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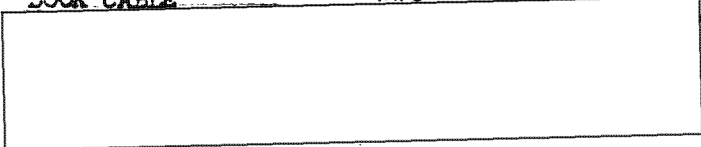
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1. FOLLOWING, AS WELL AS EARLIER, CABLES THIS SERIES INTENDED PRIMARILY AS OPERATIONAL AID FOR ESTABLISHING CONTACT IN DEVELOPMENTAL CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIETS FOR PURPOSES OF ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION. INTELLIGENCE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS USEFUL BY-PRODUCT. PER PARA 1 REF, THIS GUIDANCE (SLIGHTLY GEARED TO UPCOMING HOLIDAYS) MAY BE OFFERED TO ODACID AND OTHER COLLEAGUES OR USED IN SUITABLE OPERATIONAL SITUATIONS. MUST BE BORN IN MIND SOVIETS ATTEMPT DISINFORM THEIR SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH WESTERNERS. DETAILS OF CONTACTS SHOULD NORMALLY BE REPORTED THROUGH OPS CHANNELS. HQ WILL SCREEN FOR VALID INTEL.

2. a) SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POWER IN U.S. TO JOHNSON HAS AROUSED WORLD-WIDE ADMIRATION. DO YOU SEE ANY IMPLICATIONS OR LESSONS IN THIS FOR SOVIET UNION AND UPCOMING TRANSITION TO KHRUSHCHEV SUCCESSOR. HOW SOVIET TRANSITION LIKELY TAKE PLACE AND WHAT ARE LEGAL MECHANICS OF TRANSITION?

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b) DOES ANY POSSIBILITY EXIST THAT SOME THIRD POWER SUCH AS CHINA IS BEHIND GUANTANAMO STUDENT RIOTS? IF NOT, WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS BEHIND US DEMONSTRATIONS; THEIR INTENSITY SEEMED TO REFLECT ACCUMULATION OF GRIEVANCES.

c) MOSCOW HAS REPEATEDLY ACCUSED CHINESE OF IDEOLOGICAL "INFANTILISM." IF THIS IS INTENDED TO MEAN THAT CHINESE READ MARX-LENIN TOO LITERALLY, AND WITH UNREALISTIC WISHFUL THINKING THAT MORE READING WILL SET THINGS ARIGHT, REVERSE OF THIS WOULD MEAN THAT KREMLIN ITSELF NOW INTERPRETING MARX-LENIN IN MORE REALISTIC AND ADULT FASHION, IN TUNE WITH TIMES. IF SO, OF WHAT DOES THIS MORE MATURE IDEOLOGICAL APPROACH CONSIST; IF SO, WHY IS SOV UNION NOW MORE THAN EVER HESIT WITH OVERWHELMINGLY URGENT PROBLEMS OF SUCH BASIC MATTERS AS BREAD AND OTHER DAILY NEEDS FOR ITS PEOPLE?

d) CIRCA 1 DECEMBER "L'ESTETIA" IN HONORING POSTHUMOUSLY PURGED ECONOMIST VOZHNESENKIY'S BIRTHDAY STATED STALIN'S ECONOMIC "ERRORS" DATE BACK TO 1928-1929. THIS APPEARS TO REFER TO HIS DECISION TO PURSUE ECONOMICALLY UNBALANCING PROGRAM OF RAPID COLLECTIVIZATION AND EQUALLY UNBALANCED OVERCONCENTRATION ON HEAVY INDUSTRY. IS THIS CORRECT? DOES THIS MEAN EARLY

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REHABILITATION OF THOSE WHO OPPOSED SUCH STALIN PROGRAM, SUCH AS BUKHARIN? IN DRIVE FOR CHEMICALIZATION IS NOT KHRUSHCHEV AGAIN REPEATING THIS FUNDAMENTAL STALIN ERROR OF IMBALANCE? OR DOES HE FEEL HE HAS ADEQUATE BASE IN RESEARCH, PRECISION INSTRUMENTATION, MACHS, RAW MATERIALS, SKILLED LABOR AND TRANSPORTATION, ETC THAT LARGE SCALE CHEM INDUSTRY INEXORABLY DEMANDS.

e) AT KHRUSHCHEV-STALIN LEVEL, WHAT IS "ECONOMIC ERROR" AND "ECONOMIC CRIME CRIMES?" STALIN HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF BOTH.

f) SOME EUROPEAN WRITERS READ INTO SOV-CHINESE CONFLICT AND MOSCOW INABILITY TO CONVUCE WORLD COMMUNIST CONF. FOR ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION AS EVIDENCE IRREVERSIBLE FRAGMENTATION AND DECLINE OF COMMUNIST MOVEMENT UNDER IMPACT OF EVENTS INCREASING HUMAN DESIRES, AND SPECTACULAR WORLD PROGRESS IN TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY WEAPONS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY TRUTH IN THIS? IF NOT, WOULD YOU SAY THAT COMMUNISM IS COPING WITH WORLD PROBLEMS ADEQUATELY; HOW? IS COMMUNIST MOTTO NOW "WORKERS OF WORLD, DISUNITE?"

g) FROM MOSCOW POINT OF VIEW. SOVIET OR EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS WHO LITERALLY KNOCKED HOLES IN BERLIN WALL FOR INFUX OF XMAS VISITORS TO EAST BERLIN SHOULD BE FIRED FOR COMMITTING DISASTROUS DISASTROUS PROPAGANDA BLUNDER BEFORE

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WORLD OPINION. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT? THEY REAWAKENED EVERY FEELING OF REVULSION AND HUMAN DEGRADATION THE WALL REPRESENTS, BY FORCING PEOPLE TO CRAWL THROUGH A HOLE IN ORDER TO VISIT KIN ON SENTIMENTALLY MOST MEANINGFUL RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY. IS THIS THE KIND OF THING TO BE EXPECTED OF A MATURE NATION AND ONE THAT CLAIMS TO VALUE SENTIMENT AND CHILDREN AS MUCH AS INDIVIDUAL RUSSIANS DO? HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT?

b) IN ALL RUSSIAN WRITINGS - OLD AND NEW - MOST FREQUENT SIGNIFICANT WORD IS "INTELIGENTSIA." WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY MEAN AND WHO CONSTITUTES SOVIET INTELIGENTSIA NOW. ARE YOU MEMBER INTELIGENTSIA AUTOMATICALLY BY VIRTUE YOUR DIPLOMATIC SERVICE? WHO ARE ITS FOREMOST SPOKESMEN?

1) RUSSIAN WRITER TYUTCHEV HAS SAID: "NOT WITH MIND IS RUSSIA COMPREHENDED, -- IN RUSSIA YOU MUST JUST BELIEVE." WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ON THIS AND RUSSIAN QUALITIES LEADING THE POET TO SUCH CONCLUSION?

3. SEPARATE MESSAGE FOLLOWS WITH DETAILED GUIDANCE ON LATEST SOVIET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

4. IN ORDER MAKE THIS GUIDANCE AS USEFUL AS POSSIBLE, REQUEST ADDRESSEES INFORM EQ OF WAYS IN WHICH IT IS USED AND/OR MIGHT BE IMPROVED FOR LOCAL USE. ALSO ADVISE IF NOT NEEDED YOUR SECTION.

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