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5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

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GROMYKO'S VISIT TO INDIA, WHICH BEGAN SUNDAY, HAS RESULTED IN THE SIGNING OF A "TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, PEACE AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES EARLIER TODAY. ACCORDING TO NEWS AGENCIES, THE TREATY PROVIDES FOR "CONSULTATION" IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK ON EITHER OF THE SIGNATORIES BY A THIRD PARTY. IT ALSO INCLUDES A PROVISION FOR BANNING DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ANY COUNTRY THAT COMMITS "AGGRESSION" AGAINST EITHER OF THE SIGNATORIES. FROM THE ABOVE PROVISIONS IT APPEARS THAT THE NEW TREATY FALLS SHORT OF COMMITTING EITHER OF THE PARTIES TO INTERVENE MILITARILY ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER PARTY, SHOULD THAT PARTY BE SUBJECT TO "AGGRESSION."

THE TREATY OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN PROMPTED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN-INDIAN RELATIONS. MOSCOW IS CLEARLY TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH INDIA AT A TIME WHEN THAT COUNTRY FEELS ISOLATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. INDIAN OFFICIALS LATELY HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH CONTINUING US SHIPMENTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN. CHINA, AS OPPOSED TO THE SOVIET UNION, HAS BEEN SUPPORTING YAHYA KHAN IN HIS TROUBLES WITH EAST PAKISTAN. PEKING MEDIA HAVE CARRIED A NUMBER OF SHARP ATTACKS ON INDIA, CHARGING THAT COUNTRY OF HARBORING AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST PAKISTAN. WE REPORT ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BASIS OF WESTERN PRESS MATERIAL.

OVER THE WEEKEND TWO WESTERN PAPERS, THE WASH POST AND NYT, CARRIED REPORTS SPECULATING ON A FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. BOTH REPORTS, BASED ON BELGRADE SOURCES, MAINTAIN THAT BREZHNEV WILL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN SEPTEMBER. WE NOTE THAT THE FIRST SUCH SPECULATIONS APPEARED SOME TWO WEEKS AGO, AS A RESULT OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH TITO. CONSIDERING THE CURRENT LOW STATE OF MOSCOW-BELGRADE RELATIONS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED BY THE VISIT. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TITO, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO SEE NIXON IN OCTOBER, CONSIDERS THIS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH BOTH WORLD POWERS. WHILE IT COULD CERTAINLY HEIGHTEN TITO'S PRESTIGE AS A STATESMAN, NO ONE BELIEVES THAT A BREZHNEV VISIT COULD LEAD TO ANY SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, LEAST OF ALL ON THE PARTY LEVEL.

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