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RE ACCREDITATIONS AND FACILITIES DURING THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY; THE SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS: WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED ACCREDITATION FOR ALL OF THOSE RFE STAFFERS NEEDING THESE SPECIAL DOCUMENTS. BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEM INVOLVED WITH 100 HEADS OF STATE EXPECTED, DEADLINE FOR ACCREDITATION REQUESTS IS OCTOBER 1. ACCREDITATION WILL COVER THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 14-24. I HAVE SUBMITTED 12 SUCH ACCREDITATIONS ALREADY, THREE FOR THE RUMANIAN BD, ONE POLE, TWO CZECHOSLOVAKS, TWO HUNGARIANS, ONE BULGARIAN, AND THREE NEWS STAFFERS (INCLUDING ENDRST). HOWEVER, RFE WILL GET ONLY ONE PRESS TICKET TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAMBER ITSELF. SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR NEWSMEN, INCLUDING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION, WILL BE SET UP FOR THE USE OF THOSE ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS WHO CANNOT GET INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAMBER ITSELF. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ENDRST, WHO COVERS FOR ALL RFE DEPARTMENTS, WILL NEED THIS ONE PRESS TICKET AT MOST TIMES. BUT WHEN THERE IS A RUMANIAN, CZECHOSLOVAK, HUNGARIAN, BULGARIAN OR POLISH SPEAKER SCHEDULED, THEN THAT TICKET CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST TO A STAFFER FROM THE BD CONCERNED. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE ADVISED THAT THE UN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO RFE A RADIO BOOTH ABOVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAMBER. THIS WAS A HIGH-LEVEL DECISION MADE IN U THANT'S OFFICE TO WHICH THE
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WHOLE QUESTION OF RFE ACCREDITATION WAS REFERRED. THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE DECIDED THAT, UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, RFE COULD NOT BE DENIED ACCREDITATION TO COVER THE SPECIAL SESSION, BUT THAT AT THE SAME TIME NO RPT NO SPECIAL TECHNICAL FACILITIES, SUCH AS RADIO BOOTH, ETC., WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US. IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS NO AVENUE OF APPEAL FROM THIS DECISION AND I FEEL IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO MAKE ANY MORE WAVES THAN NECESSARY, WHICH THEN MAY BRING INTO QUESTION SOME OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO US, SUCH AS A DIRECT FLOOR-FEED LINE TO OUR NEW YORK OFFICE. THEREFORE, LIVE RFE COVERAGE OF THE CEAUSESCU SPEECH WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FROM THE UN ITSELF, BUT WITH THE FLOOR-FEED AND TV AVAILABLE, CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN OUR N.Y. STUDIO. COLOR INSERTS CAN BE RELAYED BY PHONE INTO THE STUDIO AS WELL. SO FAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE RUMANIAN BD, I HAVE HAD NO INDICATION THAT ANY OTHER BD WILL WANT TO DO LIVE COVERAGE. FOR DELAYED COVERAGE THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER. BD STAFFERS CAN ATTEND THE SESSIONS THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH, AND GET AUDIO EXCERPTS THEY WANT FROM N.Y. SPECIAL EVENTS.
END MSG