

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/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: HUSAK APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING HIS LINE OF RECONCILIATION WITH THE INTELLIGENTSIA IN SPITE OF HIGH-LEVEL CS EFFORTS TO THE CONTRARY (CF. YESTERDAY'S DR). CS TV LAST NIGHT REPORTED REMARKS OF HUSAK MADE DURING HIS 14-15 OCTOBER VISIT TO NORTHERN BOHEMIA. HUSAK STRESSED THAT "WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT EXPERTS" AND SAID IT WAS UNTHINKABLE TO SEND A DOCTOR OR ENGINEER TO MANUAL WORK EVEN IF THEY WERE STILL POLITICALLY MISTAKEN.

RADIO PRAGUE LAST NIGHT REACHED A NEW LOW IN TASTELINESS WHEN IT RIDICULED WESTERN PRESS REPORTS ON THE TRIAL OF CS INTELLECTUALS AND ITS SUBSEQUENT POSTPONEMENT (DS). THE COMMENTATOR WAS ONE ROHACEK, THE LAST REMAINING SURVIVOR OF THE JANIK-PRIBRAMSKY TYPES. BD TONIGHT WILL ASK IF THE BROADCAST MEANT TO SAY THE TRIAL HAD NEVER BEEN PLANNED AND WILL NEVER TAKE PLACE.

CS MEDIA HAVE NOT COMMENTED YET ON VON ALTEN'S VISIT (CF DEWITT SPECIAL-DS-FOR NON-COMMITAL STATEMENT BY AHLERS YESTERDAY ON THE VON ALTEN TRIP.

3. HUNGARY: RADIO BUDAPEST YESTERDAY CHARGED THAT THE U.S. WAS OBSTRUCTING THE BERLIN TALKS. WE HAVE NOT OBSERVED THIS LINE FROM OTHER EE MEDIA, INCLUDING THE SOVIET.

4. POLAND: THE CDU-CSU STATEMENT ON FRG-POLISH RELATIONS, ADOPTED YESTERDAY AT A CAUCUS WITH ONLY ONE ABSTENTION, COMES VERY CLOSE TO AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT THE OPPOSITION WILL VOTE AGAINST A BONN-WARSAW TREATY WHEN AND IF SUCH IS PRESENTED FOR RATIFICATION. (CF. DEWITT SPECIAL/DS/ WHICH SUMMARIES THE MAIN POINTS OF THE STATEMENT.) THE CALL FOR DIPLOMATIC AND CLOSER ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL BONDS IS UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION IN WARSAW, WHEREAS ITS OPPOSITION TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE BORDER AND ITS EQUALIZATION OF THE "CRIMES OF THE HITLER REGIME" WITH THE EXPULSIONS OF GERMANS FROM POLAND IS

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LIKELY TO REVERSE THE BEGINNINGS OF A TENDENCY IN WARSAW TO DIFFERENTIATE AMONG VARIOUS CDU-CSU GROUPINGS. COMING AT A TIME OF INCREASING SIGNS OF DISINTEGRATION OF THE FDP, AND, CONCEIVABLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF A CDU-CSU GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER, THE POLES ARE LIKELY TO ASK THEMSELVES WHEN SCHEEL ARRIVES IN WARSAW ON 2 NOVEMBER JUST WHAT SORT OF A NEGOTIATING PARTNER HE IS AND WHOM HE REPRESENTS. THE POLISH REACTION MAY BE TO TRY TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALONG THE LINES OF THE BONN-MOSCOW TREATY, AND HOPE THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY WILL LAST LONG ENOUGH TO RATIFY IT. THERE ARE GROUPS IN POLAND (MOCZAR, PAX, ETC.) WHICH WILL TRY TO USE ANY FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AGAINST GOMULKA. REGARDING THE SPD-FDP MAJORITY IN THE BUNDESTAG, LANGENDORF REPORTS THAT THE ILLNESS OF ERTL (ACTING FDP CHAIRMAN FOR BAVARIA) WILL KEEP HIM INACTIVE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, BUT WILL NOT PREVENT HIM FROM PARTICIPATING IN CRUCIAL BUNDESTAG VOTES. LANGENDORF ALSO REPORTS THAT EXPELLEE LEADER HUPKA (SPD) WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE WITH THE OPPOSITION REGARDING RATIFICATION OF TREATIES WITH MOSCOW AND WARSAW.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING

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6. OTHER: THE HIJACKING YESTERDAY OF A SOVIET COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO TURKEY IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE WIDE COVERAGE IN THE WORLD PRESS. THE INCIDENT CARRIED OUT BY TWO PEOPLE, ONE OF WHOM IS A JUVENILE, HAS BEEN MADE EVEN MORE SERIOUS BY THE FACT THAT A MEMBER OF THE CREW WAS KILLED AND BOTH PILOTS WERE WOUNDED. THE HIJACKERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE OF JEWISH ORIGIN LIVING IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN. THEY BOTH ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN TURKEY. THE TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE DECLARED IN A STATEMENT THAT THE TWO WOULD BE CHARGED WITH "HOMICIDE, CARRYING ARMS, ARMED ASSAULT AND INFLECTING INJURIES ON THREE PERSONS." THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY WHICH COMMENTED ON THE CASE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON CALLED THE HIJACKERS "CRIMINALS" AND "MURDERERS", THEREBY INDICATING THAT SHOULD THE TWO BE HANDED OVER TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES THEY WOULD RECEIVE THE MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENT. IN ANY COMMENTARIES ON THIS ISSUE WE SHALL REITERATE OUR USUAL LINE ON HIJACKING, I.E. WE ARE OPPOSED TO ALL CASES OF HIJACKING IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NATIONALITY OR THE MOTIVES OF THE HIJACKERS.

IN THIS CONTEXT IT IS NOTED THAT A YUGOSLAV COURT YESTERDAY HANDED DOWN SUSPENDED PRISON SENTENCES FOR THREE YOUNG ALGERIANS WHO HIJACKED AN ALGERIAN PASSENGER PLANE TO YUGOSLAVIA EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE YUGOSLAV COURT SENTENCED THE THREE MEN TO ONE AND A HALF YEARS IN PRISON EACH, SUSPENDING THAT SENTENCE FOR THREE YEARS AND ORDERING THE EXPULSION OF THE THREE FROM YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, IF THE EXPULSION IS TO TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY.

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