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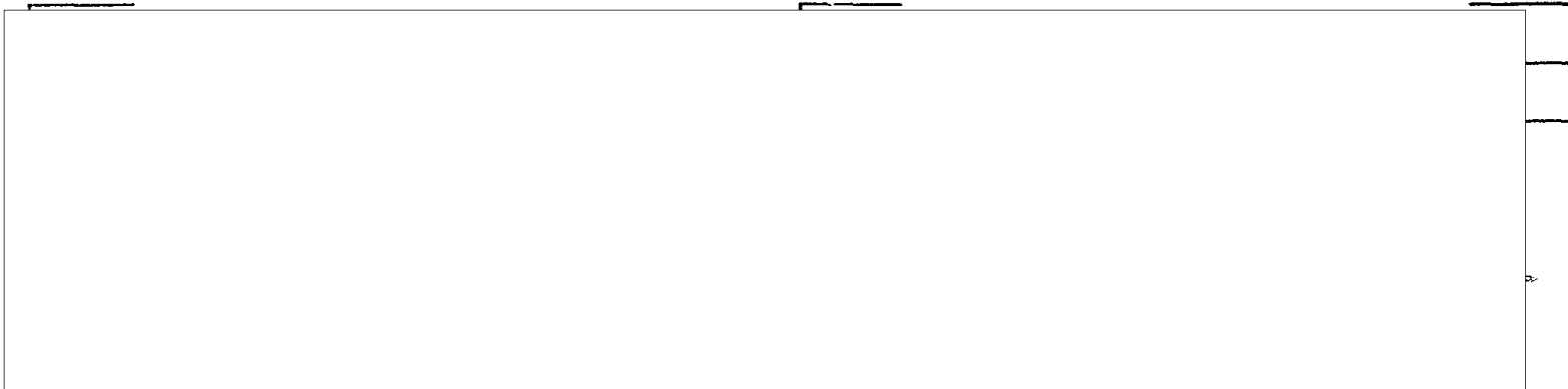
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COUNTRY HUNGARY			50X1-HUM
SUBJECT SOVIET DIPLOMAT'S ANALYSIS OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLT			50X1-HUM



1. THE ULTIMATE CAUSE OF THE REVOLT IN HUNGARY WAS THE FORCED INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICY WHICH STALIN IMPOSED ON A PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE VOLATILE THAN THE PATIENT RUSSIANS. THE DEPRESSED STANDARD OF LIVING RESULTING FROM THIS POLICY ENGENDERED WIDESPREAD RESENTMENT. BOTH THE PREVIOUS REGIME IN HUNGARY AND THE PRESENT SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST SHARE THE BLAME FOR NOT INITIATING IN TIME A POLICY OF LIBERALIZATION. DESTALINIZATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH TOO MUCH SPIRIT, AN EXAMPLE OF WHICH IS THE DISINTERMENT OF EXECUTED TITOISTS AND THEIR RE-BURIAL WITH STATE HONORS.

2. THE HUNGARIAN REBELS FOUGHT WITH ARMS STOLEN FROM ARMS DEPOTS AND

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"FILTERED OVER THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER BY FOREIGN POWERS." THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT DID CONCEDE, HOWEVER, THAT THE INSURGENT ARSENAL HAD BEEN AUGMENTED BY WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY THE HUNGARIAN ARMY.

3. HE ADMITTED THAT THE REVOLT WAS SPCNTANEOUS AND THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN LONG IN PREPARATION AS CLAIMED BY OFFICIAL SOVIET ORGANS. HE DISAGREED WITH THE PRAVDA CHARGE THAT THE REVOLT WAS THE WORK OF A REACTIONARY CLIQUE BY EXPLAINING THAT SUCH A CLIQUE, WHICH CERTAINLY EXISTED, PROVIDED ONLY THE NECESSARY SPARK TO IGNITE THE DISCONTENT OF THE MASSES.

4. THE REVOLT WILL NOT SPREAD TO EITHER CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR EAST GERMANY WHERE DISLOCATIONS CAUSED BY RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION HAVE DEVELOPED TO A MUCH LESSER DEGREE. NO DANGER OF UNREST IS FORESEEN IN ALBANIA AND BULGARIA WHERE THE PEASANT MASSES ARE AT THE SAME ECONOMIC LEVEL AS IN THE USSR. HE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS IGNORANT OF CONDITIONS IN RUMANIA.

5. THE CALL OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE AIR OF SOVIET TROOPS CAME TOO LATE TO BE EFFECTIVE. DESPITE RECENT EVENTS, THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS WOULD CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN SOCIALISM, MAINTAIN THEIR TIES TO MOSCOW, AND PROVIDE BASES FOR THE WARSAW PACT ORGANIZATION. THE INSURGENT DEMAND FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE SECRET POLICE IS UNREALIZABLE. WHILE STEPS MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN TO CORRECT SOME OF THE ABUSES, NO GOVERNMENT CAN AFFORD TO DISPENSE WITH THE SECRET POLICE WHICH HAS BECOME AN INSEFERABLE ORGAN OF ALL MODERN STATES. A CORRECTION OF THE ABUSES OF THE SECRET POLICE SYSTEM, HE ADDED, WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED IN THE USSR.

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