

OUTGOING CIPHER

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TO: DURKEE INFO PETZALL YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 28

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: REUTER REPORTED FROM PRAGUE LAST NIGHT THE ARREST OF JIRI HOCHMAN AND RELEASE FROM DETENTION OF KAREL KOSIK AND RUDOLF SLANSKY. THIS IS BIO PENDING CONFIRMATION. MEANWHILE FIGARO AND THE LONDON TIMES MENTIONED THE ARREST OF BARTOSEK SO WE HAVE RELEASED THIS STORY FOR BROADCAST. OTHERWISE, YESTERDAY'S EERA PAPER HAS BROUGHT THE ARREST PICTURE TO DATE.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: THE WRITERS UNION CONGRESS OPENED TODAY IN LODZ, FOR A THREE-DAY SESSION ACCORDING TO RADIO WARSAW. PAP REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT VISITING DELEGATIONS WILL BE PRESENT FROM THE USSR, THE CSSR AND THE GDR, I.E., FROM THE DOGMATIST WRITERS' UNIONS. NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF A HUNGARIAN WRITERS' DELEGATION.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: THE CPSU-CC IS REPORTED TO HAVE ISSUED A DECREE ON 30 DECEMBER TO STOP PUBLICATION OF THE SAMIZDAT PUBLICATION "CHRONICLE" AS WELL AS TO CURTAIL OTHER SAMIZDAT PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS "VECHE" AND "UKRAINSKY VISNYK." DESPITE THE DECREE, THE 23RD ISSUE OF "CHRONICLE" DATED 5 JANUARY APPEARED. IN IT IS MENTIONED ANOTHER SAMIZDAT PUBLICATION, "SURVEY" ("OBSOR"?) IN WHICH AN INTERVIEW WITH JOSEF SMRKOVSKY IS PUBLISHED. THIS LATTER IS PROBABLY REPUBLISHED FROM THE "GIORNI-VIE NUOVE" OF 22 SEPTEMBER 71. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A COPY OF "SURVEY." THE DECISION TO TAKE MORE THOROUGH-GOING MEASURES TO CONTROL SAMIZDAT IS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF A NUMBER OF FACTORS BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL. THE ATTEMPT TO CURB SAMIZDAT MUST BE VIEWED AS AN ORGANIC PART OF THE RECENT KGB ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE DISSIDENTS AND NATIONALISTS FROM THE UKRAINE TO THE BALTIC REPUBLICS.

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