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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: ZHIVKOV RETURNED TO SOFIA FROM THE CRIMEA LAST NIGHT: IN HIS CASE, AT LEAST, "THE VACATION IN THE SOVIET UNION" OF WHICH THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE SPOKE CONSISTED ONLY OF THAT MEETING.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.
3. HUNGARY: THE COMMUNIQUE ON YESTERDAY'S CC-GOVERNMENT MEETING DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY REAL CLUES AS TO THE CRIMEAN SUMMIT (SEE YESTERDAY'S DAILY REPORT). THE SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS (KOMOC SIN DELIVERED THE REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT) IS QUITE GENERAL, PERHAPS THE ONLY POINTS WORTH NOTING BEING 1) THE PROMISE TO MAKE INCREASED EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN BLOC UNITY AND CO-OPERATION AND 2) THE REJECTION OF "ANY AND EVERY ATTEMPT TO STRIKE A DEAL BEHIND THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE'S BACK." FOOD FOR THOUGHT (BUT NO MORE THAN THAT) IS PROVIDED BY A "MAGYAR HIRLAP" EDITORIAL EFFUSIVELY PRAISING THE RECENT SOUTH TYROL AGREEMENT FOR GRANTING THE GERMAN MINORITY THERE SPECIAL STATUS, AND THUS ELIMINATING THIS "POWDER KEG".
4. POLAND: THE LATEST LIVESTOCK STATISTICS (DS) INDICATE RATHER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE IMPORTANT CATTLE AND PIG SECTORS.
5. RUMANIA: CONTINUING ITS OWN VERSION OF THE "VACATION DIPLOMACY" WHICH APPEARS TO BE SO MUCH IN VOGUE IN EASTERN EUROPE AT THE MOMENT, RUMANIA IS KEEPING UP SOME IMPORTANT CONTACTS WITH YUGOSLAVIA: BOTH DUMITRU POPESCU AND CORNELIU MANESCU HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY REPORTED TO BE VACATIONING IN YUGOSLAVIA -- AND BOTH HAVE HAD HIGH-LEVEL TALKS THERE. MEANWHILE FRG ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTER KARL SCHILLER HAS GONE TO RUMANIA FOR A "COMBINED BUSINESS AND PLEASURE" TRIP; HE WILL ALSO VISIT HUNGARY. THE SCANTEIA ARTICLE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (DS) NOT ONLY CONTAINS A STRONG PLEA AGAINST ISOLATION FROM THE MAINSTREAM OF WORLD ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, BUT AN EVEN STRONGER DENUNCIATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO EXERT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PRESSURE, ETC., ON OTHER STATES. NATURALLY SUCH EFFORTS -- "WHICH CONTINUE TO EXIST" -- ARE ASCRIBED TO THE "IMPERIALISTS," BUT THE ADDRESSEE IS OBVIOUS.

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6. OTHER: ACCORDING TO TASS ALL BUT ONE OF MONDAY'S CRIMEA MEETING PARTICIPANTS VISITED UNITS OF THE SOVIET BLACK SEA FLEET YESTERDAY. (KADAR LEFT THE USSR SHORTLY AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CRIMEA CONFERENCE TO ATTEND YESTERDAY'S JOINT CC-GOVERNMENT SESSION IN BUDAPEST.) TASS REPORTED THAT "WHEN ON BOARD THE CRUISER 'LENINGRAD' AT SEA, THE GUESTS WATCHED PRACTICE FIRING, THE LAUNCHING OF MISSILES AND OTHER COMBAT EXERCISES DURING WHICH THE NAVY MEN DISPLAYED GREAT SKILL IN HANDLING UP-TO-DATE COMBAT EQUIPMENT." THE REFERENCE TO "COMBAT EXERCISES" COULD IMPLY THAT THE NAVY UNITS INVOLVED WERE CARRYING OUT SOME SORT OF MANEUVERS; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WHOLE AFFAIR COULD HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE NAVAL DISPLAY PUT ON FOR THE BENEFIT OF ATTENDING SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST DIGNITARIES. AT ANY RATE, AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE, ANY SUCH EVENT INEVITABLY TAKES ON A DEMONSTRATIVE CHARACTER.

IN A SHORT COMMENTARY ON THE RECENT SOVIET PROPOSAL TO CALL A CONFERENCE OF THE FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY "NOVOSTI" YESTERDAY "LEAKED OUT" CHINA'S RECENT REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE "NOVOSTI" PIECE IS THE FIRST SOVIET REFERENCE TO THE OFFICIAL CHINESE REACTION. NEITHER "PRAVDA" NOR "IZVESTIYA" SEEM TO HAVE CARRIED NEWS ON PEKING'S REFUSAL, WHICH APPARENTLY CAME IN THE FORM OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DELIVERED TO THE SOVIETS ON JULY 30. OUR FIRST INFORMATION ON THE CHINESE NOTE CAME FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE, WHICH ANNOUNCED LAST MONDAY THAT A COPY OF THE CHINESE NOTE HAD BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE BRITISH CHARGE IN PEKING. "NOVOSTI" ATTACKS CHINA FOR THE LATTER'S ATTEMPT "TO KEEP THE WORLD IN TENSION," AND ADDS: "THE REFUSAL TO ATTEND TALKS OF NUCLEAR POWERS, COUPLED WITH DEMAGOGIC CALLS, SHOWS ONE THING ONLY: PEKING DOES NOT WANT TO PROMOTE THE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR MENACE, AND IS TRYING TO PUT A BRAKE ON THE URGENT AND NECESSARY PROCESS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT."

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RADIO SOFIA REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM HAD EARLIER REJECTED SUDANESE CHARGES OF BULGARIAN INTERFERENCE IN THAT COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE CHARGES LATER LED TO SUDAN'S EXPULSION OF THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR. YESTERDAY, THE NEW SUDANESE FOREIGN MINISTER ONCE MORE ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF WAGING AN UNFAIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIS COUNTRY. IN A STATEMENT THAT OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO BOTH THE SU AND OTHER COUNTRIES, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, "WE DO NOT INTEND TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ANYONE, BUT IF WE ARE COMPELLED TO, WE WILL DO IT." THE FOREIGN MINISTER USED THE SAME OCCASION TO REFER TO CHINA "AS A FRIEND OF THE SUDAN." ALSO YESTERDAY, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO KHARTOUM WAS REPORTED TO HAVE HELD TALKS WITH NUMEIRY. THIS SEEMS TO BE THE FIRST OPEN CHINESE APPROACH TO NUMEIRY SINCE THE COUP AND COUNTER-COUP TOOK PLACE IN THE SUDAN IN JULY. THUS FAR THE CHINESE HAVE ONLY REACTED IN A SHORT NEWS ITEM WHICH, ALTHOUGH RESTRICTED TO THE FACTS, WAS FORMULATED IN A WAY FAVORABLE TO THE NUMEIRY REGIME.

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