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OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE

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

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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: FURTHER EXCERPTS OF STROUGAL'S SPEECH ON THE ECONOMY TO LAST WEEK'S CC PLENUM REVEAL AN EVEN STRONGER DEFEDERALIZATION THAN HINTED AT HERETOFORE. ACCORDING TO STROUGAL, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL DIRECTLY MANAGE THE FOLLOWING ECONOMIC SECTORS: ENGINEERING AND METALLURGY, THE "FUEL-POWER BASE," AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO CENTRALIZED FOREIGN TRADE AS INTRODUCED IN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR. THE CHEMICAL, CONSUMER AND FOOD INDUSTRIES, AND LOCAL ECONOMY WILL REMAIN SUBORDINATED TO THE CZECH AND SLOVAK NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: SEE SEPARATE MESSAGE SENT EARLIER AND DGS ON THE WORKERS' RIOTS IN GDANSK, GDYNIA AND Sopot. FROM THE RADIO GDANSK NEWSMAN'S REPORT BROADCAST AT 0500 THIS MORNING, (DS) ONE CAN BEGIN TO PUT TOGETHER THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. HE SAID, REFERRING TO YOUNG BOYS THROWING STONES IN THE STREET IN GDANSK, "ALREADY IN THE MORNING THEY HAVE SEEN THOSE WHO INTERRUPTED WORK AND WENT INTO THE TOWN." APPARENTLY FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRICE INCREASES ON SATURDAY NIGHT THE WORKERS' EMOTIONS BEGAN TO BUILD UP ON SUNDAY, AND THE TROUBLE STARTED WHEN THEY BEGAN ASSEMBLING FOR WORK MONDAY MORNING. AT THIS POINT THEY "INTERRUPTED WORK AND WENT INTO TOWN," I.E. TO EXPRESS THEIR INDIGNATION IN A PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THIS "INTERRUPTION OF WORK" REFERS TO THE SHIPYARDS.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: GUIDANCE ON SOVIET DEFEAT IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF UNGA TO BE ISSUED TODAY IS SUPPORTED BY USEFUL MATERIAL FROM ENDRST, ESTABROOK (WASH POST) AND TANNER (NYT).

ALLEGED HIJACKERS ARRESTED IN LENINGRAD LAST JUNE WERE FINALLY PUT ON TRIAL YESTERDAY. THIS TRIAL IN LENINGRAD, WHICH WAS POSTPONED AT LEAST ONCE, HAS VICIOUS OVERTONES OF A KGB ANTI-SEMITIC FRAME-UP. CAA IS ISSUING A BACKGROUNDER ON IT FOR USE BY BDS.

THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL STRIKE IN THE USSR WITHIN LIVING MEMORY HAS TAKEN PLACE AT THE TOGLIATTI PLANT. THE STRIKE WAS UNDERTAKEN BY WEST GERMAN STAFF MEMBERS AND WAS SUPPORTED BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN WORKERS. THE GERMANS WON THEIR DEMAND FOR A TRIP HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

BOTH REUTER AND UPI ARE SOMEWHAT DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE SALT TALKS. AS YET THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON WHEN TO RESUME THE TALKS AFTER THE HOLIDAY RECESS, WHICH, IN ANY CASE, APPEAR TO HAVE BOGGED DOWN BADLY FOR WANT OF SOVIET RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS.

CHANCELLOR BRANDT RECEIVED TSARAPKIN YESTERDAY FOR A 45-MINUTE MEETING ON THE FOUR-POWER TALKS ON BERLIN AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. NO DETAILS WERE ANNOUNCED.

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