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TO: DURKEE INFO PETZALL YARROW HOVEY DUNNING REYMAN
FM: WALTER INFO COOK BEDE BERNARD BROWN KOHAK LYON
NOWAK PECHACEK/BELLUS ZAHARIEFF

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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 342

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: NOTHING.

3. HUNGARY: TODAY IS THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REVOLUTION. THE BD DIRECTOR WILL COMMENT TOMORROW NIGHT.

4. POLAND: THE FIRST IN A NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES ON POLAND
BY BERNARD MARGUERITTE, PUBLISHED IN LE MONDE YESTERDAY,
CONTAINS A PARTLY NEW HYPOTHESIS ON WHY GOMULKA ABANDONED
THE REFORMS OF "OCTOBER." MARGUERITTE WAS TOLD BY A
"PROMINENT POLE KNOWN FOR HIS LIBERAL OPINIONS AND CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOMULKA" (CYRANKIEWICZ?) THAT GOMULKA WAS
INSISTING UP TO SHORTLY BEFORE HIS FALL THAT THE 1956 REFORMS
HAD TO BE SACRIFICED TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, AT LEAST
PENDING RECOGNITION OF THE ODER-NEISSE FRONTIER BY BONN.
MARGUERITTE REFERS TO A CONVERSATION BETWEEN GOMULKA AND
CEAUSESCU IN WARSAW IN THE SPRING OF 1969 WHEN THE LATTER
REMARKED "I KNOW, YOU ARE GOING TO ACCUSE ME OF BEING A
NATIONALIST AGAIN, BUT. . . ." GOMULKA REPORTEDLY INTERRUPTED
HIM, SHOUTING, "AND I, WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM? HAVEN'T YOU
UNDERSTOOD THAT I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY OTHER AIM THAN TO ENSURE
THE INDEPENDENCE OF MY COUNTRY?" MARGUERITTE EXPRESSES
SOME SKEPTICISM, WHICH WE SHARE, ABOUT THIS HYPOTHESIS.

5. RUMANIA: NOTHING.

6. OTHER: NOTHING.

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