

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: AVAILABLE EXCERPTS FROM HUSAK AND STROUGAL SPEECHES AND OTHER MATERIAL CONTAINED IN COMMUNIQUE ON YESTERDAY'S CC SESSION ARE VERY BLAND AND WOULD SUGGEST THE DAY PASSED WITHOUT CONTROVERSY. ACCORDING TO KRIWANEK/UPI FROM PRAGUE YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, HUSAK CALLED FOR AN END TO THE PARTY PURGES FOR WHICH HE CAME UNDER IMMEDIATE AND HEAVY FIRE FROM THE HARD-LINERS, INCLUDING RYTIR. (THERE IS NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT RYTIR SPOKE.) ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UPI LINE MAY HAVE BEEN PLANTED BY PRO-HUSAK FORCES, BD WILL BROADCAST WITH CLEAR ATTRIBUTION AND QUALIFYING REMARK THAT THE REPORT MAY NOT BE RELIABLE. UPI, REUTER AND RADIO BUDAPEST REPORT THAT THE SESSION WILL LAST THREE DAYS. IF SO, EERA WILL PROBABLY ISSUE A PAPER ON SUNDAY FOR USE IN MONDAY PROGRAMMING.

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING

4. POLAND: THE PUMP CC WILL HOLD A PLENARY SESSION ON 14 DECEMBER. THE PLENUM WILL DISCUSS THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND KEY PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC POLICY IN 1971. SEE YESTERDAY'S D.R. FOR OUR APPRAISAL OF THE ECONOMIC PICTURE.

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5. RUMANIA: COUNTRY MEETING DISCUSSED THE UPWARD REVISION OF THE 1971-75 PLAN AS ANNOUNCED BY CEAUSESCU AT 25 NOVEMBER JOINT SESSION OF THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (SCANTEIA 1 DECEMBER). SEE RBR OF 11 DECEMBER WHICH ANALYZES THE CHANGES. WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PLAN IS BEING REVISED UPWARD, IT MUST ALSO BE POINTED OUT THAT NO COMPLETE FIGURES ON THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE. FOR EXAMPLE WE HAVE NO FIGURE ON PLANNED INVESTMENT IN INDUSTRY. ONE MAY ASSUME THAT THE FINAL PLAN DOES NOT EXIST YET, AND IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A COMPLETE DOCUMENT WILL BE READY TO PRESENT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH CONVENES ON 17 DECEMBER. (THE LAST FIVE YEAR PLAN APPEARED ONLY SIX MONTHS AFTER THE PLAN PERIOD WAS UNDERWAY.) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE STILL DISAGREEMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT OVER HOW FORCED THE RATE OF FORCED INDUSTRIALIZATION SHOULD BE. THE ROLE OF AGRICULTURE IS EVIDENTLY A KEY ONE IN THE REGIME'S HEIGHTENED OPTIMISM. AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT IS BEING INCREASED, PRESUMABLY IN THE HOPE THAT FURTHER MECHANIZATION WILL RELEASE FOR INDUSTRY THE MANPOWER REQUIRED FOR THE "THIRD SHIFT" TO BE INTRODUCED IN INDUSTRY. ONE OR TWO POOR HARVESTS, HOWEVER, WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE THE INCREASED PLAN GOALS. THE "THIRD SHIFT" IN INDUSTRY, ANOTHER KEY ELEMENT IN THE PLAN REVISION, IS LIKELY TO INCREASE SHARPLY THE NUMBER OF BOTTLENECKS AND DISLOCATIONS. FURTHER, THE GREATER STRESS ON EXPANDING THE QUANTITY OF PRODUCTION IS IN CONTRADICTION TO THE GOAL OF THE ECONOMIC REFORM OF GREATER CONCENTRATION ON QUALITY. THE PLANNED UPWARD REVISIONS MAY REQUIRE EVEN MORE CENTRALIZED CONTROLS, AND DEPRIVE THE REFORM OF SUBSTANCE AND MEANING.

OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT IMPROVIZATION AND PERMANENT CONFUSION REMAIN THE KEYSTONES OF RUMANIAN ECONOMIC POLICY.

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6. OTHER: THE MOST INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION CENTERS AROUND THE PERSON OF SOLZHENITSYN. HIS JOINING OF SAKHAROV'S "COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS," THE FIRST MEETING OF THAT BODY, AND THE TRIBUTE TO SOLZHENITSYN ON THE DAY OF THE NOBEL AWARDS (WHICH ALSO HAPPENED TO BE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AS SOLZHENITSYN OBSERVED) MAKE UP A USEFUL PACKAGE.

OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN, PARLIAMENTARY MANAGER OF THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG FRAKTION OLAF VON WRANGEL, INDICATED THAT THE DIFFERENCES OF FORMULATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON WHAT SORT OF A DECISION ON BERLIN COULD CONSTITUTE A PREREQUISITE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE MOSCOW AND WARSAW TREATIES FOR RATIFICATION WILL BECOME A SUBJECT OF QUESTIONING BY THE OPPOSITION. WHILE SCHEEL SAID A "SATISFACTORY BERLIN SETTLEMENT" WAS A PRECONDITION (29 NOVEMBER), BRANDT HAS SAID, AND REPEATED YESTERDAY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "WESER KURIER", THAT RATIFICATION WOULD DEPEND ON "PROGRESS" IN THE BERLIN TALKS.

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