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RE GORNICKI. YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A REPORT FROM PETZALL  
IN NYC 97 OF JULY 21 67 ON FAREWELL PARTY AT UN WHICH TOOK  
PLACE THURSDAY 20TH JULY.

BEFORE PARTY TOOK PLACE BEN TOLD ME THE FOLLOWING AFTER LUNCHEON  
MEETING WITH GORNICKI. BEN IS INSISTING ON THE CONFIDENTIAL  
CHARACTER OF THE WHOLE STORY AS TOLD BY THE PAP CORRESPONDENT.

GORNICKI CONFIRMED THAT HE IS IN TROUBLE WITH HIGH REGIME  
QUARTERS BECAUSE OF THE STAND HE TOOK ON THE ISRAELI-ARAB  
CONFLICT. HE DID NOT DENY AS HE DID IN HIS TALK TO  
BODENSKI (ON JULY 11TH) THAT HIS REASSIGNMENT TO WARSAW WAS THE  
RESULT OF THE REGIME'S DISPLEASURE AND HE GAVE BEN QUITE A FEW  
DETAILS.

IT APPEARS THAT THERE WAS NO NEED OF A "LEAKAGE" IN WARSAW  
TO INFORM THE HIGHEST REGIME CIRCLES OF GORNICKI'S REFUSAL  
TO COVER THE MIDEAST CONFLICT FOR THE DAILY "ZYCIE WARSZAWY".  
HIS REFUSAL WAS SENT TO THE EDITOR OF THE PAPER NOT BY LETTER  
BUT BY CLEAR, OPEN "TELEX" (TO USE BEN'S EXPRESSION).  
GORNICKI WAS REPLYING TO A TELEGRAM BY EDITOR KOROTYNSKI WHO  
WANTED HIM TO COVER THE MIDEAST CONFLICT FOR "ZYCIE WARSZAWY".

STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND - GORNICKI IN THIS OPEN "TELEX"  
SPELLED OUT ALL HIS REASONS FOR REFUSING AND STRONGLY CRITICIZED  
REGIME'S ANTI-ISRAELI STAND. WITHOUT ANY BEATING AROUND THE  
BUSH HE CALLED IT I.A. "IMMORAL" ETC.  
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SUCH AT LEAST IS BEN'S VERSION.

SINCE ALL INCOMING TELEGRAMS FROM THE US ARE AUTOMATICALLY  
SENT TO A SPECIAL WARSAW OFFICE CONTROLLING THEIR CONTENT-  
THERE WAS NO NEED OF A LEAKAGE AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
IN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WERE DULY INFORMED OF GORNICKI'S  
CRITICAL ATTITUDE.

KOROTYNSKI IN REPLY TO HIS MESSAGE SENT ANOTHER CABLE URGING  
RESTRAINT. REGIME'S AMBASSADOR THE UN TOMOROWICZ CALLED  
GORNICKI AND REPRIMANDED HIM "(OBSZATORCOWAL)" FOR THE STAND  
TAKEN AND FOR THE FOLLY ("SZALENSTWO") OF HAVING USED THE OPEN,  
CLEAR "TELEX TO CONVEY HIS THINKING TO WARSAW.

CYRANKIEWICZ ALSO TALKED TO GORNICKI EXPRESSING HIS SHOCKED  
FEELINGS. HE STRESSED THE CONFIDENCE GORNICKI HAD ENJOYED AND  
HIS JOURNALISTIC PROMINENCE SINCE HE HAD BEEN PUBLICLY PRAISED  
AND SINGLED OUT AS ONE OF THE EIGHT BEST NEWSPAPERMEN IN POLAND.  
THE MORE SURPRISING WAS FOR CYRANKIEWICZ THE ATTITUDE HE WAS  
TAKING IN MESSAGES EXCHANGED WITH "ZYCIE WARSZAWY". ALTHOUGH  
CYRANKIEWICZ UNDOUBTEDLY DRESSED HIM DOWN- HE ONLY APPEALED  
TO GORNICKI'S BETTER JUDGMENT AND URGED HIM TO AVOID SIMILAR  
INCIDENTS. HE NEITHER THREATENED HIM NOR WAS THERE ANY MENTION  
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THE PAP CORRESPONDENT WAS SOON AFTER ADVISED BY PAP WARSAW HEADQUARTERS THAT HIS PREVIOUSLY AGREED RECALL FROM NEW YORK AT YEARS END- HAS TO TAKE PLACE NOW ON JULY 31ST. THIS WAS MANDATORY BECAUSE OF THE ALLEGED SPEEDING UP OF AN ASSIGNMENT ROTATION PLAN FOR PAP CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING SOME NEWCOMERS.

