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ALTHOUGH IN FACT THE BULGARIAN MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NORTH VIETNAM WAR EFFORT IS NOT LARGE, MANY BULGARIANS THINK IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT SEVERE PRICE INCREASES. THEY BELIEVE THAT BULGARIA HAS NO BUSINESS BEING INVOLVED IN THIS WAR AND THAT THE AMERICANS ARE JUSTIFIED IN DEFENDING SOUTH VIETNAM AGAINST AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH. THEY ACCEPT THE PREMISE THAT SOUTH VIETNAM IS A CLIENT STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEY DO NOT MORALIZE ABOUT IT. BULGARIA IS ESSENTIALLY A LAND OF PEASANTS AND MOST OF THESE PEOPLE TRANSLATE A STRONG SENSE OF VALUE OF LAND INTO SIMPLE TERMS OF "DEFENSE OF THE TERRITORY." THUS, THE AMERICANS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO FIGHT TO HOLD THE LAND AGAINST INCURSIONS FROM THE NORTH.

- 3. BULGARIAN WRITERS DO NOT ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF "WAR OF LIBERATION" AND ONLY WISH FOR THE WAR IN VIETNAM TO BE FINISHED. THEY DO NOT THINK NORTH VIETNAM WILL WIN AND THEY SEE A LONG FRUITLESS STRUGGLE AHEAD. ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY CONNECTED WITH THE VIETNAMESE WAR, THE MORALE OF NEW ARMY CONSCRIPTS IS POOR AND IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS NEW HARSH DISCIPLINARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT TO QUELL THE RESTLESSNESS AND INCIPIENT HOOLI-

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THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND AND THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SERIOUS DISTURBANCES.

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