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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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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 275

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: DOGMATIST JAN JANIK WAS REPLACED YESTERDAY AS CP LEADER OF BRATISLAVA (DS). HIS NEW POSITION WAS NOT ANNOUNCED, AND HIS SUCCESSOR GEJZA SLAPKA HAS NO CLEAR POLITICAL PROFILE. ALTHOUGH JANIK MAY RECEIVE ANOTHER HIGH POSITION, IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY THAT HIS REMOVAL FROM A KEY POST IN THE SLOVAK CP IS ANOTHER MOVE BY HUSAK TO STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION AND, IN THIS CASE, TO WEAKEN THAT OF BILAK.

3. HUNGARY: GOSZTONYI, REPLACED AT THE CONGRESS AS CHIEF EDITOR OF NEPSZABADSAG, WAS GIVEN ANOTHER PROMINENT POSITION YESTERDAY, THAT OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

4. POLAND: THE DATE OF BRANDT'S TRIP TO WARSAW (CF. DS'S RE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION ET AL) MAY WELL BE DETERMINED BY THE AS YET UNKNOWN DATE OF THE WARSAW PACT SUMMIT IN EAST BERLIN WHICH BOTH BOMULKA AND CYRANKIEWICZ SHOULD ATTEND. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST SEVERAL ARTICLES ON NAZI ATROCITIES, NAZI MENTALITY, ETC., IN THE "MOCZAR PRESS," I.E., PRAVO I ZYCIE AND ZYCIE LITERACKIE. THESE ARTICLES DO NOT MENTION THE BONN-WARSAW TREATY, BUT THEIR STRATEGEM OF TRYING TO EXPLOIT DISSATISFACTION WITH GOMULKA'S GERMAN POLICY SEEMS CLEAR.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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6. OTHER: REUTER REPORTS THAT BREZHNEV IS TRAVELLING TO EAST BERLIN TODAY BUT AS YET THERE IS NO DEFINITE DATE AS TO THE WARSAW PACT SUMMIT MEETING. THIS POSES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SOVIET LEADER WILL MEET FIRST WITH EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES. SIGNALS COMING LARGELY FROM BERLIN REPORT THAT ULBRICHT'S RELUCTANCE TO MOVE TOWARD DETENTE WITH BONN IS IN CONTRAST TO THE "POSITIVE TONE" OF BREZHNEV'S YEREVAN REMARKS ON BERLIN (CF. DR. NO. 274) AND THAT SOVIET-EAST GERMAN DIFFERENCES ARE SERIOUS. GOSKHO IN THE "WASH POST" REPORTS THAT THE AUTOBAHN SLOWDOWN MAY BE CONNECTED WITH A "WIDENING RIFT" WITHIN THE SOVIET BLOC OVER BRANDT'S RAPPROCHEMENT OVERTURES; REUTER REPORTS THAT THE GDR CONSIDERS THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IS MOVING TOO FAST; "DER SPIEGEL" STATES THAT THE HARD SOVIET POSITION IN NEGOTIATIONS IS DUE TO DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING WITH ULBRICHT WHO CRITICIZED SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY ESOTERICALLY IN HIS 13 NOVEMBER SPEECH; THE "NYT" ALSO REPORTS THIS AND STATES THAT BOTH THE GROMYKO VISIT TO THE GDR OF 25 NOVEMBER AND THE COMING PACT SUMMIT ARE TO PRESSURE ULBRICHT INTO LINE. THE "NYT" AND THE FINNISH "HELSINGIN SANOMAT" REPORT ON DIVISIONS WITHIN THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, THE FORMER ARTICLE STATING THAT ULBRICHT FEELS HE HAS SUPPORT IN THE SOVIET POLITBUREAU FOR A CONFRONTATION WITH BREZHNEV, THE LATTER ARTICLE OBSERVES THAT NO POSITION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN BY MOSCOW AND THAT ANTI-DETENTE FORCES IN THE KREMLIN MAY BE SUPPORTING ULBRICHT. OTHER ARTICLES FROM THE WESTERN PRESS BELIEVE THAT WHILE THERE PROBABLY ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GDR AND MOSCOW ON HOW TO APPROACH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THE MEETINGS WITH THE SOVIETS ARE PROBABLY FOR PURPOSES OF COORDINATION; THAT THE EAST GERMANS ARE IN NO POSITION TO OFFER SERIOUS RESISTANCE TO SOVIET POLICIES; THAT THE AUTOBAHN HARRASSMENT HAD THE TACIT APPROVAL OF THE USSR AND THAT BREZHNEV'S "VAGUELY OPTIMISTIC" NOISES ON A WEST BERLIN SOLUTION ARE MEANINGLESS IN VIEW OF THE SOVIETS' HARD LINE STAND ON BERLIN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MANY OF THE MORE EXTREME ASSESSMENTS OF MOSCOW-PANKOW DIFFERENCES COME FROM EAST BERLIN OR COMMUNIST SOURCES AND THUS MAY BE A NEGOTIATING

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TACTIC ON THE PART OF THE EAST. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PANKOW AND MOSCOW ARE PLAYING TWO DIFFERENT ROLES IN THE SAME GAME.

THE SOLZHENITSYN LETTER TO THE SWEDISH ACADEMY IS NOW IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND IS THE MOST VALUABLE PIECE ON THE AFFAIR. THE PRESSURE AND THREATS THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER HAS SUFFERED FROM THE REGIME FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT ARE CLEAR FROM THE TEXT.

RADIO ZAGREB REPORTS THAT EAST EUROPEAN AND MONGOLIAN DELEGATIONS WALKED OUT OF THE ALBANIAN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS IN PEKING WHEN THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR ATTACKED "MODERN REVISION HEADED BY SOVIET REVISIONISM." AFP REPORTS THAT THE YUGOSLAV AND RUMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES REMAINED AT THE RECEPTION.

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