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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 125-75.4

1. INDIA: THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO RULE ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF LAST WEEK'S AMENDMENT TO THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION THAT PLACED ELECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER ABOVE CHALLENGE IN THE COURTS WILL DELAY, BUT IS UNLIKELY TO ALTER, A FINAL OUTCOME FAVORING PRIME MINISTER GANDHI.4

THE COURT HAS AGREED TO HEAR A CHALLENGE TO THE AMENDMENT ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT VIOLATES A 1973 DECISION THAT THE "BASIC STRUCTURE" OF THE CONSTITUTION CANNOT BE CHANGED BY AMENDMENT. THE DISPUTED AMENDMENT--RUSHED THROUGH PARLIAMENT, RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE STATES, AND IMMEDIATELY SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE PRESIDENT--PROVIDES THAT THE ELECTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, AMONG OTHERS, IS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS.4

EARLIER, GANDHI'S LAWYERS HAD ARGUED UNSUCCESSFULLY THAT THE AMENDMENT, WHICH IS RETROACTIVE, HAD ALREADY ERASED THE GUILTY VERDICT HANDED DOWN IN JUNE AGAINST THE PRIME MINISTER FOR ENGAGING IN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.4

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FOUR OF THE FIVE JUSTICES ON THE SUPREME COURT PANEL THAT WILL BEGIN HEARING ARGUMENTS ON THE CASE ON AUGUST 25 HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE US EMBASSY AS THE "MOST COMMITTED" TO GANDHI OF THE 13 ON THE COURT. A FINDING IN HER FAVOR, THEREFORE, IS QUITE POSSIBLE.

EVEN IF GANDHI WERE TO LOSE THE CURRENT BATTLE, THE COURT MIGHT VOID THE LOWER COURT'S DECISION AGAINST HER. THE VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH SHE WAS CONVICTED IN JUNE HAVE SINCE BEEN DELETED FROM THE ELECTORAL LAW BY PARLIAMENT. THAT LEGISLATION ALSO IS RETROACTIVE.

FINALLY, IF THE COURT FAILS HER, GANDHI CAN USE HER OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT TO ASSIST HER--POSSIBLY THROUGH CREATION OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO MAKE BASIC CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION. [CONFIDENTIAL]

2. ANGOLA: THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA BEGAN TO WITHDRAW ITS LAST MILITARY CONTINGENT FROM LUANDA ON MONDAY.

THE WITHDRAWAL, ARRANGED BY PORTUGUESE MILITARY

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OFFICIALS, APPARENTLY IS A TRADE-OFF FOR AN AGREEMENT BY THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA TO WITHDRAW FROM NOVA LISBOA, ANGOLA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY.4

THE POPULAR MOVEMENT AND THE PORTUGUESE WILL HAVE THE ONLY MILITARY FORCES IN LUANDA WHEN THE WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETE. THE FRONT'S INFORMATION MINISTER IS STAYING BEHIND TO REPRESENT HIS ORGANIZATION IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.4

NOW THAT SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWALS HAVE BEEN MADE BY BOTH GROUPS, A PERIOD OF POLITICAL REASSESSMENT MAY BE IN THE OFFING. SPORADIC FIGHTING IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE BUT MILITARY PRESSURE ON LUANDA PROBABLY WILL EASE FOR THE TIME BEING.4

IF, HOWEVER, THE POPULAR MOVEMENT OR THE PORTUGUESE ARE UNWILLING TO ALLOW THE NATIONAL FRONT TO RE-ESTABLISH AT LEAST ITS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN LUANDA, A RESUMPTION OF HEAVY FIGHTING SEEMS ASSURED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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EAST ASIA BRIEF 125-75.4

1.//LAOS: THE COMMUNISTS ARE PLANNING THREE TO FIVE DAYS OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN VIENTIANE THIS WEEK SUPPORTING CHANGES IN THE CITY'S FORMAL NEUTRAL STATUS. 4//4

