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TO: DURKEE ~~INFO~~ PETZALL HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BERNARD BROWN COSTELLO LUON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS SZABADOS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 9

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: ALL BDS ARE USING THE VACULIK INTERVIEW. IT IS A MOST CLEVER PRESENTATION. IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGAL ORGANS TO PIN ANYTHING ON VACULIK FOR WHAT HE HAS SAID IN "DIE ZEIT" BUT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL BE ATTACKED IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS FOR IT.

STILL ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK LITERARY SCENE, JONATHAN STEELE REPORTS IN YESTERDAY'S "GUARDIAN" THAT THE PLANNED FINANCIAL MEASURES (DISCLOSED LAST SPRING) BLOCKING ROYALTY PAYMENTS FROM THE WEST TO WRITERS OUT OF FAVOR HAD NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE TRUE SINCE LUDEK PACHMAN HAS REPORTED SOMETHING SIMILAR.

NOTE THE VIST OF BILAK AND AUERSPERG TO WARSAW (DS ITEM).

3. HUNGARY: WE WILL BE DEALING WITH THE RESULTS OF VALYI'S TALKS IN WARSAW IN A FORTHCOMING SIT. REPORT.

4. POLAND: SZYDLAK'S SPEECH (REFERRED TO IN YESTERDAY'S DR) IS CARRIED IN "TRYBUNA LUDU" OF JANUARY 10. IT APPEARS TO BE A LONG EXPOSE OF AN "IDEOLOGICAL ACTION" PROGRAM AIMED, INTER ALIA, AT INSULATING POLISH SOCIETY AGAINST THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DETENTE. WE WILL RETURN TO THIS WHEN WE HAVE THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING

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6. OTHER: BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT CONCERNING SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE M B F R TALKS WHICH ARE TO OPEN ON JANUARY 31 IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE. EDWARDS SPECIAL (DS) CORRECTLY POINTS OUT THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND POMPIDOU ARE LIKELY TO CENTER ON EUROPEAN AND EAST-WEST DEVELOPMENTS. BREZHNEV'S OFF-THE-CUFF COMMENTS ON VIETNAM PROSPECTS, MADE TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WHILE WAITING FOR POMPIDOU'S ARRIVAL, ARE IN CURIOUS CONTRAST TO EARLIER OFFICIAL SOVIET STATEMENTS ON THIS MATTER WHICH USUALLY CLOSELY FOLLOW THE HANOI LINE.

A GOOD ROUND-UP OF THE PROSPECTS OF THE SECOND ROUND OF THE HELSINKI TALKS HAS BEEN GIVEN BY WELLS (DS).

WE HAVE RECOMMENDED FOR BROADCASTING AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON CHINA BY JOSEPH ALSOP (BALTIMORE SUN OF WEDNESDAY) IN WHICH THE AUTHOR CONTRASTS HIS IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA WITH EARLIER IMPRESSIONS COLLECTED DURING VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION.

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