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1. In a conversation with [REDACTED] stated that as the result of discussions with Hungarian Foreign Ministry authorities, his opinion was that the Soviet Union would attack the Western Powers in order to prevent them from strengthening the Western Bloc and preparing for war. The Communist officials in the Foreign Ministry are convinced that the Soviets will continue the present East-West tension until a week or so after the elections in the United States when the Soviet Union would declare war. 25X1X6
2. The following facts were cited by the [REDACTED] to support his opinion: 25X1X6
  - a. The present feverish repair work on roads in Hungary.
  - b. The drafting of young Hungarian specialists into the Hungarian Army. According to the [REDACTED], the Soviets do not need to mobilize all Hungarians of military age because they expect that eighty percent of the Hungarian enlisted personnel would desert. The Soviet need is for specialists only to complement the Soviet Army. 25X1X6
3. The belief was also expressed that the Soviets would use the Hungarian border guards comprised of trusted Communists and organized along the same pattern as the Nazi SS. The [REDACTED] mentioned also that the German military experts of the von Paulus army are now serving as military advisers for all Soviet satellite armies. The names of these advisers, however, were not mentioned. 25X1X6
4. The [REDACTED] spoke of the Tito-Cominform affair, and stated that his impression was that Tito would be forgiven. At a recent social gathering in Vienna he observed that high ranking Soviet and Austrian Communist Party officials treated Yugoslav representatives with the same courtesy as previously. 25X1X6

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