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THE UNITED STATES HAS INVITED ALL MEMBERS OF THE UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE TO A TWO-DAY BRIEFINGZN JAN 29-30, AT THE NASA SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED. IN THE PAST, PREVIOUS INVITATIONS TO WATCH LAUNCHINGS AT CAPE KENNEDY ETC. HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE SOVIETS AND CONSEQUENTLY ALSO BY OUR TARGET COUNTRIES. THE U.S. IS FLYING A SPECIAL PLANE FOR THE AMBASSADORS AND THEIR STAFFS TO HOUSTON, WHERE THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON ADVANCES IN SPACE TECHNOLOGY, PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT THEY MAY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE US SPACE PROGRAM. IT OUGHT TO BE A GOOD STORY FOR US, WHICH WILL NOT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD GET TOO MUCH COVERAGE ELSEWHERE, AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EAST EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS IS CONCERNED. THE US MISSION TO THE UN HAS SAID THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE US COVER, AND WE WOULD SUGGEST SENDING ENDRST. THE PRESS WOULD HAVE TO GO ON A SEPARATE COMMERCIAL FLIGHT, GOING THE 29TH OVERNIGHT AND RETURNING THE 30TH. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO HAVING A RFE CORRESPONDENT THERE? WOULD NEED QUICK REPLY IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS IF YOU APPROVE.
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