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1. POLITICAL MATTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION WERE SOUGHT TO BE CURRENT USOR ECONOMIC
 DIFFICULTIES. AS NOTED REF, ITEMS INCLUDED AS OPERATIONAL AID FOR ASSESSMENT
 AND EVALUATION SOVIETS, AND AS MEANS HOW DOUBT RE REGIMES ABILITY DEAL WITH
 ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. RECIPIENTS SHOULD NOT MEMORIZE ALL ITEMS BUT SELECT ITEMS
 APPROPRIATE FOR OWN USE. REPORT RELEVANT CONTACTS VIA OSS CHANNELS. HQS WILL
 SCREEN FOR VALUE.

2. WESTERN PRESS (REUTERS VIENNA 16 NOV) REPORTED STRIKE BY WORKERS KRIVOI
 ROO. REASONS WERE BREAD SHORTAGE AND DEMAND FOR WAGE INCREASES MEET RISING FOOD
 COSTS. SINCE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOOD PRICE INCREASES TO DATE, ARE THEY BEING
 RAISED SECRETLY? WHAT ITEMS AFFECTED? BREAD PRICES BEING INCREASED? HOW MUCH
 AS MUCH AS THIRTY PERCENT PINE MEAT PRICES LAST YEAR? IF PRICES BEING RAISED, IS
 FUTURE MAKE THIS PUBLIC RELATED GOVERNMENT YEARS RIOTS SUCH AS LAST YEAR

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FOOD SECURITY WHEN MEAT AND MILK PRICES INCREASED

3. KHRUSHCHEV IN PERSON SPEECH SAID GRAIN CROP THIRTY PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR AND MEAT SUPPLIES UP. AS LATTER RESULT EXTENSIVE BUSINESS SLAUGHTERING LIVESTOCK IN VIEW SEVERE FODDER SHORTAGE KHRUSHCHEV ALSO SAID MILK PRODUCTION DOWN THIS YEAR. DOES THIS INDICATE EVEN MILK COWS BEING SLAUGHTERED DUE FODDER SHORTAGE?

4. IF FODDER IN SUCH SHORT SUPPLY WIDESPREAD SLAUGHTERING NECESSARY, WILL SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOLLOW HUNGARY EXAMPLE AND BUY FEED GRAINS ABROAD, IN ADDITION WHEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION?

5. KHRUSHCHEV SAID SOVIET CITIZENS STARVED 19-7 WHILE GRAIN BEING EXPORTED, ESPECIALLY TO PAY FOR IMPORTS MACHINERY AND OTHER CAPITAL GOODS. COULD SITUATION BECOME THAT SERIOUS THIS YEAR? HAS OR WILL SOVIET GOVERNMENT PUT RESTRICTIONS ON ALL FOOD EXPORTS ABROAD, OR WILL IT CONTINUE HELP FOOD EASTERN EUROPE AND CUBA AS IN PAST YEARS WHETHER HARVEST GOOD OR BAD?

6. WESTERN PRESS (REUTERS VIRGINIA IS BOV) REPORTED SOVIET GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REJECTED LOAD BUTTER FOR CUBA. HAVE CUBA QUANTITIES BEEN STOPPED? KHRUSHCHEV SAID CUBAN SUPPLIES DOWN THIS YEAR IN VIEW. SINCE CUBA NORMALLY BUYS CUBAN

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1. WILL THE U.S. BE OBLIGED TO MAKE FOOD DELIVERIES TO CUBA IN EXCHANGE REGARDLESS
OF THE AMOUNT OF U.S. FOOD WHICH CUBA HAS BEEN PRODUCING EQUIPMENT
AND SERVICES TO CUBA. WILL THESE DELIVERIES CONTINUE OR WILL GOODS BE RESTRICTED
TO THE BEST AGRICULTURAL EFFORT?

2. THE CHEMICAL PROGRAM WILL BE TROUBLED BY DEATH OF SOVIET ECONOMY,
AND BY THE POSSIBILITY OF MASSIVE SOVIET MILITARY POWER OR SLACKING
ECONOMIC GROWTH. THEREFORE WILL NOT CONSUMPTION SECTOR BEAR BURDEN THIS INVEST-
MENT? WILL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES) LARGELY
BASED ON FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTION, AND AMOUNTS BASED ON INCREASING FOOD AND
CLOTHING PRODUCTION THROUGH CHEMICAL PROGRAM, WILL NOT BURDEN OF HEAVY INVESTMENT
FALL ON HOUSING, ONLY U.S. CONSUMPTION SECTOR REMAINING. WILL NOT HOUSING
CONSTRUCTION BE CUT SHARPLY OR ALMOST HALTED? BEHINDS WILL NOT HOUSING PROBLEM
BE AMPLIFIED BY INFILX WORKERS TO MAN NEW CHEMICAL FACTORIES, MANY OF WHICH
IN AREAS WHERE LEVELS HOUSING NOW AVAILABLE?

