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IN REPLY MUN 101 OF 21 JANUARY, OUR TERM "COMPREHENSIVE" REFERS TO NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL ISSUES-IN OTHER WORDS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONSIDERATION OF EVERY CONCEIVABLE ISSUE. LENGTH OF REASONING ON EACH INDIVIDUAL ISSUE SHOULD BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE, AND, AS WE SAID, PRIMARILY "RESTRICTED TO CONCLUSIONS WITH JUST SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO JUSTIFY THEM." PURPOSE OF PAPER IS TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR POLICY PLANNING. WE DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN BY "CONCURRENCE OF AUTHOR" SINCE THERE IS NO INTENTION OF PUBLISHING RFE'S ULTIMATE CONCLUSIONS UNDER ANY SPECIFIC AUTHORSHIP. INSTEAD, SINCE WE NEED AN ESTIMATE OF SOVIET VULNERABILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF POLICY PLANNING, WE WANT TO END UP WITH THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE APPROXIMATION OF A NEAR-UNCHALLENGEABLE ESTIMATE. THEREFORE, WE PLAN TO CHECK FIRST DRAFT WITH EVERY ESTIMATE FROM AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES THAT WE CAN LAY OUR HANDS ON. THE QUESTION OF PUBLICATION IS A WHOLLY SECONDARY ONE AT THIS TIME AND CAN BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE ENTIRE PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WE WILL OF COURSE PASS ANY MODIFIED VERSION BACK TO YOU FOR YOUR COLLECTIVE REVIEW BEFORE ANY FORMAL ISSUANCE. TIME FACTOR IS NOT IMPORTANT; WE HAD ACTUALLY FIGURED THT EVEN FIRST DRAFT MIGHT TAKE LONGER THAN YOU ANTICIPATE. APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF THIS PROJECT AND BELIEVE END PRODUCT WILL BE VALUABLE BASIS FOR FUTURE PLANNING.

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