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1. IN A BRIEFING PAPER SENT TO PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN RUMANIAN EMBASSIES ABROAD THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DEFINED THE ROLE OF RUMANIA AS THAT OF A MEDIATOR BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. IN COMMENTING ON THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN PREMIER ION GHEORGHE MAURER AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE PAPER IMPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN MAURER THE MISSION OF MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA. THE PAPER ADDED THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON APPEARS TO KNOW RUMANIA'S PROBLEMS IN DEPTH AND,

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MOREOVER, APPRECIATES RUMANIA'S DESIRE AND ABILITY TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR. HE RECOGNIZES THE FACT THAT RUMANIA HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THAT RUMANIA'S "GAME" WITH CHINA HAS GIVEN BUCHAREST STATURE WITH THE CHINESE. THE BULLETIN WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WAS PLEASED WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH PRESIDENT JOHNSON TREATED MAURER BUT THAT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE TO MOVE WITH CARE, SINCE THE AMERICANS WERE FOLLOWING THEIR ACTIONS CLOSELY.

2. COMMENTING ON THE ABOVE BRIEFING PAPER, A RUMANIAN DIPLOMAT STATED THAT RUMANIA STOOD TO GAIN "FROM MAKING THE UNITED STATES RUMANIA'S POLITICAL OBJECTIVE, SINCE AMERICA IS THE ONLY WORLDWIDE POWER." HE ADDED THAT RUMANIAN POLICY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF THE SOVIET UNION AS BEING EQUAL TO THAT OF THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONSIDERS WESTERN EUROPE READY FOR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION BY RUMANIA SINCE IT IS EXPERIENCING AN ECONOMIC CRISIS. PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXECUTION OF RUMANIAN POLICY WILL FALL ON RUMANIAN DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON, PARIS AND NEW DELHI. THE INFORMANT ADDED THAT "IF THE AMERICANS WILL ASSIST US WE CAN SLOWLY ESTABLISH OUR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS IN PLACE OF THOSE OF THE RUSSIANS."

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3. COMMENTING ON THE JOHNSON-MAURER MEETING, ANOTHER RUMANIAN DIPLOMAT STATED THAT "WHEN JOHNSON SPEAKS CLEARLY AND HONESTLY TO MAURER ABOUT A SPECIAL MISSION TO THE CHINESE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE LOSING AND THE AMERICANS ARE GAINING." (FIELD COMMENT: APPARENTLY GAINING IN RUMANIAN FAVOR AS A CHOSEN ASSOCIATE.) THE DIPLOMAT ADDED THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AMERICA AIMS TO RULE THE WORLD, JUST AS THE SOVIETS DO. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE AMERICANS DO NOT THREATEN RUMANIA'S DOMESTIC POLICY. THE DIPLOMAT CONCLUDED WITH THE RUMANIAN PROVERB, "BETTER A SMALL LOSS WITH A CLEVER MAN THAN A PROFIT WITH A STUPID ONE -- AND THE LONGER THE RUSSIANS GO ON, THE MORE STUPID THEY GET."

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