

OUTGOING CIPHER

1972 MAY 31

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

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 122

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: YESTERDAY'S RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE ON THE NORMALIZATION OF PRAGUE-BONN RELATIONS (DS) HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY SEVERAL WESTERN SOURCES (E.G., REUTER) AS AN INDICATION THAT THE HUSAK REGIME WOULD NOW BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON THE MUNICH AGREEMENT. A CAREFUL READING OF THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SUBSTANTIATE SUCH CLAIMS. MOREOVER, THE SAME RUDE PRAVO THIS MORNING PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH HUSAK IN WHICH HE AGAIN USED THE SAME OLD FORMULA: THE CSSR IS READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH BONN -- ON THE BASIS OF THE INVALIDITY OF THE MUNICH DIKTAT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. (THE HUSAK INTERVIEW WAS REPORTED BY RADIO PRAGUE THIS MORNING.)
3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.
4. POLAND: ESSENTIALLY NO NEW ELEMENTS IN THE AGENCY REPORTS DEALING WITH THE NIXON VISIT TO WARSAW.

FOLLOWING A TWO-DAY VISIT TO POLAND, AUSTRIAN CARDINAL KOENIG HAS PAINTED A VERY FAVORABLE PICTURE OF THE INTENSITY OF THE COUNTRY'S RELIGIOUS LIFE.
5. RUMANIA: IN CONTRAST TO OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, RUMANIAN MEDIA HAVE HANDLED THE NIXON VISIT AS AN EVENT OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE -- AN APPARENT SIGN OF THE REGIME'S CERTAIN UNEASINESS ABOUT THE EVENT.
6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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