

MUNICH
1971 SEP 8OUTGOING CIPHERTO: 

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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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3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.
4. POLAND: NOTHING.
5. RUMANIA: A SCINTEIA ARTICLE OF SEPTEMBER 7 CARRIES THE THIRD RUMANIAN STATEMENT THIS MONTH OPPOSING OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN CP FACTIONAL STRUGGLES. SCINTEIA WROTE THAT IT IS THE "DUTY OF EACH PARTY . . . NOT TO ENCOURAGE THE EXISTENCE OF FACTIONS AND THE FACTIONAL FIGHT IN OTHER PARTIES." SIMILAR STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY CEAUSESCU IN A SPEECH TO A RUMANIAN-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND IN THE RCP-SPANISH CP JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN SCINTEIA ON SEPTEMBER 5. THERE IS STILL NO PROOF OF ANY

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SUCH SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE RCP (ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF IT HAS NOT BEEN TAKING PLACE), WHICH IS NOT THE CASE REGARDING THE JAPANESE AND SPANISH PARTIES, BUT THE INCREASING REFERENCES TO THIS THEME IN THE RUMANIAN PRESS SHOW AT LEAST EXTREME RUMANIAN SENSITIVITY ON THE ISSUE.

ANNELISE SCHULZ IN YESTERDAY'S DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED THAT THE RUMANIANS HAD SHOT DOWN A SOVIET AIR FORCE PLANE WHICH WAS VIOLATING RUMANIAN AIRSPACE EARLIER THIS SUMMER; ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, TOP-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND BUCHAREST SETTLED THE INCIDENT. WE HAVE LISTED FOR BIO, AS WE DID A SIMILAR REPORT IN THE ITALIAN PRESS A FEW DAYS AGO.

6. OTHER: SOVIET HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMACY CONTINUES ITS FEVERISH PACE WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW VISIT BY KOSYGIN, THIS TIME TO CANADA, OF A VISIT BY BRANDT TO MOSCOW (UPON SOVIET INVITATION) AND OF A CALL FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. THE LATTER IS AN OLD SOVIET MANEUVER WHICH THIS TIME MAY BE CALCULATED TO EMBARRASS THE CHINESE. THE TRIP TO CANADA, BESIDES BEING A MOVE WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO TRY TO COUNTER PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO RUMANIA, BY DEMONSTRATING THAT THE SOVIETS CAN PLAY IN WASHINGTON'S BACK YARD, COULD ALSO BE COMBINED WITH POSSIBLE VISITS TO THE UN AND/OR TO WASHINGTON, AS SZULC POINTS OUT IN TODAY'S "NYT." BRANDT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW MIGHT BE AN EFFORT BY THE SOVIETS TO PROBE FOR EVIDENCE OF SOFTNESS IN THE OSTPOLITIK BROUGHT ON BY THE POST-BERLIN AGREEMENT EUPHORIA. BRANDT WILL DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DETENTE AND MBFR, ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN SOURCES. THE WEST GERMAN PRESS COMMENTS ON THE "SUDDENNESS" OF THE VISIT AND REPORTS FROM OTTAWA REMARK THAT KOSYGIN'S JUNKET TO CANADA HAS BEEN "HASTILY SET UP." APPARENTLY THE USSR BELIEVES THAT THE RECENT BERLIN ACCORD HAS IMPROVED ITS IMAGE SUFFICIENTLY AND THAT THE TIME IS RIPE TO TURN THIS TO ITS POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. THE USSR IS CLEARLY ATTEMPTING TO MAKE UP GROUND ON THE CHINESE DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES AND TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN WASHINGTON-PEKING RELATIONS.

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