//PARADES AND OTHER RALLIES ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THROUGHOUT THE CITY ON AUGUST 12 URGING CHANGES IN THE 1973 PEACE ACCORDS, WHICH SPECIFY JOINT COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST CONTROL OF LOCAL SECURITY AND OTHER FUNCTIONS. ONCE THE CITY'S STATUS IS CHANGED UNILATERALLY BY THE COMMUNISTS, THEY WILL ASSUME DIRECT CONTROL, ABOLISH JOINT GOVERNING BODIES, AND CHANGE LOCAL OFFICIALS. COMMUNIST CADRE HAVE BEEN VISITING LAO RESIDENTIAL AREAS FOR EIGHT WEEKS TO ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR THESE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE ORGANIZERS CLAIM THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES IN VIENTIANE'S ADMINISTRATION. 4//4

//ANTI-US AND ANTI-THAI DEMONSTRATIONS MAY BE STAGED AS OFFSHOOTS OF THE MAIN EFFORT. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PEACEFUL. SMALL ANTI-THAI DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE ON

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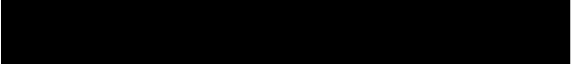
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2. CAMBODIA: PRINCE SIHANOUK REPORTEDLY IS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT RETURNING TO CAMBODIA AT THIS TIME.4

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THAT APPEARS TO BE

FAIRLY RELIABLE, THE PRINCE IN MID-JULY RECEIVED A NEW INVITATION FROM THE COMMUNIST LEADERS IN PHNOM PENH SUGGESTING THAT HE RETURN TO CAMBODIA AT A CONVENIENT TIME AFTER AUGUST 1. CITING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES,

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SAYS SIHANOUK PLANS TO LEAVE NORTH KOREA, WHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE MID-MAY, AND GO TO CHINA IN LATE AUGUST. HE WILL CONSULT WITH CHINESE LEADERS BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION ABOUT RETURNING TO CAMBODIA.4

SIHANOUK'S HESITANCY NO DOUBT REFLECTS HIS CONCERN WITH THE CONDITIONS HE MAY FIND IN CAMBODIA AND HIS WARINESS AT PLACING HIMSELF EVEN TEMPORARILY UNDER THE PHYSICAL CONTROL OF PHNOM PENH'S COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES. THE CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS DO HAVE SOME OLD SCORES TO SETTLE WITH SIHANOUK, BUT THEY PROBABLY VIEW HIS INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AS A USEFUL SYMBOL OF LEGITIMACY AND MAY WANT TO CONTINUE TO

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USE HIS FOREIGN CONTACTS. PEKING'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN GOOD
 RELATIONS WITH THE KHMER COMMUNISTS PROBABLY WOULD PRECLUDE
 ANY CHINESE EFFORT TO SECURE PLEDGES FROM PHNOM PENH IN
 REGARD TO SIHANOUK'S SAFETY OR FUTURE ROLE IN CAMBODIA.
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 125-75.4

1. ARGENTINA: THE CHANGE OF THE ARGENTINE CABINET ON AUGUST 11--THE THIRD WITHIN A MONTH--IS AN EFFORT TO CREATE A GOVERNMENT TEAM WITH WHICH LABOR AND THE MILITARY, WHO SHARE POWER UNEASILY, CAN LIVE COMFORTABLY.4

ONLY THE DEFENSE AND JUSTICE MINISTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS CABINET RETAINED THEIR JOBS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO FIND ANYONE WILLING TO TAKE THE DIFFICULT POST OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY.4

GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN PLAYED DOWN THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE CABINET CHANGE BY MAINTAINING THAT IT WAS AN EFFORT TO GIVE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON A FREE HAND IN CHOOSING NEW OFFICIALS TO DEAL WITH SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN THE PROCESS, THE REMAINING MINISTERS WITH LINKS TO FORMER STRONGMAN LOPEZ REGA WERE OUSED.4

THE MILITARY BACKED LABOR IN ITS SUCCESSFUL DEFIANCE OF LOPEZ REGA, AND OF GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC AUSTERITY, BUT DID SO IN THE FACE OF A COMMON ENEMY--LOPEZ REGA--AND NOT BECAUSE OF ANY BASIC COMPATIBILITY OF INTERESTS. INDEED, THE OFFICERS HAVE APPARENTLY BECOME STEADILY MORE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH LABOR'S CONTINUING

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ASSERTIVENESS. THE MILITARY WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE NEW CABINET BY AN ARMY COLONEL WHO WILL HEAD THE IMPORTANT INTERIOR MINISTRY.

