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TO: DURKEE INFO PETZALL YARROW NOVEY DUNNING REYMAN
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SOME EAST EUROPEAN COMMENT ON THE OLYMPIC TRAGEDY (AS DISTINCT FROM INITIAL REACTIONS) IS BEGINNING TO HIT A LOW LEVEL. SO FAR WE HAVE AT LEAST THREE EXAMPLES OF THIS. A RADIO SOFIA BROADCAST LAST NIGHT SOUGHT BY INNUENDO TO LINK THE TERRORISTS WITH "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN WEST GERMANY AND THE "IMPERIALIST WORLD," AND THE BUDAPEST NEPSZAVA CONSIDERED IT WOULD NOT BE "ASTONISHING" IF SUBSEQUENT INQUIRIES UNCOVERED A LINK BETWEEN THE TERRORISTS AND EXTREME RIGHTIST CIRCLES IN WEST GERMANY. RADIO HVEZDA, HOWEVER, WINS THE GOLD MEDAL SO FAR IN A SCURRILOUS BROADCAST LAST NIGHT WHICH, INTER ALIA, HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WHOLE THING WAS COOKED UP BY THE ISRAELI SECRET SERVICE TO DISCREDIT THE ARAB CAUSE. WHERE IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY, INDIVIDUAL BDS WILL REPLY CALMLY TO ALLEGATIONS OR INSINUATIONS OF THIS SORT.

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: SEE THE EXTRACTS FROM THE GERASIMOV PRAVDA ARTICLE ON HUNGARY. THOUGH OUTWARDLY POLITE, THIS ARTICLE TOUCHES ON MANY OF THE NEURALGIC POINTS IN HUNGARIAN PUBLIC LIFE TODAY AND, BY IMPLICATION, LEAVES LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF MOSCOW TOWARDS THEM. IN BROADCASTS WE WILL GIVE TEXTUAL EXCERPTS BUT WE ARE NOT COMMENTING ON THIS ARTICLE AT ALL. WHEN BREZHNEV ARRIVES IN HUNGARY, EERA WILL PREPARE AN ANALYTICAL PAPER IN HUNGARIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH WILL REFER TO THIS ARTICLE. WE ARE TRYING TO GET WESTERN AGENCY CONFIRMATION OF THE IMMINENCE OF THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO HUNGARY.

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4. POLAND: ZYCIE GOSPODARCZE OF AUGUST 27 CONTAINS TWO ARTICLES URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO ENLARGE AND INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO PUT PRIVATE FARMING ON A SOUND, MORE DURABLE ECONOMIC FOOTING. WE WILL TRANSLATE ALL OR PARTS OF THESE ARTICLES. IN THE MEANTIME, FOR AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON THE SAME SUBJECT IN ZYCIE GOSPODARCZE OF AUGUST 26 SEE POLISH SITUATION REPORT COMING OUT TOMORROW.

5. RUMANIA: THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO MENTION OF RUMANIAN TROOPS (NOR YET OF BULGARIAN) HAVING ARRIVED FOR SHIELD 72. THE LJUBLJANA DELO OF SEPTEMBER 5 STATES FLATLY THAT RUMANIAN TROOPS WILL NOT TAKE PART. WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED OF THE AUTHORITATIVENESS OF THIS STATEMENT BUT THE TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR RUMANIAN LINE TROOPS (OR EVEN STAFF TROOPS) TO ARRIVE AND TAKE PART IN THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS.

6. OTHER: EAST GERMANY WAS THE ONLY EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY TO GIVE LIVE COVERAGE TO YESTERDAY'S MEMORIAL MEETING IN MUNICH. HOWEVER, IN A COMMENT MADE DURING THE TRANSMISSION, THE EAST GERMAN REPORTER CRITICISED A PART OF HEINEMANN'S SPEECH FOR ITS "EMOTIONALISM". THE CRITICISM CONCERNED HEINEMANN'S REMARKS ON COUNTRIES THAT FAIL TO COMBAT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

AN ADN REPORT OF YESTERDAY DEPARTED FROM THE THUS FAR NON POLITICAL TENOR OF THE EAST GERMAN MEDIA COMMENTING ON THE MUNICH TRAGEDY. THE NEWS AGENCY ITEM CLAIMED THAT WORLDWIDE PUBLIC OPINION WAS "OUTRAGED BY THE ADVENTUROUS WAYS IN WHICH WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ACTED", AND SAID THAT THESE ACTIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI TEAM AND THE GUERILLAS. ADN ALSO ATTACKED THE WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES FOR "WITHHOLDING FOR HOURS THE TRUE FACTS" FROM THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS FROM THE IOC.

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