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1. SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN BRUSSELS, LONDON, AND PARIS REPORT NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLANS BY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD THREATEN THE SECURITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE SECRETARY'S VISITS, AND THE CONFERENCES HE WILL ATTEND, HAVE RECEIVED A GOOD LOCAL PRESS. SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARE CAPABLE AND EXPERIENCED IN PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR VIPS AND MULTI-LATERAL CONFERENCES, AND ARE COOPERATING IN PREPARATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISITS. BECAUSE OF IRA ACTIVITY, SECURITY CONDITIONS IN LONDON ARE NOT GOOD, HOWEVER, AND ALTHOUGH THE IRA AND THE VARIOUS TERRORIST GROUPS IN BRUSSELS AND PARIS HAVE NO BONE TO PICK WITH THE SECRETARY OR THE US, INCIDENTS DESIGNED TO DRAMATIZE THEIR CAUSES CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

2. IN BRUSSELS, THE GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IS CALM, AND BELGIAN AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT NO DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SCHEDULED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARE ABLE TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF MOST RADICAL GROUPS, AND INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO REPORT ANY INFORMATION BEARING ON THE SECURITY OF THE NATO MEETING.

3. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A LIMITED AMOUNT OF PROTEST ACTIVITY IN BRUSSELS. LAST WEEK, NOISY LEFTIST STUDENTS PREVENTED COLUMBIA PROFESSOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI FROM SPEAKING AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY, AND STRIKING STUDENTS, ABETTED BY A LEFTIST POLITICAL GROUP, ARE EXPECTED TO CLASH WITH POLICE TODAY IN A PLANNED DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING CUTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION BUDGET. ON SUNDAY, AFTER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, THE BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WILL LEAD A DEMONSTRATION IN BRUSSELS IN SUPPORT OF SPANISH WORKERS.

4. IN LONDON, SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT ANY GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS PLAN ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR INCIDENTS THAT WOULD AFFECT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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THE BRITISH ARE ADEPT AT PROVIDING SECURITY FOR HIGH LEVEL VISITORS. THE LIMITED PUBLICITY GIVEN THE SECRETARY'S VISIT SO FAR HAS BEEN FAVORABLE.

5. THE IRA HAS DEMONSTRATED AN ABILITY TO STAGE TERRORIST INCIDENTS DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF BRITISH SECURITY. IT RESUMED SUCH ACTIVITIES IN BRITAIN IN AUGUST, AND HAS STAGED ALMOST WEEKLY INCIDENTS IN LONDON AREA SINCE OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE IRA HIGH COMMAND WOULD WANT TO INVOLVE THE SECRETARY, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE IRA POSES A DISTINCT THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF BRITISH CABINET MINISTERS.

6. IN PARIS, THE SECURITY SITUATION GENERALLY IS CALM, AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE CONFIDENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH UNFORESEEN SITUATIONS. FRENCH SECURITY SERVICES CLOSELY MONITOR KNOWN SUBVERSIVE GROUPS, AND KNOW OF NO PLANS TO DISRUPT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

7. AS IN BRUSSELS, THERE IS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF PROTEST ACTIVITY CURRENTLY GOING ON IN PARIS. A CORSICAN AUTONOMY GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING ON THE NIGHT OF 8-9 DECEMBER OF THE OFFICES OF THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE, L'EXPRESS. A RALLY WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 6, ATTRACTING ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE, TO PROTEST THE GOVERNMENT'S GERRYMANDERING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION DISTRICTS AND THE RECENT ARREST OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING TRADE UNIONISM IN THE FRENCH MILITARY SERVICES. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN SPORADIC STRIKES RECENTLY IN THE PARIS REGION. NO SUCH ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED OR ANTICIPATED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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