THE LACK OF ANY STRONG PERSONALITIES IN THE NEW CABINET IS AN INDICATION THAT THE POWER GROUPS WANT PEOPLE THEY CAN CONTROL, OR WHO ARE AT LEAST CONSIDERED TO BE INNOCUOUS, AT THE TOP LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2.//PERU: THE ARREST AND DEPORTATION LAST WEEK OF KEY PERUVIAN OPPOSITION FIGURES AND THE CLOSING OF A LEFTIST MAGAZINE DEMONSTRATE THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO ALLOW NO DISSENT.//

//LINA'S MOVE TO EXILE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE CAUGHT THE OPPOSITION OFF GUARD, AFTER PRESIDENT VELASCO'S INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS ON JULY 28 IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR AN OPEN AND DEMOCRATIC CONTEST WITH POLITICAL ADVERSARIES. REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE LEADERS HAD TAKEN VELASCO AT HIS WORD AND WERE APPARENTLY PLANNING TO PUBLISH A RESPONSE TO HIS SPEECH THIS WEEK.//

//THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE WAS PROBABLY DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO PREVENT THE PARTY FROM PUBLISHING ITS RESPONSE, BUT ALSO TO HALT ITS APPROACHES

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TO THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. ONE OF THE DEPORTED LEADERS HAD SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDED THE PARTY'S MILITARY CONTACTS BEYOND LINKS WITH DISSIDENT NAVY ELEMENTS.//Y

//THE MOVE AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE AND THE CLOSURE OF A LEFTIST BIWEEKLY FOR PUBLISHING ANTI-CHILE STATEMENTS ALSO REFLECT THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN STABILITY DURING THE CONFERENCE OF NONALIGNED NATIONS, SCHEDULED TO MEET IN LIMA LATE THIS MONTH. SOME OPPOSITION GROUPS WERE APPARENTLY PLANNING TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT.//Y

//TOP PERUVIAN OFFICIALS ALSO PROBABLY FELT THE CRACKDOWN WOULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORT TO BUILD ITS OWN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.//Y

//THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES, HOWEVER, ARE MORE LIKELY TO HARDEN OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNED POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. ALREADY, A NUMBER OF LABOR GROUPS HAVE CALLED FOR STRIKES TO PROTEST THE DEPORTATIONS AND OTHER MOVES AGAINST LEFTIST AND LESS RADICAL GROUPS. {CONFIDENTIAL NO FOREIGN DISSEM}//Y

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3. CHILE: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHILE APPEARS TO BE TAKING A STRONGER STAND ON HUMAN-RIGHTS ISSUES. RECENT STATEMENTS BY CHURCH LEADERS SUGGEST THEY ARE SUSPICIOUS OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S COMPLICITY IN THE POSSIBLE DEATH AND DISAPPEARANCE OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS, ACCOUNTS OF WHICH HAVE RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN PRESS.W/

THE BISHOP OF SANTIAGO CELEBRATED A MASS LAST WEEK FOR THE FAMILIES OF 119 PERSONS, MOSTLY MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT WHO ALLEGEDLY HAVE BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES OR BEEN REPORTED MISSING ABROAD UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. THE MASS Drew AN OVERFLOW CROWD, AND THE BISHOP'S WORDS ABOUT THE NEED FOR CHILEANS TO OVERCOME "FEAR AND INSECURITY" LEFT NO DOUBT AMONG HIS LISTENERS THAT HE WAS DENOUNCING THE JUNTA'S HANDLING OF THE MATTER.Y

