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TO: E. SCHNEIDER INFO WALTER

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REUR NYC 52 OF 15 FEB. YOUR ASSUMPTIONS ARE CORRECT:
THE HILL SPECIALS IN QUESTION ARE (1) THE ONE WHICH BEGAN "THE
VIETNAM WAR HAS GONE UP AT LEAST ONE MORE STEP," AND (2) THE
WASHINGTON WEEKENDER.

THE PASSAGES MARKED BIO REFER IN EACH CASE TO THE
POSSIBILITY THAT THE U.S. MIGHT BE CARRYING THE WAR
"INTO A NEW PHASE," I.E., THAT AMERICA MAY IN FUTURE
RETALIATE ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE SHOULD THEY BE THE
OBJECT OF STEPPED-UP GUERRILLA ATTACKS. WE BIO-ED THESE
PARAGRAPHS FOR TWO MAIN REASONS. FIRST, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD
DENIED THAT THE U.S. INTENDED TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF THE CONFLICT.
SECONDLY, OUR AUDIENCE IS EXTREMELY SUSCEPTIBLE TO WAR SCARE,
SO WE THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO TALK OF U.S. RETALIATION ON BEHALF OF
SOUTH VIETNAM UNTIL SUCH ACTION ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE.
INCIDENTALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT WHAT HILL WROTE IS PROBABLY TRUE.

TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED LIST MORE COMPREHENSIBLE TO YOU WITH
RESPECT TO PASSAGES WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED BIO, WE WILL
AVOID REFERENCE TO MUNICH FILE NUMBERS. WE WILL SIMPLY FOLLOW
A LISTING AS "USEFUL" OR "NOTEWORTHY" WITH: (PASSAGES
REFERRING TO THE POLISH WESTERN FRONTIER ARE BIO).

FINALLY, THERE WAS A "USEFUL" CATEGORY ON THE LIST FOR
12 FEBRUARY. IT BEGAN WITH "TANJUG ON BELGRADE PROPERTY RULING
OVERTURNED."

REGARDS.

END MSG