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TO: DURKEE INFO PETZALL YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 155

1. BULGARIA: A SHORT PAPER IS BEING PREPARED ON SECRETARIAT RESHUFFLE (SEE ITEM SENT DS). IT WILL BE TELEXED.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING
3. HUNGARY: FOCK'S INTERVIEW TO HUNGARIAN JOURNALISTS ON THE COMECON SESSION IS A CAREFULLY WORDED STATEMENT. HE DOES, HOWEVER, IMPLY THE NEED FOR MORE AND FASTER PROGRESS TOWARD CONVERTIBILITY AND "A FOREIGN TRADE PRICE SYSTEM" -- TO WHICH THE COMECON COMMUNIQUE DID NOT REFER IN ANY MEANINGFUL SENSE -- AND HAS A CRYPTIC REFERENCE TO THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION HAVING CHANGED FROM A YEAR AGO. THE MTI REPORT OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT GIVE HIS FULL REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS INDIRECTLY CALLING FOR A MORE ARTICULATE POLICY WITH REGARD TO AN EXPANDED EEC.

IN ANOTHER REPORT MTI REFERS TO A STATEMENT BY PETER TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE RECENT VISIT OF CHNOUPEK TO BUDAPEST. PETER SAID THAT THE TWO MINISTERS HAD AGREED THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS COULD BE DEVELOPED FURTHER AND THAT MORE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION WAS NECESSARY. THIS LAST REFERENCE MAY BE AN ALLUSION TO THE KNOWN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THESE SUBJECTS. IT MAY ALSO REFER TO AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AFFECTING THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN SLOVAKIA: THAT OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITY AT HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITIES.

4. POLAND: NOTHING

5. RUMANIA: THE DPA STORY ABOUT THE STEPS TAKEN AGAINST THE SIX WRITERS (SEE ITEM SENT DS) CONFIRMS THE ANSA STORY, WHICH WE CARRIED IN NEWS ON TUESDAY.

NOTE THE ITEM SENT DS ABOUT THE HITCH IN THE RUMANIAN - WEST GERMAN EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT. THE RUMANIAN ATTITUDE ON THE INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN RECALLS THE RECENT INCIDENT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF A RUMANIAN BOXING TEAM FROM A TOURNAMENT THERE. ONCE AGAIN, THEREFORE, THE QUESTION IS RAISED WHETHER THIS IS ANOTHER SYMPTOM OF A CERTAIN RUMANIAN PIQUE WITH WEST GERMANY.

6. OTHER: NOTHING

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