CHILE'S PRESS SAYS THAT A NUMBER OF THE CHILEAN EXTREMISTS WERE KILLED IN GUN BATTLES WITH ARGENTINE POLICE AND THAT OTHERS WERE KILLED IN A PURGE BY THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT. THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN SANTIAGO BELIEVES THAT

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THESE STORIES WERE ORIGINALLY CIRCULATED BY CHILEAN SECURITY FORCES TO ACCOUNT FOR THE DISAPPEARANCES. Y

THE COMMITTEE'S THESIS IS THAT THE 117 WERE DETAINED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, DIED IN CUSTODY, AND WERE DISPOSED OF IN CHILE. RIGHT-WING ARGENTINES LINKED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE COLLABORATED WITH CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE FORCES TO PLANT REPORTS ON THE ALLEGED CLASHES IN ARGENTINA. Y

PRESIDENT PINOCHET PLEDGED IN A MEETING WITH CARDINAL SILVA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK INTO THE DISAPPEARANCES, BUT CHURCH SOURCES DO NOT BELIEVE THE CARDINAL'S ENTREATY MADE MUCH OF AN IMPACT ON PINOCHET. SHORTLY AFTER THE MEETING, CARDINAL SILVA GAVE THE FIRST HINT THAT THE CHURCH WAS RISING PATIENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT; HE THEN APPEALED FOR A CRUSADE FOR MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE. Y

IN A RECENT PRESS STATEMENT, THE CARDINAL SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS ON THE MISSING EXTREMISTS, THEREBY IMPLICITLY ENCOURAGING ITS PROBE. Y

THE US EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT CARDINAL SILVA ALSO AUTHORIZED--OR

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AT LEAST WAS AWARE OF--THE MASS OFFERED LAST WEEK FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE MISSING PERSONS. THE CHILEAN CHURCH'S VIEWS HAVE BEEN ECHOED BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO EXPRESSED SHOCK AND THE "DISQUIET OF AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED IN SANTIAGO" OVER THE FATE OF THE MISSING CHILEANS. Y

WHILE THE CHURCH IS NOT LIKELY TO TRADE CHARGES OPENLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT, ITS SPOKESMAN WILL PROBABLY FOCUS ATTENTION ON TWO PRINCIPAL AREAS:

- THE FAILURE OF OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN SATISFACTORILY THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS PRESUMABLY DETAINED BY SECURITY FORCES. Y
- CONTINUED INDICATIONS THAT THE REGIME IS NOT ABIDING BY NEW NATIONAL SECURITY LAWS THAT PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON ILLEGAL DETENTION AND TORTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) E-2 IMPDET. H

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PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS HARSHLY, BUT IN REPORTING ON A RECENT MEETING BETWEEN SOVIET AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS PRAVDA NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES "ADVOCATED UNITY OF ACTION" BY ALL FORCES OF THE LEFT, INCLUDING THE SOCIALISTS.

CUNHAL'S REMARKS HAVE HAD NO IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL. IN BRAGA, VIOLENCE CONTINUED FOR A SECOND DAY. DEMONSTRATORS THERE HAVE BURNED DOWN THE PARTY'S HEADQUARTERS AND DESTROYED THE OFFICES OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT AND THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED LABOR CONFEDERATION.

GENERAL PINTO SOARES HAS RESIGNED FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND FROM HIS POST AS HEAD OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY TO PROTEST THE WAY DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND THE CONTINUING RADICALIZATION OF THE MILITARY. HE VOICED EVEN STRONGER OPPOSITION TO THE DISSIDENTS' DOCUMENT DRAFTED BY FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ANTUNES, LABELING IT "DIVISIONIST" AND "OPPORTUNISTIC."

