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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: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: AS SUNDIC POINTED OUT IMPLICITLY BUT SHARPLY ON RADIO ZAGREB LAST NIGHT (SEE BELOW), IT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE HUNGARIANS ARE PLAYING THE ROLE OF STOOGES FOR MOSCOW IN THEIR PRESS CRITICISMS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA. IN A COMMENTARY LAST NIGHT, THE HUNGARIAN BD POINTED TO THIS FACT CRITICALLY, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT IT MUST BE THE RESULT OF SOVIET PRESSURE. THE BD POINTED OUT THAT THIS ROLE WAS NEITHER IN HUNGARY'S INTEREST NOR CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIME'S PAST EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: THUS FAR RUMANIAN MEDIA HAVE NOT REPLIED DIRECTLY TO THE MAGYAR HIRLAP AND SMENA CRITICISMS. HOWEVER SEVERAL SPEECHES GIVEN BY CEAUSESCU IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, DURING A TOUR OF HARGHITA COUNTY WHICH HAS A LARGE SZEKLER POPULATION, HAVE STRONGLY REAFFIRMED HIS FOREIGN POLICY LINE AND THE "INADMISSIBILITY" FOR ANYONE TO ATTEMPT TO DICTATE TO ANOTHER NATION HOW IT SHOULD ORGANIZE ITS LIFE. HIS REAFFIRMATIONS OF RUMANIA'S DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO "UNITY" MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS IS STILL TO BE ON RUMANIAN TERMS. THE FORM OF HSINHUA'S AUGUST 15 ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE VISIT OF THE CHINESE MILITARY DELEGATION TO TIRANA SUGGESTS THAT THE DELEGATION MAY MAKE A FORMAL VISIT TO RUMANIA, (IN ADDITION TO THE BUCHAREST AIRPORT STOPOVER WHICH ALREADY TOOK PLACE) AFTER LEAVING ALBANIA. HSINHUA SAID THE DELEGATION HAD LEFT "FOR A FRIENDLY VISIT TO ALBANIA AND RUMANIA AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTRY

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OF PEOPLE'S DEFENSE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA AND OF THE MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES OF THE RUMANIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC." ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, THE SHORT AIRPORT STOPOVER WOULD NOT SEEM TO QUALIFY AS THE "FRIENDLY VISIT" ANNOUNCED BY HSINHUA. IF A FORMAL VISIT TO RUMANIA DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, ONE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN SPECULATING THAT THE WARNING IN MAGYAR HIRLAP CAUSED A DOWN-GRADING OF THE POST-TIRANA VISIT TO A PRE-TIRANA AIRPORT STOPOVER. NOTE THE ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST LAST NIGHT OF A GROUP OF CHINESE "TOURISTS." (DS)

6. OTHER: IN A SHARPLY WORDED COMMENTARY BROADCAST OVER RADIO ZAGREB LAST NIGHT, SUNDIC ANSWERED THE "MAGYAR HIRLAP" ARTICLE OF AUGUST 13. (DS) HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE "MAGYAR HIRLAP" ARTICLE WERE NOT THE PAPER'S OWN. THE YUGOSLAV STANDPOINT CONCERNING "AXES AND PACTS" WAS, ACCORDING TO SUNDIC, WELL KNOWN TO THOSE "ON WHOSE BEHALF THE HUNGARIAN PAPER SPOKE." HOWEVER, SUNDIC POINTED OUT, "THIS DID NOT DETER THEM FROM UTTERING A THREAT TO YUGOSLAVIA (URGING US) TO THINK OVER WHAT WE ARE DOING AND TO SUGGEST WHO WOULD BE AN UNWELCOME GUEST IN OUR COUNTRY." SUNDIC ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE IMPORTANCE RECENTLY ATTACHED TO THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE BY HUNGARY COULD ONLY BE EXPLAINED AS "A THREAT TO OUR INDEPENDENCE AND TO ALL THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT TO SHARE THEIR INDEPENDENCE WITH ANYBODY WHATSOEVER." TEXT OF SUNDIC' COMMENTARY SENT DS.

THE LARGE-CIRCULATION BELGRADE EVENING PAPER "VECERNJE NOVOSTI" ALSO CARRIED A COMMENTARY YESTERDAY, APPARENTLY IN REPLY TO A RECENT "NEPSZABADSAG" ARTICLE ON THE OPAL 71 MANEUVERS. THE PAPER ALSO SUPPORTED THE RUMANIAN PROPOSAL, MADE LAST WEEK BY THE RUMANIAN DELEGATE AT THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, TO PROCLAIM THE BALKANS A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE WITH NO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE "VECERNJE NOVOSTI" ARTICLE HAVE BEEN OUTLINED BY FRIENDLY IN THIS MORNING'S NYT.

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