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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 3 MARCH 1989.

[REDACTED] YUGOSLAVIA: ETHNIC ALBANIAN OFFICIALS ARRESTED [REDACTED]

KOSOVO PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED THREE OFFICIALS ALLEGED TO HAVE LED THE RECENT ETHNIC ALBANIAN PROTESTS, INCLUDING THE POPULAR AZEM VLASI, ACCORDING TO BELGRADE PRESS REPORTS. SERBIAN DEMONSTRATORS EARLIER THIS WEEK DEMANDED THEY BE ARRESTED. WESTERN PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE SECURITY SITUATION IN KOSOVO REMAINS TENSE, AND KOSOVO OFFICIALS HAVE ADDED A CURFEW TO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EMERGENCY MEASURES. YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE RESTRICTIONS AND THE MILITARY'S PRESENCE HAVE INTIMIDATED THE ALBANIANS BUT WILL USE FORCE IF NEW DEMONSTRATIONS BREAK OUT,  
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[REDACTED] VLASI'S ARREST AND INDICATIONS THAT SERB-BACKED KOSOVO PARTY LEADER MORINA WILL STAY IN OFFICE MAY INITIALLY LEAD KOSOVO ALBANIANS TO PROTEST THROUGH SIT-INS, WORK STOPPAGES, AND BOYCOTTS, WHICH WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS FOR AUTHORITIES TO COUNTER. THE ARRESTS MAY FORESHADOW EVENTUAL RESIGNATIONS BY OTHER ETHNIC ALBANIAN MODERATES, WHICH COULD RADICALIZE KOSOVO ALBANIAN LEADERS AND INCREASE THE PROSPECTS FOR VIOLENCE. THE LATEST MOVES ALSO INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SERBIAN LEADER MILOSEVIC WILL TRY TO FORCE THE KOSOVO LEGISLATURE TO GIVE

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SERBIA MORE POWER OVER THE PROVINCE, AND SUCCESS WOULD EMBOLDEN HIM TO RENEW HIS DRIVE FOR NATIONAL POWER. [REDACTED]