3. IS KHRUSHCHEV DEMAND FOR CREDIT FROM WEST TO FINANCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM
INDICATION SOVIET GOLD RESERVES AT HIDDEN LEVELS? IS THERE EFFORT IMPROVE PRESENT
MINING METHODS OR FIND NEW GOLD DEPOSITS TO PAY FOR MASSIVE IMPORTS?

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10. IF USSR RECEIVES LONG TERM CREDITS FROM WEST FOR CHEMICAL PROGRAM AND
OTHERS. WHAT MEASURES BE TAKEN PAY BACK LOANS? WILL ENTREPRENEURS BE SOONER,
OR WILL OTHER MEASURES BE TAKEN?

11. PRIVATE PLOTS OF FARM WORKERS MOST PRODUCTIVE THAN SOVIET AGRICULTURE,
AND ADDITIONAL INCREASES WOULD BRING LARGE GAIN FOOD OUTPUT. WILL
USSR GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGE OR BOLD PEASANTS FOR USE OF PLOTS?

12. SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST REALIZE FROM REP PERIOD AND VARIOUS MEASURES,
FROM EXAMPLE OF PEASANT PRIVATE PLOTS SINCE 1930s THAT GIVING LAND TO PEASANTS
WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY INCREASE FOOD FOR SOVIET POPULATION. POLITICAL
DISAFFECTION IS NOT ANOTHER REASON THIS NOT BEING DONE YEAR OF
REPERIOD PERIODS SUCH AS DISRUPTED PERIOD REP PERIOD, FROM INFLATION WOULD
RESULT FROM OVERPRODUCTION ON FARMS, FOR WHICH NO CONSUMERS GOODS TO RECLAIM IS
NOT SUFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION AND EACH PEASANTRY ONE MAY BOLD DOWN DEMAND FOR CONSUMERS
GOODS, WHICH WILL IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY, AND TO CONCENTRATE ON MILITARY AND
INTERNAL PRODUCTION WITHOUT EXCESSIVE INFLATIONARY PRESSURE REGARDLESS
WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION, WOULD SOVIET GOVERNMENT REALLY WANT PROSPEROUS PEASANTRY,
AND TO BRING MILITARY POWER, FOREIGN ACQUISITION, ECONOMIC GROWTH

13. USSR HAS TOO FEW ENGINEERS TRAINING AND DOCTORS TOO LOW AND MUST

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MANAGEMENT AGRICULTURAL WORKERS LOWEST PAID IN SOVIET UNION. DOES NOT
CONVINCE ANY BELIEVE THEIR WAGES TOO LOW AND MUST BE INCREASED:

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM LATEST IN LONG SERIES PARADES, INCLUDING NEW LANDS,
CONVINCE, PLAN TO INCREASE UP TO U. S. IN MEAT AND MILK OUTPUT, FALLOW LAND
PLAN OF PROGRAM AND OTHERS, ALL OF WHICH FAILED. EACH PROMISED ASSURE
ASSURANCE IN FUTURE. WILL SOVIET PEOPLE BE WILLING WAIT AGAIN, THIS TIME WILL
WAIT, WHILE LATEST PARADES TESTED, OR THEIR PATIENCE AND HOPE EXHAUSTED? DO
THEY BELIEVE GOVERNMENT SERIOUS IN PUTTING FORTH PROGRAM, OR THEY THINK IT JUST
ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY NEGATIVE GAIN TIME IN HOPE PROBLEMS SOMEHOW DISAPPEAR?

14. MUCH OF SOVIET UNION TOO DRY FOR EFFECTIVE FERTILIZER UTILIZATION,
ESPECIALLY GRAIN AREAS. WILL CONCOMITANT INVESTMENT IRRIGATION BE MADE SO
FERTILIZERS, IF AND WHEN PRODUCED, BE EFFECTIVELY USED? WHERE WILL INVESTMENT
FUNDS FOR THIS COME FROM?

15. IN PLENUM SPEECH KHRUSHCHEV ONCE MORE REFERRED TO LYSINSKY AS EXAMPLE
SCIENTIFIC PRACTITIONER. DOES THIS MEAN LYSINSKY AND HIS THEORIES, COMPLETELY
DISCREDITED BY AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS EVERYWHERE OUTSIDE U.S.S.R., CONTINUE HAVE

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GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN SOVIET AGRICULTURE EVEN IN TIME OF CRISIS?

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS SHOULD BE USED ONLY BY THOSE WHOSE KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET

LITERATURE MATCHES AT LEAST THE FACILIAS TUTCHEV.

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