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SUBJECT: DESTAN BERISHA INTEREST CONGRESSMAN CONTE.

1. FONOFF INFORMS US REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY TO BERISHA CASE BEING "ACTIVELY CONSIDERED." SO FAR, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY TO LETTER WHICH AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO VLADO POPOVIC NOV. 14.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO ESTIMATE WHETHER DELAY DUE TO PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES (E.G., PROBLEM OF GETTING TITO'S ATTENTION IN LIGHT MANY DEMANDS ON HIS TIME, FONOFF WISHES REPLY TO COME DIRECTLY FROM POPOVIC) OR POSSIBILITY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES WEIGHING PROS AND CONS BERISHA'S RELEASE IN LIGHT RECENT DISTURBANCES IN KOSMET (BELGRADE 5087) OR OTHER FACTORS.

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