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N.Y. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

1. BIZERTE. UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S TRIP PLUS TUNISIAN LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL OF TODAY ALLEGING CONTINUE FRENCH VIOLATION OF CEASE FIRE KEEP THIS ONE IN FOREFRONT OF OUR COVERAGE. NOTE SOVBLOC USE OF PARALLEL BETWEEN BIZERTE AND WEST BERLIN-BOTH BEING, ACCORDING TO THE PROPAGANDISTS, MILITARY BASES IN TERRITORIES WHICH DON'T WANT THEM. THERE IS CLEARLY NO PARALLEL BETWEEN THESE TWO SITUATIONS.

2. SOVIET REACTION TO MIDAS AND TIROS. NEGATIVE RESPONSE GIVES US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS U.S. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPACE PROGRAM. TIROS IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL, AS U.S. IS SEEKING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PERMIT MAXIMUM USE OF WEATHER FORECAST TECHNIQUES WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERABLY ADVANCED BY TIROS PHOTOGRAPHS. MIDAS IS CLEARLY A DEFENSIVE OPERATION, AND SOVIET PROTESTATIONS SPRING FROM THE MANIA OF A CLOSED SOCIETY.

3. KENNEDY SPEECH. WE ARE GEARED FOR FULL COVERAGE OF THIS BEGINNING FIRST THING WEDNESDAY MORNING. IN MEANTIME, NOTE THAT PROGRAM SUGGESTION FOR NY ROMANIAN DESK TOMORROW IS FOR "KENNEDY SPEECH PREVIEW." ~~DON'T~~  
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KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT, BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO PREVIEW CONTENTS IN ADVANCE, ESPECIALLY AS THIS PROGRAM WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AIRED UNTIL A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME PRIOR TO KENNEDY'S ACTUAL SPEECH. WE MIGHT DO SOMETHING LIKE A ROUNDUP OF OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND STATEMENTS AND PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF AMERICAN SCENE AT THIS TIME, BUT THINK YOU WILL AGREE WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO PRE-VIEW SPEECH ITSELF.

4. VISIT OF CHINESE LEADERS TO U.S. THINK WE SHOULD STICK TO NEWS COVERAGE FOR THE MOMENT AND AVOID THOSE ITEMS SPECULATING THAT THIS IS URGENT TRIP FOR LAST MINUTE CHINESE PLEASE RE U. S. OUTER MONGOLIAN EXCHANGE AND EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN U.S. ATTITUDE ON ADMISSION OF RED CHINA TO U. N.

5. SOURCES HERE STATE THAT BRITISH WILL ANNOUNCE - POSSIBLY TODAY- THAT THEY ARRESTED TEN CAMEROONIANS LAST OCTOBER WHO HAD RECEIVED GUERILLA TRAINING IN COMMUNIST CHINA. CAMEROONIANS WERE RETURNING FROM TRAINING AND WERE TO JOIN A TERRORIST GROUP. THIS SHOULD GIVE US USEFUL INFORMATION FOR DEMONSTRATION OF SINO-SOVIET RIVALRIES IN AFRICA.

6. BARAK. AM TRYING TO GET TEXT OF TWO ARTICLES IN LATIN AMERICAN PRESS WHICH YOU MENTIONED IN MUN 112 OF 22 JULY. NO LUCK YET, BUT MAY HAVE THEM IN A DAY OR TWO.

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N Y PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS.

BULGARIA- BIZERTE

CZECHOSLOVAKIA- BIZERTE; U S SPACE PROJECT

HUNGARY - BIZERTE

POLAND - NCNAMARA AND NATO; BIZERTE; MIDAS AND TIROS

RUMANIA - SEE MY NUMBER 3 ABOVE. I SUGGEST CHANGE TO BIZERTE

O ROUNDUP OF OTHER BERLIN DEVELOPMENTS.

END MSG