

RADIO FREE EUROPE  
MUNICH

OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE

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

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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.
3. HUNGARY: NOTHING.
4. POLAND: NOTHING.
5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: FIRST EAST EUROPEAN REACTIONS TO THE MOSCOW-BONN TREATY--RADIO AND PRESS COMMENTARIES (CF. DS)--ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, HAILING THE DOCUMENT AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN DETENTE. ON THE WHOLE, THE COMMENTARIES POINTED OUT THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL CERTAINLY PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE TREATY "COULD REPRESENT A NEW ERA FOR THE WHOLE CONTINENT" (RADIO BUDAPEST). IN ADDITION, POLISH, CZECHOSLOVAK AND HUNGARIAN MEDIA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL EASE FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN BONN AND EAST EUROPE AS WELL. ACCORDING TO DE WITT SPECIAL (DS), THE CDU OPPOSITION WILL NOT TAKE A STAND UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK. IN A TV INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT (DS) KIESINGER STRESSED THAT THE TREATY SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED PRIOR TO PROGRESS ON BERLIN. THE SPD-FDP CLEARLY INTENDS TO SIGN THE TREATY VERY SOON, TYING PROGRESS ON BERLIN ONLY TO RATIFICATION.

YESTERDAY BOTH TITO AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CALLED FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND ALBANIA. (DS) THE GREEK SPOKESMAN MENTIONED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS A DISTANT POSSIBILITY.

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