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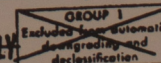
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1. AN INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP IS DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAVS AND THE SOVIETS. THERE IS CORDIALITY DURING THEIR MEETINGS, BUT THERE IS NO GREAT WARMTH OR ENTHUSIASM. THE RELATIONSHIP ON THE PERSONAL LEVEL BETWEEN TITO AND KHRUSHCHEV IS CLOSER. WHEN TITO VISITED KHRUSHCHEV LAST WINTER, KHRUSHCHEV TOLD TITO THAT HE FULLY EXPECTED THE ECONOMIC CRISIS TO COME TO A HEAD AS IT DID RECENTLY. HE SAID AT THE TIME THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO BRING THE PREDICAMENT TO PUBLIC NOTICE UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIGHT TO EXPOSE IT. KHRUSHCHEV EVIDENTLY FELT THAT HE COULD ACT IN A HARD MANNER WHEN ALL THE FACTS WERE AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION AND WHEN HE HAD ALL OF HIS POLITICAL DEFENSES READY.

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LIBERATION" VIA NORTH VIETNAM WOULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR COMMUNIST BEHAVIOR ALL OVER THE WORLD AND WOULD VIOLATE THE DOCTRINES OF "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" AND "INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST NATIONAL CENTERS," WHICH YUGOSLAVIA CONSIDERS TO BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

C. ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION CLEARLY SHOWS THAT COMMUNIST CHINA IS THE PRIMARY DANGER TO THE WHOLE "DEVELOPED" WORLD, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES.

D. YUGOSLAVIA REALLY FEARS THE INFLUENCE OF COMMUNIST CHINA IN THE "UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD OF ECONOMIC HAVE-NOTS" AND COLORED PEOPLES, FOR THE YUGOSLAVS ARE ABLE TO OBSERVE EVEN NOW IN AFRICA SOME TENDENCY FOR YUGOSLAVS, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER EUROPEANS AND THE AMERICANS, TO BE TREATED WITH RESERVE BECAUSE OF THEIR WHITE FACES.

E. PRESIDENT TITO MAINLY WISHED TO BE REASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT TRYING TO PROVOKE A BROAD MILITARY CONFLICT WITH COMMUNIST CHINA WHICH MIGHT RESULT SOMEHOW IN "BURNING THE WHOLE WORLD" WITH NUCLEAR WAR OR, AT LEAST, IN FORCING THE SOVIET UNION TO ADOPT A MORE HOSTILE ANTI-AMERICAN, ANTI-IMPERIALIST LINE, WHICH WOULD MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFICULT IN EASTERN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND FOR "LIBERAL COMMUNIST" ELEMENTS IN THE SATELLITE COUNTRIES.

2. ☐ DISSEM: NONE.

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