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AS YOU ARE AWARE, A TRIAL BEGAN IN PRAGUE ON 3 JULY. AMONG THE DEFENDANTS IS PAUL TIGRID, WHO IS ACCUSED OF HIGH TREASON AND ESPIONAGE. TIGRID TELLS ME THAT ON JUNE 30 HE RECEIVED A 26-PAGE INDICTMENT FROM PRAGUE, SOME THREE QUARTERS OF WHICH IS DEVOTED TO HIS ACTIVITIES WHEN EMPLOYED BY RFE IN MUNICH (HE IS SENDING A COPY OF THIS INDICTMENT, WHICH WILL BE TRANSLATED HERE). TIGRID SO FAR HAS SENT WORD TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK COURT THAT AS HE IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER HIM. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN BUT ONE BRIEF MENTION OF THE TRIAL BY PRAGUE, AND WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH PUBLICITY THE REGIME INTENDS TO GIVE THE AFFAIR. TIGRID ALSO HAS A LIST OF WITNESSES WHO ARE EXPECTED TO APPEAR DURING THE COURT PROCEEDINGS. A NUMBER OF THEM WERE FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH RFE.

SOME OF THE PURPOSES THE REGIME MAY HOPE TO SERVE BY HOLDING THIS TRIAL ARE GENERALLY TO INTIMIDATE THE CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY, TO INHIBIT CONTACTS WITH WESTERNERS, AND EVIDENTLY TO TRY TO UNDERMINE RFE'S CREDIBILITY.

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