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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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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 212

1. BULGARIA: THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION AROSE AGAIN AT A JOINT YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN BORDER RALLY IN THE TOWN OF SANDANSKI ON SEPTEMBER 12. A YUGOSLAV PRESS SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY PROTESTED THE DISTRIBUTION AT THE RALLY OF A PAMPHLET DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF THE MACEDONIAN NATION (DS). THE BULGARIAN BD WILL NOT COMMENT.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: AN INTERVIEW WITH SMRKOVSKY APPEARED YESTERDAY IN THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST WEEKLY GIORNI-VIE NOUVE. SEE ROBERTIELLO (DS) AND PAUL HOFFMAN IN TODAY'S NYT. OTHER WESTERN PICK-UP WE HAVE NOTED SO FAR IS YESTERDAY'S AVANTI WHICH CARRIED THE FULL TEXT AND TODAY'S LE MONDE WHICH HAS EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS. BROADCAST OF FULL TEXT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED. BDS WILL ALSO PROGRAM ON THE EXTENT OF WESTERN PRESS PICK-UP. IN OUR VIEW, EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BY US CANNOT INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY OF SMRKOVSKY'S POSITION. ON THE CONTRARY, MAXIMUM PUBLICITY IN EAST EUROPE FOR THE PCI'S SUPPORT OF SMRKOVSKY MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL FOR HIM. SMRKOVSKY UNDOUBTEDLY KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING AND THINKS IT WORTH ANY POSSIBLE RISK.

A TWO-DAY CC PLENUM ENDED LAST NIGHT WITH NO DEVELOPMENTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST REVEALED, AT LEAST THUS FAR. SEE RADIO HVEZDA REPORT (DS).

3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.

4. POLAND: NOTHING.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

END MSG