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FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
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3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE LITERARY MAGAZINE "ROMANIA LITERARA." THE ARTICLE CONTAINS SEVERAL QUOTES FROM BREBAN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FREEDOM FOR THE WRITER IS A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM FOR SOCIALISM. BREBAN, CURRENTLY IN PARIS, EVIDENTLY INTENDS TO REMAIN THERE, AT LEAST FOR SOME TIME. HE IS ONE OF RUMANIA'S MAJOR LITERARY FIGURES AND HIS IS THE FIRST IMPORTANT REPERCUSSION OF THE "MINI CULTURAL REVOLUTION" AMONG RUMANIAN WRITERS. WE HAVE COVERED IN NEWSCASTS BASED ON OVADIA SPECIAL (DS) AND RUMANIAN BD LAST NIGHT BROADCAST THE TEXT OF LE MONDE. EERA WILL ISSUE A PAPER ON BREBAN'S BACKGROUND FOR CROSS-REPORTING USE.

CEAUSESCU YESTERDAY IN BUCHAREST ADDRESSED A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WRITERS UNION ON LITERATURE'S ROLE IN THE "SOCIALIST EDUCATION OF THE MASSES." RADIO BUCHAREST CARRIED A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING IN WHICH INTERESTINGLY THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE WRITERS HAVING PLEDGED SUPPORT TO THE REGIME'S NEW CULTURAL POLICY. SEE THE FIRST ITEM IN YESTERDAY'S RUMANIAN SR FOR A RATHER GRIM DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW CULTURAL WATCH-DOG BODY, THE COUNCIL ON SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION.

6. OTHER: SEE GUIDANCE NOTE ON RUMORS ABOUT MAO, ETC.

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