THE NINE OFFICERS SUSPENDED FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY

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COUNCIL FOR CIRCULATING THE ANTIREGIME DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY HAVE DECIDED NOT TO COMPLY WITH AN ORDER TO REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GENERAL STAFFS FOR REASSIGNMENT. ANTUNES NOW REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT 85 TO 90 PERCENT OF THE ARMED FORCES SUPPORT THE VIEWS SET FORTH BY THE DISSIDENT OFFICERS. THE DISSIDENTS MAY BE OVERESTIMATING THEIR SUPPORT, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE MEN HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE COMMUNIST AND EXTREME LEFT-WING PROPAGANDA.

GONCALVES IS UNLIKELY TO RELINQUISH POWER WITHOUT A STRUGGLE, AND HE STILL HAS CONSIDERABLE BACKING. DESPITE CUNHAL'S MORE CONCILIATORY TONE, COMMUNISTS IN THE UNIONS AND THE MEDIA WOULD PROBABLY LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN GONCALVES IN OFFICE. {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. CYPRUS: THE TRANSFER OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS FROM THE GREEK SECTOR TO THE TURKISH SECTOR BEGAN ON AUGUST 9 WITHOUT INCIDENT.

AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO MOVE NORTH WAS REACHED DURING THE LAST ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

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IN VIENNA. APPROXIMATELY 9,000 TURKS REMAIN IN THE SOUTH; IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TRANSFER WILL TAKE THREE TO FOUR WEEKS TO COMPLETE. UN FORCES ARE ESCORTING THE TURKS TO THE TURKISH-OCCUPIED ZONE. ONCE THE TRANSFER IS COMPLETED, THE SEPARATION OF GREEKS AND TURKS ON THE ISLAND WILL BE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABOUT 10,000 GREEKS WHO WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE NORTH.4

ANKARA PREVIOUSLY HAD REFUSED TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS WHILE TURKS REMAINED "CAPTIVES" IN THE SOUTH. GREEK CONSENT TO ALLOW THE TURKS TO MOVE NORTH REMOVES A MAJOR OBSTACLE IN THE WAY OF CONSIDERATION OF THE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ISSUE. THIS ISSUE, HOWEVER, COULD PROVE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE. ANKARA IS PREPARED TO RETURN SOME OCCUPIED LAND TO THE GREEKS, BUT NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY LEADER ERBAKAN REPORTEDLY WILL OPPOSE ANY TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, THUS RESTRICTING THE GOVERNMENT FROM ACTING ON THE ISSUE. THE GREEK SIDE IS READY TO ACCEPT A BIZONAL FEDERATION WITH A WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, BUT MAKES THESE CONCESSIONS CONTINGENT UPON A SATISFACTORY

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REDUCTION OF THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED ZONE.4

THE GREEK CYPRIOT POSITION CALLS FOR ABOUT A 75-25 TERRITORIAL DIVISION, WHILE THE TURKS REPORTEDLY WILL SETTLE FOR 30 TO 35 PERCENT OF THE ISLAND. THEY CURRENTLY OCCUPY ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF CYPRUS. SHOULD THE CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS AGREE TO A COMPROMISE IN THE 25- TO 30-PERCENT RANGE, HOWEVER, ITS IMPLEMENTATION COULD BE OBSTRUCTED BY ANKARA OR MAKARIOS. (CONFIDENTIAL)4

3. USSR: THE EFFUSIVE SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF HELSINKI POINTS TO THE MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS TALKS AS THE NEXT ITEM ON MOSCOW'S EUROPEAN NEGOTIATING AGENDA.4

ALEXANDER BOVIN, WRITING IN IZVESTIYA, AND OTHER COMMENTATORS ARE SAYING THAT THE HELSINKI SUMMIT HAS CREATED A CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO ONGOING DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING SALT. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT MOSCOW PLANS ANY OTHER MAJOR DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME.4

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THE COMMENTARIES HAVE GIVEN NO HINT OF WHAT ELSE MOSCOW NOW HAS IN MIND FOR ITS EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY, NOR IS THERE ANY SIGN THAT THE SOVIETS ARE GOING TO USE CSCE TO PUSH ANY TIME SOON FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCES ELSEWHERE.4

