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TO: DURKEE INFO PETZALL YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN  
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON  
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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING
3. HUNGARY: NOTHING
4. POLAND: PAP AND RADIO WARSAW PROVIDED ONLY PREDICTABLY "IMPRESSIVE" GLOBAL FIGURES YESTERDAY EVENING ON THE ELECTIONS. OF FAR MORE INTEREST ARE THE UPI AND REUTER DISPATCHES TODAY (ESPECIALLY THE LATTER -- SEE DS) WHICH REPORT THE RELATIVELY POOR SHOWINGS OF SUCH PROMINENT FIGURES AS BABIUCH, OLSZOWSKI, SZLACHIC, KANIA - AND MOCZAR. AFP HAS IT THAT THE NEW SEJM WILL CONVENE ALREADY ON MARCH 28-29 FOLLOWING A PARTY CC PLENUM ON THE 27TH.
5. RUMANIA: NOTHING

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6. OTHER: BREZHNEV'S SPEECH AT THE 15TH SOVIET TRADE UNION CONGRESS IN MOSCOW REVEALED SOME INTERESTING NUANCES IN TONE BUT SUBSTANTIALLY LESS OF SUBSTANCE IN AREAS OF

RELATIONS WITH EEC THE GENERAL SECRETARY STRUCK A COMPLETELY NEW NOTE WHILE STILL LEAVING THE OUTLINES OF SOVIET POLICY INDISTINCT. AFTER YEARS OF DENOUNCING EEC AS A TOOL OF MONOPOLIES AND GERMAN FINANCE, BREZHNEV REMARKED THAT THE "SOVIET UNION IS FAR FROM IGNORING THE ACTUALLY EXISTING SITUATION IN WESTERN EUROPE INCLUDING. . .THE COMMON MARKET" AND STATED THAT SOVIET RELATIONS WITH IT WOULD DEPEND ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH ITS PARTICIPANTS "RECOGNIZE THE REALITIES EXISTING IN THE SOCIALIST PART OF EUROPE, IN PARTICULAR THE INTERESTS OF CEMA MEMBER STATES." WHILE THIS TELLS US NOTHING AS TO HOW OR EVEN WHETHER RELATIONS WILL DEVELOP WITH EEC IT IS A DISTINCT CHANGE OF TONE AND MAY FORESHADOW AN EVOLUTION IN POLICY TOWARD EEC. IT ALSO COMES AT A TIME WHEN MOSCOW IS GIVING VERBAL ASSISTS TO BRANDT DURING THE "WAR OF NERVES" BEING STAGED OVER AND ABOUT THE MOSCOW AND WARSAW TREATY RATIFICATION PROBLEM IN BONN AND MAKES A NOD IN THE DIRECTION OF UNDERCUTTING ONE OF THE OPPOSITION'S (BARZEL'S) MAIN OBJECTIONS TO TREATY RATIFICATION: I.E., THE FAILURE OF THE SOVIETS TO RECOGNIZE EEC. THUS THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONRAD AHLERS STATED THAT: "WITH THIS, THE THIRD POINT OF DR. BARZEL'S CATALOGUE OF WISHES HAS BEEN FULFILLED." BARZEL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY NOT SEE IT THAT WAY.

ALSO OF NOTE IN THE BREZHNEV ADDRESS IS THE DECISIVE POSITION TAKEN IN REGARD TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATIES AS THEY STAND. BREZHNEV SAYS CATEGORICALLY THAT THE TREATIES WILL NOT BE MODIFIED IN RESPECT TO BORDERS AND THAT THE BORDERS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY THE GDR ARE INVIOABLE. ACCUSING THE BONN OPPOSITION OF TRYING TO WEAKEN THE GDR'S SOVEREIGNTY, WARNS THAT NORMALIZATION DEPENDS ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE GDR'S INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST CHARACTER.

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HE THREATENS THAT THE CHOICE BETWEEN RATIFICATION AND REJECTION "IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS IS A CHOICE BETWEEN A POLICY OF PEACE AND A POLICY OF WAR." SUCH FULMINATIONS MAY WELL HAVE THE NET EFFECT OF DOING MORE DAMAGE THAN GOOD TO THE CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION AS THE NY TIMES EDITORIAL OBSERVES.

ON RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BREZHNEV IS STILL PARANOICALLY SUSPICIOUS OF NIXON'S TRIP TO PEKING BUT ADMONISHES THE CHINESE ONLY LIGHTLY AND HOPES FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH THE US "WITHOUT RETREATING FROM PRINCIPLES OF OUR POLICY."

WE BELIEVE THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL IS AN EXCELLENT TRENCANT ASSESSMENT OF BREZHNEV'S REMARKS AND THE SHABAD PIECE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DETAILED COVERAGE. CAA WILL ISSUE ITS ANALYSIS FOR BD USE TODAY.

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