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SUBJECT PLANS FOR STOCKHOLM MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

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1. AS OF 26 APRIL 1967, PLANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL CALLED FOR CLOSED MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, ON 26, 27, AND 28 APRIL WITH ABOUT 20 PEOPLE, ALL WELL-KNOWN LEFTISTS, IN ATTENDANCE. THE ACTUAL TRIBUNAL WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLKETS HUS ON 29 APRIL AND 1 MAY WITH ABOUT 200-250 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. COMMENT: IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT MEETINGS ALSO WILL BE HELD ON 30 APRIL. IT IS RUMORED THAT THE FOLKETS HUS WAS RENTED WELL IN ADVANCE BY JOACHIM ISRAEL AND DR. JOHN TAKMAN. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: ISRAEL IS A GERMAN-BORN SWEDISH CITIZEN, A SOCIOLOGIST WHO HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN COMMUNIST FRONT MATTERS. TAKMAN IS A PSYCHIATRIST BY PROFESSION, A MEMBER OF THE SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY, AND A LEADER OF THE LOCAL STOCKHOLM TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN SCANDINAVIAN COMMUNIST AFFAIRS FOR AT LEAST

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2. PRESS CONFERENCES ARE PLANNED FOR 29 APRIL AND 1 MAY. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY ISRAEL AND THE PROMINENT GERMAN-BORN SWEDISH PLAYWRIGHT, PETER WEISS, PRESENTING "THE TRUTH ABOUT UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM," WITH INFORMATION STAMMING FROM OTHER THAN AMERICAN SOURCES. AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TRIBUNAL IS GOING ON, A NUMBER OF SEMINARS ARE TO BE HELD, TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND SPECIAL GUESTS WILL BE INVITED.

3. COMMENT: TRIBUNAL SECRETARIAT SECRETARY GENERAL RALPH SCHOENMAN AND HIS ASSISTANT, RUSSELL STETLER, HAVE BEEN AT ODDS OVER THE HANDLING OF THE TRIBUNAL IN SWEDEN. STETLER IS ALLEGED TO BE LESS AGGRESSIVE THAN SCHOENMAN, AND BY SETTING A MORE MODERATE TONE HAD WON THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL SWEDISH LEFTISTS WHO FAVORED HOLDING THE TRIBUNAL IN SWEDEN.)

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