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1. THUS FAR REMARKABLY LITTLE INFORMATION ON MOSCOW MEETING OF EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS WITH SOVIETS HAS EMERGED HERE. BOTH EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS AND ROMANIANS TEND TO TAKE LINE THAT

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THERE WAS NO "MEETING" AS SUCH, ONLY "BILATERAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS." WHEN PRESSED, THEY SAY "OF COURSE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED."

2. CONFIRMATION OF FACT CHINA WAS DISCUSSED SEEMS TO EMERGE FROM MEETING OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR PONS WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU OCTOBER 24. ACCORDING TO FRENCH COUNSELOR RICHER (PROTECT SOURCE) WHO ALSO PRESENT, MACOVESCU WAS OBVIOUSLY DISINCLINED TO SAY ANYTHING AT ALL. UNDER PROBING BY PONS, HOWEVER, HE SAID VARIOUS THINGS DISCUSSED BUT THAT ROMANIANS ON SOME QUESTIONS, SUCH AS WHAT IS GOING ON IN CHINA, DID NOT AGREE WITH SOVIETS AND OTHERS. ROMANIANS PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS SUCH QUESTIONS ON GROUNDS OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WHEN SUCH QUESTIONS DID COME UP, EACH SIDE "NATURALLY" TRIED TO PERSUADE OTHER OF CORRECTNESS ITS VIEWS. FRENCH CONCLUDE THIS REALLY MEANS ROMANIANS HAD ROUGH TIME IN MOSCOW ON CHICOM ISSUE.

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3. POSSIBLITY THAT ROMANIANS HAVE AGREEED WITH SOVIETS AND OTHER EE COUNTRIES ON COMMON COURSE OF ACTION RE VIETNAM SEEMS GOOD. THEIR PRESENCE IN MOSCOW AT TIME HOST AND OTHER GUESTS ENGAGED IN DEEPENING PLOEMICS WITH CHINA HAS INEVITABLY FURTHER

DEPRECIATED ROMANIAN "NEUTRALITY" IN PEKING'S EYES. ONLY PROBLEM OF OVERRIDING CONCERN SUCH AS VIETNAM COULD HAVE BROUGHT ROMANIANS TO ACCEPT THIS. AND ROMANIAN READINESS TO JOIN IN COMMON APPROACH ON VIETNAM ALREADY EVIDENT IN SUBSCRIPTION TO JULY WARSAW PACT DECLARATION.

4. IF ROMANIANS ARE ACTING IN CONCERT WITH OTHERS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT AGREED APPROACH IS AIMED AT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. ACCORDING CZECH COUNSELOR HERE, TRAVEL TO HANOI RECENTLY BY CZECH, HUNGARIAN, BULGARIAN AND ROMANIAN LEADERS WAS AGREED UPON AT JULY WARSAW PACT MEETING AND HAD AIM OF DEMONSTRATING EE SOLIDARITY AND "EXPLORING SITUATION." THIS IS NOT AT ODDS WITH OUR VIEW THAT MAURER INDEED WISHED SEE IF POSSIBILITY FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT EXISTED.

5. WHAT MAURER (OR OTHERS) MAY HAVE FOUND (#)

REFUSED DISCUSS HIS TRIP. IN FACT, ONLY MACOVESCU IN SAME CONVERSATION WITH PONS (NOTE PARA 2 ABOVE) HAS EVEN ADMITTED MAURER MADE TRIP. SEEMS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT MAURER IS DETERMINED TO DISPLAY HOPEFUL ATTITUDE, AS IN HIS REPORTED REMARKS TO KAWASHIMA ON OCTOBER 10 (TOKYO 3132). MORE

RECENTLY, ON OCTOBER 24 MAURER HAD CONVERSATION WITH GREEK JOURNALISTS IN WHICH, ACCORDING GREEK EMBASSY, HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS "OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT EARLY SETTLEMENT ON VIETNAM.
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