. WE AGREE WITH DPA (DS) THAT THIS PROMPT ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOT ONLY THE TIME BUT ALSO THE PLACE (FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE FRG) INDICATES THAT THE TALKS DID NOT GET BOGGED DOWN COMPLETELY AS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN FEARED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THE NEW WEST GERMAN PROPOSALS TABLED BY DUCKWITZ IN WARSAW (REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S DR) IS PROVIDED BY A DEWITT SPECIAL (DS). MEANWHILE THE EXISTENCE OF A BRANDT LETTER TO GOMULKA HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED BY BONN. BRANDT WROTE IT IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE SPD. REUTER FROM BONN (DS) CITES GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS SAYING --PLAUSIBLY-- THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH BRANDT

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COULD ADDRESS THE POLISH PARTY LEADER DIRECTLY. REUTER'S CLAIM THAT THIS GESTURE HELPED THE REACHING OF AN AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE THE TALKS IN JUNE ALSO SEEMS PLAUSIBLE. THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LETTER PRESENTED "ONCE AGAIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY AIMED AT THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND AT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES," BUT THE DETAILED CONTENT IS NOT AVAILABLE. NOT SURPRISINGLY THE REACTION OF THE CDU-CSU OPPOSITION TO THE BRANDT LETTER HAS BEEN PROMPT AND STRONG (DS), AND IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT IT WILL INTENSIFY STILL FURTHER IN THE DAYS AHEAD. RADIO WARSAW HAS NOT AS YET MENTIONED THE LETTER (BUT RADIO BUDAPEST HAS), AND IT APPEARS THAT THE POLISH RADIO PLANS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE TALKS FOR TODAY. FINALLY WE NOTE ADN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GDR FOREIGN MINISTER WINZER WILL BE VISITING POLAND SHORTLY--UNDOUBTEDLY IN ORDER TO LEARN WHAT TRANSPIRED DURING THE TALKS WITH DUCKWITZ.

ALL BDS ARE GOING TO CONFINE THEMSELVES TO FACTUAL COMMENT ALONG THE ABOVE LINES, USING AVAILABLE MATERIAL ON BOTH THE WARSAW TALKS THEMSELVES AND THE INTERNAL WEST GERMAN ASPECTS. WE HAVE ALSO URGED USE THIS WEEKEND OF THE "ECONOMIST" ARTICLE (DS) WHICH PRESENTS THE BASIC DILEMMA OF THE POLISH-WEST GERMAN TALKS IN A MOST BALANCED AND PERCEPTIVE FASHION.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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