THE SOVIETS ARE MAKING THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT MEANS. THE POLITBURO COMMUNIQUE BLESSING CSCE REFERS TO THE HUMANITARIAN EXCHANGES WITHIN THE "OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW AND TRADITIONS OF EACH COUNTRY." THIS WORDING HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY REJECTED BY THE WEST DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT.4

THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO TAKING THE OFFENSIVE ON THE NON-INTERFERENCE CLAUSE OF THE CSCE DOCUMENT. THEY USED IT IN PRAVDA ON AUGUST 7 TO EXCORIATE THE EC FOR WHAT MOSCOW ARGUES IS THE WEST'S INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL. THIS LINE IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO BE PRE-EMPTIVE. MOSCOW HAS AL-

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READY SHOWN ITS SENSITIVITY TO ALLEGATIONS THAT IT IS MATERIALLY SUPPORTING THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS AND THE RADICAL ELEMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND UNDOUBTEDLY ANTICIPATES THAT THE WEST WILL SOONER OR LATER CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS ARE VIOLATING THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

4. ROMANIA-USSR: MAJOR GENERAL GOMOIU--A DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF THE ARMY'S HIGHER POLITICAL COUNCIL--RECENTLY LED A DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, WHERE EVIDENTLY TROUBLED TALKS WERE HELD WITH RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE MAIN POLITICAL DIRECTORATE OF THE SOVIET ARMY AND NAVY. SOVIET ARMY GENERAL YEPISHEV, THE DIRECTORATE'S CHIEF, INVITED THE ROMANIANS.4

IN REPORTING THE TALKS, THE ROMANIAN PARTY DAILY SCINTEIA, OMITTED ANY OF THE USUAL POSITIVE PHRASING TO DESCRIBE THE DISCUSSIONS. "QUESTIONS OF PARTY POLITICAL WORK" WERE REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED, AND THE FACT THAT ROMANIA'S COLONEL GENERAL NICOLESCU,

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WHO IS CHARGED WITH WARSAW PACT AFFAIRS, WELCOMED GOMOIU HOME SUGGESTS THAT PACT MATTERS WERE THE PRINCIPAL TOPIC.4

25X1C [REDACTED] HAD INDICATED THAT MOSCOW WANTED TO USE THE VISIT TO PRESS ROMANIA'S ARMED FORCES TO COMPLY MORE FULLY WITH WARSAW PACT POLITICAL POLICIES. BUCHAREST'S MILITARY CONTACTS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO REPORTEDLY DISTURBED THE SOVIETS.4

THE SELECTION OF GOMOIU, A ONE-STAR GENERAL, FOR TALKS WITH FOUR-STAR GENERAL YEPISHEV SUGGESTS THAT CEAUSESCU DELIBERATELY CHOSE TO DELIVER A SNUB TO MOSCOW. IN THE PAST, BUCHAREST HAS TRIED TO FRUSTRATE SOVIET EFFORTS TO OBTAIN GREATER COHESION WITHIN THE PACT BY SENDING THE LOWEST RANKING DELEGATIONS TO BLOC MILITARY MEETINGS.4

MOREOVER, CEAUSESCU HAS LONG PREACHED THAT CHANGES IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ROMANIA'S MILITARY FORCES AND THE SOVIET-DOMINATED WARSAW PACT

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MUST BE HANDLED ON A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BASIS.
 SINCE 1966, HE HAS NOT ALLOWED THE SOVIET MINISTRY
 OF DEFENSE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH ITS ROMANIAN COUNTER-
 PART.

THE SOVIETS HAVE NO APPARENT REASON TO BE DIS-
 SATISFIED WITH CEAUSESCU'S ORTHODOX DOMESTIC POLICIES,
 INCLUDING THE POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION OF THE MILITARY.
 THEY MAY WELL BE IRRITATED, HOWEVER, BY CEAUSESCU'S
 STRESS ON THE MILITARY AS A DEFENDER OF THE FATHER-
 LAND, WITH ONLY A SECONDARY MISSION TO PROTECT THE
 SOCIALIST COMMUNITY. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.

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