THE PAP MESSAGE FROM WARSAW WAS NEITHER SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR NOR BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR- BUT BY A RATHER OBSCURE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WASILEWSKI, A SIGN OF EVIDENT DISPLEASURE.

GORNICKI PROTESTED THE SHORT NOTICE AND HE WAS GRANTED AN EXTENSION UNTIL AUGUST 15TH. HE THEN TAKES HIS VACATION IN WESTERN EUROPE AND WILL NOT BE BACK IN WARSAW BEFORE SEPTEMBER. (MORE)

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MEANWHILE HE LEARNED THAT AFTER HIS "TELEX" MESSAGE TO KOROTYNSKI HIS CASE WAS DISCUSSED IN THE POLITBUREAU OF THE PUWP IN WARSAW WHICH HAD BEEN ALARMED BY HIS DEFIANT STAND ON THE ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT. HE FEELS THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS DISCUSSION PAP DID SPEED UP HIS TRANSFER FROM THE NYORK POST TO WARSAW, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT PROVE IT.

GORNICKI MUST HAVE TRIED TO ENLIST SOME SUPPORT FOR HIS STAND- BECAUSE - BEN TELLS ME THAT ZYGMUNT BRONIAREK WASHINGTON

CORRESPONDENT OF "TRYBUNA LUDU", THE WASHINGTON PAP CORRESPONDENT AND THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE POLISH RADIO AT THE UN /JANISZEWSKI/ SIGNED A PAPER EXPRESSING THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH GORNICKI. THE RESULT OF THIS LIMITED "REVOLUTION" IS THAT BRONIAREK HAS BEEN (FOR THE SECOND TIME AND DEFINITELY) RECALLED TO WARSAW WITH A 31 JULY DEADLINE. HIS TWO CO-SIGNERS HAVE BEEN SO FAR UNMOLESTED.

THIS POINT (BRONIAREK) IS YET ALLEGEDLY UNKNOWN AND BEN INSISTS IT SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED SINCE THIS COULD IMMEDIATELY INDICATE THE SOURCE (HIMSELF AND GORNICKI)

MY FEELING IS THE RECALL OF BRONIAREK CANNOT LONG REMAIN SECRET.

WHEN ASKED BY BEN WHAT HE NOW THOUGHT OF THE WHOLE AFFAIR- GORNICKI TOLD HIM HE DID NOT CHANGE HIS OPINION ON THE WRONG POLICY OF THE REGIME IN THE MIDEAST CRISIS BUT HE FEELS HE SHOULD NOT HAVE EXPRESSED HIS CRITICISM IN AN OPEN TELEGRAM. THIS WAS A MISTAKE.

HE ALSO TOLD BEN THAT ADAM RAPACKI KNOWN AS A RATHER LIBERAL MEMBER OF THE WARSAW GOVERNMENT HELD A POLITICAL BRIEFING SESSION FOR REGIME PERSONNEL IN NYORK. IT WAS REMARKABLE BY ITS "STRONG LINE" REMINISCENT OF THE MOSCOW CLICHES. RAPACKI SPOKE IN A WARNING TONE STRESSING THE "FULL OFFENSIVE OF IMPERIALISM" WHICH ALLEGEDLY IS NOW TAKING PLACE ALL OVER THE WORLD AND QUOTING VIETNAM ISRAEL, GREECE AND THREATS TO CUBA AS INSTANCES OF A BIG ANTI-COMMUNIST PLAN BEING IMPLEMENTED UNDER AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT OPENLY CRITICIZE RAPACKI'S EXERCISE IN US AND WESTERN E DMOLOGY- BEN WAS LEFT UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT TO GORNICKI THIS APPROACH SEEMED A RATHER SIMPLICIST (MORE)

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AND UNCONVINCING EVALUATION OF CURRENT WORLD AFFAIRS.

