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REUR NYC 23 OF 6 AUGUST. WE ARE RATHER INCLINED TO THINK THAT THE HUNGARIAN REGIME IS GOING TO BE A BIT SHY OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION. ALMOST ANYTHING THEY MAY CHOOSE TO DO IS GOING TO HAVE QUITE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT UPON THE POPULATION. HOWEVER, WE WILL WATCH FOR ANY INDICATIONS OF ANY MOVES WHATSOEVER AND KEEP YOU INFORMED. ONE MOVE MIGHT ALREADY HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE FORM OF A SERIES OF RADIO BUDAPEST BROADCASTS WHICH BEGIN AUGUST FIFTH ON THE SUBJECT OF "CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM". BUDAPEST HAD INDICATED THE FRIDAY PROGRAM WAS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL DEVOTED TO FE/RFE HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES. THIS COULD BE PART OF A PRE-EMPTIVE EFFORT TO DISCREDIT US IN THIS ANNIVERSARY YEAR. YOU MAY ALSO HAVE NOTED THAT BUDAPEST TELEVISION CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH TWO DEFECTORS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH METZ AND ALEXANDER. STRONGLY RECOMMEND CAREFUL READING OF JIM BROWN'S PAPER ISSUED HERE TODAY ON "HUNGARY'S RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION SINCE THE FALL OF KHRUSHCHEV". THIS PUTS TOGETHER OUR THINKING ON SOME OF THE NEGATIVE TRENDS WHICH WE FEEL HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING IN HUNGARY, PARTICULARLY OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST YEAR.

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