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CONTINUING WEAC. ALTERNATIVE IF NO U.S. SPEAKER.

1. PERSUADE NEW PRESIDENT OF NECESSITY TO MAKE A FRESH START. IN THE PAST, FEC REPRESENTATIVE RAN MEETINGS. GREATEST NEED NOW IS THAT EUROPEANS TELL US, NOT WE THEM. SUGGEST THAT IN FIRST SPEECH FROM THE CHAIR (PERHAPS USING PRESENCE OF NEW GERMAN MEMBERS AS PRETEXT) VAN ZEELAND MAKE STATEMENT ON WHY WEAC EXISTS. WE WILL WRITE OUTLINE PAPER FOR HIM TO BE USED TO EXTENT HE SEES FIT. SOME POINTS IN PAPER WILL BE: (A) IMPORTANCE OF EE FOR WEST EUROPEAN SECURITY, (B) SERVICE FEC/RFE RENDERS WEST EUROPEANS, (C) FEC NOT "SELLING AMERICA" BUT TAKING LINE THAT IN STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIETS WHAT IS GOOD FOR EUROPE IS GOOD FOR UNITED STATES, (D) WHAT FEC ASKS OF WEAC IS IN EUROPEAN INTEREST, NAMELY, COUNSEL WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ITS FORMULATION OF BROADCASTING POLICY AND CAN ASSIST IT IN PERSUADING WESTERN EUROPEANS OF IMPORTANCE OF REUNIFICATION OF A NEW DIVIDED EUROPE AS A COMMUNITY OF FREE NATIONS.

ASSUME FOREGOING IS CONSONANT WITH VAN ZEELAND'S REPEATED EXPRESSION OF BELIEF IN IMPORTANCE OF FEC'S MISSION. HE COULD GO ON TO REFER TO (UPCOMING) REVISED TRENDS PAPER AND ASK RHETORICAL QUESTION: "ON WHAT

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TOPIC DOES FEC MOST NEED OUR COUNSEL TODAY?" NOT ON SINO-SOVIET SPLIT, NOR ON SOVIETS INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES AND BLOC AFFAIRS; HERE IT IS FEC WHO ARE THE EXPERTS, NOT WEAC. FEC NEEDS CONSENSUS OF EUROPEAN VIEWS ON AN MATTER NOW TROUBLING MINDS OF RFE'S AUDIENCES -- THE CRISIS IN TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS AND RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. TO WHAT EXTENT DOES CRISIS FORESHADOW REAL WEAKNESS -- IF ANY -- OF WESTERN ALLIANCE? TO WHAT EXTENT DO COMING EVENTS SEEM LIKELY TO GIVE AID AND COMFORT TO SOVIETS AND RISK IMPLANTING FEARS AND DOUBTS IN MINDS OF RFE'S AUDIENCES? WHAT PROMISE IS THERE THAT OUT OF CRISIS WILL COME SOLID UNDERSTANDING AND GREATER STRENGTH? REALITIES OF THIS CRISIS AND POTENTIALITIES FOR GOOD OR ILL WILL BE SUBJECT OF FIRST DAY'S DISCUSSIONS.

2. IF VAN ZEELAND AGREED TO ABOVE, SUGGEST HE COULD HIMSELF DRAFT OWN CONCRETE QUESTIONS TO WHICH HE WOULD HOLD "DISCUSSANTS". HIS QUESTIONS WOULD RELATE TO THE CRISIS ITSELF, NOT REPEAT NOT TO EFFECT ON EAST EUROPEANS. (NOTE THAT CRISIS IS HIS PRINCIPAL FIELD OF INTEREST.) LATER, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS OPENING OF AFTERNOON MEETING, BURKS COULD REPORT

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SUCCINCTLY ON KINDS OF DISTURBANCE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDISTS HAVE TRIED TO STIR UP, AMOUNT OF ATTENTION GIVEN TOPIC IN EE MEDIA, ETC. YOU COULD FOLLOW BY TYING IN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING DEGREE TO WHICH WEST EUROPEAN TRADE AND CULTURAL CONNECTIONS WITH EE CAN BE SAID TO BE LEADING TOWARDS FORMULATION OF WEST EUROPEAN POLITICAL POLICIES VIS-A-VIS EE, ADDING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. EE POLICY. WE COULD WORK OUT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS.

3. MORNING SESSION SECOND DAY COULD GO BACK TO BROADER ASPECTS OF TRENDS TO DISCOVER DEGREE OF CONSENSUS ON BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR WEST AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY WHERE NO DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN USSR AND WEST. PERHAPS USE COULD BE MADE HERE OF SECTION IN MY (UNDELIVERED) TALK ON AMERICA WHICH SHOWS BURDEN U.S. IS CARRYING FOR FREE NATIONS OUTSIDE NATO. BELIEVE THIS REMINDER WOULD BE SALUTARY.

4. EXPERIENCE SUGGEST SECOND AFTERNOON MEETING CAN BE PROFITABLE ONLY IF THERE IS CARRYOVER FROM MORNING OF SUBJECT WHICH MEMBERS ARE REALLY INTERESTED TO PURSUE.
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