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WHEN IN EGYPT GORNICKI WAS INVITED WITH OTHER JOURNALISTS TO THE SITE OF ASSUAN DAM WHERE THEY ATTENDED SOME CEREMONY ORGANIZED BY UAR AUTHORITIES. THERE WERE AT THAT TIME SOME 3000 /THREE THOUSAND/ RUSSIAN ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS AND OTHERS ENGAGED IN THE DAM BUILDING BUSINESS.

RUSSIAN JOURNALISTS WERE TO DISCOVER THAT NASSER HAD DEFIANTLY SET UP A CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DAM AND ALL ITS RUSSIANS HELPING TO BUILD HIS BRAND OF ARAB SOCIALISM. CONDITIONS IN THE CAMP WERE APPALLING AND THE INMATES DEATH RATE VERY HIGH. THE RUSSIANS WHO WERE UNDER ORDERS TO BEFRIEND EGYPTIANS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO PROTEST. GORNICKI WAS ASKED BY SOME OF THE SOVIET JOURNALIST TO DESCRIBE THE INHUMAN TREATMENT OF EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS BY NASSER IN AN ARTICLE FOR THE MOSCOW PERIODICAL "NOVOYE VREMYA" /"NEW TIMES"/. HE DID IT AND ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CRITICISM IN THE BOOK HE WROTE ON HIS MIDEAST TRIP /HE FINISHED IT IN NYORK 4 YEARS AGO/. BEN TELLS ME THAT INSPITE OF SUPPORT BY STAREWICZ GORNICKI'S STORY ON THE NASSER CONCENTRATION CAMP CAUSED SUCH PROBLEMS WITH THE WARSAW CENSORS THAT THE BOOK NEVER APPEARED. IN PRINT. NEITHER DID HIS ARTICLE IN THE MOSCOW PERIODICAL.

GORNICKI'S DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CENSORSHIP MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE 4 OR 5 YEARS AGO. THE VERSION TOLD BY BEN DIFFERS FROM BODENSKI'S, SINCE ACCORDING TO THE LATTER GORNICKI'S BOOK - AFTER DELETIONS AND CHANGES WAS FINALLY PUBLISHED IN WARSAW.

A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN GORNICKI'S LIFE AT THIS STAGE SEEMS TO PLAY A "MERCEDES" CAR HE BOUGHT IN GERMANY AND IS ABOUT TO BE DELIVERED IN NYORK. HE HAS TOLD ALL HIS FRIENDS ABOUT IT AND NOW HE SAVED SOME 4.000 DOLLARS TO AFFORD IT. HE PLANS TO TAKE IT BACK TO EUROPE AND ENJOY DRIVING IT DURING HIS VACATION. IN POLAND HE WILL EVENTUALLY SELL THE MERCEDES WHICH AS HE THINKS CAN NET HIM HALF A MILLION ZLOTYS. THIS WOULD ENABLE HIM TO SWITCH FROM A HARD DAY TO DAY JOURNALISTIC WORK TO PURSUITS OF A MORE LITERARY KIND AND TO  
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TAKE IT EASY WRITING AT HIS LEASURE FOR A WEEKLY OR OTHER PERIODICAL.

THIS STORY HAS BEEN TOLD TO ME BY BEN, BODENSKI AND ENDRST. IF TRUE /AND I BELIEVE IT/ THE MERCEDES STORY WOULD BE ONE MORE PROOF OF THE CAPITALIST MENTALITY ENDANGERING THE IDEOLOGICAL PURITY OF SOME OF THE MOST TALENTED YOUNG POLES WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE COMMUNIST.

I SHALL SEND YOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GORNICKI IF AND WHEN AVAILABLE. I AM EXPECTING SOME FROM HIS UN COLLEAGUE REPRESENTING THE POLISH RADIO WHO KNOWS PERHAPS MORE ON THE GORNICKI AFFAIR THAN ANYBODY ELSE. HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR RELIABLE STRINGER.  
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