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REFERENCE YOUR NYC 23 OF 8 MARCH: LE MONDE REPORT IS IN-
ACCURATE AND EXAGGERATED. PANORAMA NO. 1202 OF 14 DECEMBER
STATED:

"AMONG CERTAIN CIRCLES IN ISRAEL -- AS I HEAR EVER MORE
OFTEN IN TEL-AVIV -- THERE ALLEGEDLY EXISTS A PLAN IN CONNEC-
TION WITH EICHMANN'S TRIAL TO PUT FORWARD AN ACCUSATION AGAINST
PIASECKI AND AGAINST OTHERS LEADERS OF THE 'PAX' IT IS SAID
THAT THERE EXISTS EVIDENCE THAT THEY COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST
THE JEWS DURING THE ARMED PARTISAN ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GERMAN
OCCUPATION. A NUMBER OF JEWISH PERSONALITIES IN ISRAEL, AS I
HAVE HEARD, ARE QUITE SERIOUSLY TREATING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE
ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ASKING FOR EXTRADITION OF THE LEADERS OF THE
'PAX' AS WAR CRIMINALS.

IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUCH INTENTIONS EXIST, THEY
ARE RATHER IN A PHASE OF INTRODUCTORY PLANS AND CONSIDERATIONS.
WHAT WOULD BE THE OBJECT OF SUCH ACTION? IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE
VERY AWKWARD FOR THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN POLAND, WHICH SUP-
PORTS THE 'PAX.' I HAVE ALSO HEARD RUMORS THAT ALLEGEDLY PIA-
SECKI WAS SERIOUSLY DISTURBED BY THIS NEWS AND IS CARRYING OUT
FEVERISH ENDEAVORS THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIATORS IN THE ISRAEL
LEGATION IN WARSAW. THEY ALLEGEDLY GIVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE
EXPOSURE OF VARIOUS NASTY MATTERS FROM THE PAST OF THE LEADER
OF 'PAX' COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM
POLAND TO ISRAEL."

BASIS OF THE PROGRAM WAS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN CONF-
IDENTIAL LIMITED DISTRIBUTION ITEMS 2719/60, DATED 27 JULY 1960
AND 4306/60, DATED 30 NOVEMBER, BOTH OF WHICH REPORT POSSIBLE
ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST "PAX" IN CONNECTION WITH EICHMANN AFFAIR.
ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INDICATION GIVEN ON 12 AUGUST BY "PAX"
NEWSPAPER SLOWO POWSZECHNE WHICH STATED "WE WILL DESTROY THE
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AGENCIES OF IMPERIALISM WHETHER THEY ORI-
GINATE FROM WEST GERMANY, ISRAEL OR DIRECTLY FROM THE U.S.A."
ALTHOUGH THE BROADCAST QUALIFIED THE ALLEGED PLAN AS A STORY
CIRCULATING IN ISRAEL, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT MISINTERPRETATION
WOULD EASILY BE POSSIBLE EVEN WITHOUT MALICE, WE MIGHT WELL
HAVE USED GREATER CAUTION. RFE HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION
THAT PIASECKI WAS NOT, REPEAT NOT, NAZI COLLABORATOR OR AGENT
AND HAS EVEN TAKEN PAINS TO CORRECT FALSE ACCUSATIONS ON THIS
SCORE (SEE 2 AND 3 AUGUST 1960 OTHER SIDE OF COIN PROGRAMS).
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE STRONGLY ATTACKED "PAX" AND PIASECKI THROUGH
THE YEARS, RFE IS NOT ENGAGED IN AN UNWARRANTED SMEAR CAMPAIGN.
TO DO SO, WE FEEL, WOULD SIMPLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AS FAR AS
OUR EFFORTS TO WEAKEN HIS DALEFUL INFLUENCE ARE CONCERNED.

REGARDS.

END MSG