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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, MOSCOW SO FAR MAINTAINS TOTAL SILENCE ON SETBACKS ADMINISTERED TO COMMUNIST BLOC POLICY IN U.N. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT AFRO-ASIAN BLOC HAD A SIGNIFICANT PART IN ADMINISTERING THESE SETBACKS, THIS SILENCE WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE; KREMLIN WILL HAVE TO DEVISE LINES CAPABLE OF EXPLAINING TO RUSSIAN AUDIENCES AS TO WHY SOVIET CONGO POLICY FAILED AND AS TO WHY HAMMARSKJOLD WAS SUSTAINED.

PLEASE ADVISE EARLIEST WHETHER THIS SILENCE ALSO PREVAILS IN CAPOIVE COUNTRIES. IF SO, WE SHOULD PROBABLY BEGIN ASKING QUESTIONS IMMEDIATELY WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY

ELATING ALL THE FACTS BEARING ON SOVIET DEFEATS. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER HERE AND EXPECT THAT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARIES WILL DEAL WITH IT SOONEST. HOWEVER, IF OUR PREMISE IS CORRECT, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER GETTING GOING ON THE SUBJECT.

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