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FURTHER ON HUNGARIAN QUESTION BEFORE UN, REFERENCE OUR NYC
56 SEPT 8,

FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WAS MADE TODAY BY A WELL-INFORMED
MEMBER OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE UN:

THE US STRATEGY ON THE HUNGARIAN ITEM CONTINUES TO VACILLATE
BETWEEN THE "STRAIGHT-FORWARD" AND "PRAGMATIC" APPROACH.
IT IS REPORTED THAT THE DELEGATION'S POLITICAL ADVISERS
ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO BASIC SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT. ONE FEELS
THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE, FOR THE PRINCIPLE AND US PRESTIGE IF
NOTHING ELSE, TO INSIST ON FULL-FLEDGED ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION
OF THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION EVEN, AS EXPECTED, THE END RESULT
WILL YIELD NO POLITICAL GAIN. THE OTHER GROUP FEELS THAT
THIS UNPOPULAR APPROACH IS LIKELY TO SPEED UP THE NATURAL
ATTRITION OF THE ITEM WITH MINIMUM POLITICAL ADVANTAGES FOR
THE FREE WORLD AND THE HUNGARIANS AS WELL. THIS GROUP
THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT THE ITEM BE DROPPED THIS YEAR FROM
THE OFFICIAL ROSTRUM OF AGENDA ITEMS BUT BE USED IN ALL
DEBATES IN ALL COMMITTEES WHENEVER THE QUESTION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS, SELF-DETERMINATION OR COLONIALISM COMES UP,
NOMINALLY OR BY WAY OF COMMUNIST CHARGES.

NO DECISION AS TO WHICH OF THE TWO APPROACHES WILL BE
EMPLOYED HAS BEEN REACHED THUS FAR. AS INDICATED IN THE
PREVIOUS MEMO, THE FINAL DECISION MAY BE INFLUENCED BY
OUTSIDE FACTORS, STRATEGY AND TIMING IN RELATIONS TO OTHER
ITEMS BEFORE THE UN.
END MSG.