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HIGHLIGHT YESTERDAY'S THREE-HOUR PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS CHIEF ILYICHEV (EMBTTEL 1901) WAS PRODUCTION OF FOUR SELF-CONFESSED AGENTS WHO DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL RECRUITMENT BY NTS FRANKFORT, TRAINING IN US INTELLIGENCE CAMPS WEST GERMANY AND EVENTUAL PARACHUTING INTO THE USSR. (PRESUME FULL ACCOUNT AVAILABLE DEPARTMENT OTHER SOURCES). IN COURSE TESTIMONY "AGENTS" SPECIFIED FIVE SEPARATE CAMPS, FOUR INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS (NOTABLY A CERTAIN CAPTAIN HOLLIDAY RPT HOLLIDAY AT BAD WEISSEE). DEFINED MISSIONS AS COMPRISING MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE, RECRUITING NETWORK AGENTS AMONG "MORALLY UNSTABLE AND DISCONTENTED" PERSONS, ESTABLISHING BASE NEAR BRYANSK FOR OVERT ANTI-SOVIET ACTION IN EVENT WAR, SELECTING SITES FUTURE DROPPINGS OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT. ONE MAN HAD ALLEGEDLY MAINTAINED RADIO CONTACT WITH US INTELLIGENCE RIGHT UP TO TIME OF PRESS CONFERENCE AS PART OF SOVIET COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PLAN. PROCEEDINGS LENT NOTE AUTHENTICITY BY EXHIBITION ESPIONAGE PARAPHERNALIA FURNISHED AGENTS, INCLUDING AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, PORTABLE RADIOS, PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT, FALSE DOCUMENTS, MAPS, KNIVES, COMPASSES, ETC. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM AMERICAN REPORTER PRESENT THAT ONE "AGENT" WHEN ASKED HOW LONG HE HAD WANDERED ABOUT SOVIET UNION BEFORE GIVING HIMSELF UP TO ORGANS STATE SECURITY, REPLIED, "ONE YEAR". PRESS VERSION RELEASED TODAY MADE NO MENTION THIS UNFAVORABLE REFLECTION KOB VIGILANCE.

COMMENT: ELABORATELY-STAGED PRESS CONFERENCE RECALLED SIMILAR EXERCISE FEBRUARY 1956 ON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY BALLOONS, ALTHOUGH THIS TIME MEETING CALLED NOT ON AUGUST PREMISES FOREIGN MINISTRY BUT IN CENTRAL JOURNALISTS' CLUBHOUSE. AS NOTED EMBTEL 1901 OBVIOUS PRIMARY AIM CONFERENCE AND TESTIMONIALS FOUR FORMER "AGENTS" REGARDING US "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" WAS TO SUPPORT UN RESOLUTION THIS SUBJECT, WHILE AT SAME TIME SERVING TO STOKE VIGILANCE FIRES AT HOME. (SOVIET FLEET TODAY CARRIED ITEM COMMENDING VIGILANCE OF TWO SAILORS ON GUARD WHO

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APPREHENDED "VIOLATOR OF STATE FRONTIERS"). TIMING UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECTED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDICTMENT SOVIET SPY RING IN US.

OCCASION AT SAME TIME UTILIZED FOR BROADSIDES AGAINST KERSTEN AMENDMENT, ALLEGED AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS, CONDUCT OF EXPELLED ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHES, AND WORK CARRIED ON BY FORD, ROCKEFELLER, CARNEGIE FOUNDATIONS. EMPHASIS OF FOUR REFORMED AGENTS ON VOLUNTARY SURRENDER, "HUMANE" TREATMENT BY STATE SECURITY ORGANS, AND SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION MAY ALSO BE CALCULATED BOOST TO SOVIET REDEFLECTION CAMPAIGN (SEE EMBTEL 1916).

FACT THAT APPROXIMATELY 200 SOVIET AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS INVITED TO CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS COVERAGE FOR THREE HOURS ON TELEVISION, RADIO AND FILM, INDICATES EXTENT TO WHICH SOVIETS WISHED THIS PERFORMANCE DISSEMINATED IN SOVIET UNION AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE GIVEN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FORM INTEGRAL PART THAT WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED IN SOVIET PRESENTATION OF ITS RESOLUTION ON SAME SUBJECT SCHEDULED ON AGENDA UN POLITICAL COMMITTEE. ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER THIS IS DESIGNED AS SUPPORTING OPERATION FOR UN RESOLUTION WITH DOMESTIC OVERTONES OR FORECASTS MORE EXTENSIVE VIGILANCE CAMPAIGN.

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