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TO: DURKEE INFO YARROW HOVEY DUNNING KAUFMANN REYMAN  
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON  
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 230

1. BULGARIA: RADIO SOFIA ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT AN ECONOMIC DELEGATION HEADED BY POLITBURO MEMBER PENCHO KUBADINSKI HAD LEFT FOR PYONGYANG. IT IS NOT SAID WHETHER IT WILL CALL IN AT PEKING DURING THE JOURNEY BUT, ACCORDING TO PRIVATE INFORMATION, THE BULGARIANS AS WELL AS THE OTHER EAST EUROPEANS HAVE BEEN URGED BY MOSCOW TO DO EVERYTHING THAT IS DEEMED FEASIBLE TO IMPROVE STATE RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AND CHINA.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE STROUGAL TV INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ANYONE EXPECTING AN OUTLINE OF FUTURE GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE EXCERPTS AVAILABLE INDICATE THAT IT WAS MAINLY AN OPTIMISTIC REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ORTHODOX STATEMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY WHICH REPEATED PRAGUE'S READINESS TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH BONN. THERE WAS LITTLE REPORTED ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND WHAT THERE WAS SEEMED IN CONFORMITY WITH HUSAK'S RELATIVE MODERATION.

3. HUNGARY: THE CURRENT TARSADALMI SZEMLE CARRIES AN ARTICLE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY IN GENERAL AND RELATIONS WITH BONN IN PARTICULAR. THE MTI SHORT VERSION, WHICH IS ALL THAT IS AVAILABLE SO FAR, HAS THE FRANKNESS TO IMPLY THAT ONE OF THE MOTIVES OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE IS THE DIMINUTION OF US INFLUENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE.

4. POLAND: MACHEJEK HAS ANOTHER ARTICLE ON RELATIONS WITH BONN, THIS TIME IN THE ORGAN OF ZBOWID ZA WOLNOSC I LUD. THE THEME IS THE SAME AS IN HIS ZYCIE LITERACIE: THAT THE POLISH-WEST GERMAN TREATY MUST HAVE A SPECIFICALLY POLISH CHARACTER REGARDLESS OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAID IN THE TREATY BETWEEN MOSCOW AND BONN.

CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI IS TO TRAVEL TO ROME TOMORROW.

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CLEARLY THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS TO TRY TO MOVE THE VATICAN ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DIOCESES IN THE WESTERN TERRITORIES. FOR THE CARDINAL THE MATTER IS URGENT IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING TREATY WHICH THE POLISH STATE IS EXPECTED TO SIGN WITH BONN. IN THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE IN POLAND HE MUST FEEL THAT THE CHURCH SHOULD ACHIEVE SOMETHING IN THE CONTEXT OF RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY SO THAT, IF A "SATISFACTORY" TREATY IS SIGNED BETWEEN WARSAW AND BONN, THE STATE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CLAIM ALL THE PROPAGANDA AND POLITICAL CREDIT. WHETHER THE VATICAN WILL OBLIGE HIM SEEMS DOUBTFUL.

5. RUMANIA: DOUBT STILL CONTINUES ABOUT THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE TROOPS RUMANIA HAS SENT TO THE WARSAW PACT EXERCISES IN THE GDR WHICH HAVE STILL NOT STARTED. WHILE THE EAST GERMANS AND THE SOVIETS SEEK TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RUMANIAN TROOPS ARE LINE TROOPS, RELIABLE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE NOT.

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6. OTHER: ON THE SELECTION OF SOLZHENITSYN AS THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER IN LITERATURE FOR 1970 CAA IS ISSUING A PAPER FOR USE TODAY AND WE ARE ISSUING A GUIDANCE ON THE EVENT.

THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE BERLIN TALKS OPENS TODAY AND ABRASSIMOV YESTERDAY PAID A CALL ON ULRICHT TO INFORM HIM OF HIS TALKS WITH SCHUETZ. ONE OF THE COMPLICATED ITEMS IN THE BERLIN QUADRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN THE PROBLEM OF WEST GERMAN PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN. THIS ISSUE WAS MADE NO LESS DIFFICULT FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON BY THE AIRING OF AN ALLENSBACH POLL ON THE PROGRAM "MAGAZIN" ON SECOND GERMAN TV WEDNESDAY NIGHT (CF DS). ACCORDING TO THIS POLL 85 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED STATED, "WE HAVE A RIGHT TO REGARD WEST BERLIN AS PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC." (1)

OTHER EVENTS ARE ALSO MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE COALITION. THE ZOGLMANN DEFECTION (CF. DR. NO. 228 AND YESTERDAY'S DE WITT PIECE SENT DS) HAS TRIGGERED TWO MORE DEFECTIONS FROM THE FDP RANKS IN THE BUNDESTAG FRAKTION. BUNDESTAG MEMBERS STARKE AND MENDE ARE RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE GONE OVER TO THE OPPOSITION; THE FORMER TO THE CSU, GETTING THE DISTRICT OF BEYREUTH, AND THE LATTER TO THE CDU, GETTING THE DISTRICT OF MARGURG. IN ADDITION, OTHER DEFECTIONS ARE RUMORED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL. THE PRESENT BUNDESTAG MAJORITY IS HENCE CUT FROM 12 TO 6. ALSO, THESE DEFECTIONS HAVE STIRRED REVOLTS IN THE LAENDER GOVERNMENTS OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN AND NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN. CLEARLY NEITHER REASSURANCES BY MISHNIK AND SCHEEL YESTERDAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE DEFECTIONS HAVE CONVINCED ANYBODY. THE FDP MEMBERS ARE NOW SEEKING REFUGE WHERE THEY ARE ABLE AND LOOKING OUT FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL FORTUNES.

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WHILE THE RECEPTION OF THE NIXON PEACE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE, EASTERN EUROPE AND NORTH VIETNAM ARE RESPONDING NEGATIVELY (CF DS'ES). RADIO ZAGREB'S SUNDIC, HOWEVER, WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN AS "REALLY IMPORTANT" AND A "STEP FORWARD." NIXON HAS APPEALED TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR SUPPORT (PROBABLY IN VAIN) AND BD'S HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO CARRY THIS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF PEACE.

TITO WILL SEE BOTH BRANDT AND POMPIDOU IT HAS BEEN LEARNED OFFICIALLY.

THE WELLS NYT PIECE ON US-ISRAELI COLLABORATION TO PREVENT A WORSENING OF A CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFUSES TO COMMENT ON IT, SEEMS TO US TO HAVE THE AURA OF FACT. IT MAY BE VERY MUCH LIKE THE "CHICAGO SUN-TIMES" LEAK OF THE PRESIDENT'S THREAT TO TAKE ACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH THE WELLS PIECE STATES THE PRESIDENT WAS HAPPY TO HAVE LEAKED. WE HAVE MARKED IT FOR CLEAR ATTRIBUTION. IT IS, IN ADDITION, A GOOD STORY AND WILL NO DOUBT MAKE NEWS SO THAT WE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO REPORT IT.

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