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FROM WALT ROSTOW
TO THE PRESIDENT
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THIS ROMANIAN INITIATIVE IS OMINOUS. WE SHOULD THINK
HARD ABOUT IT.

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1. CONFIRMING BALL-RUSK TELECON, ROMANIAN CHARGE DUMA TOLD
MISSION OFFICIAL AUGUST 26, THAT MANESCU HAD COME TO NEW YORK
NOT AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT BUT RATHER AS ROMANAIN
FORMIN; DUMA IMMEDIATELY ADDED, "YOU KNOW SOVIETS ARE MASSING
TROOPS ON ROMANIA'S BORDERS." HE SAID MANESCU WILL SEE
SECRETARY GENERAL AUG 27 AND MAY GO WASHINGTON TO SEE
SECRETARY RUSK.

2. DUMA SAID HE WAS SURE US GOV COULD PREVENT INVASION OF
ROMANIA IF IT TOLD SOVIETS THAT THEY HAD GONE FAR ENOUGH.
WHEN MISSION OFFICIAL POINTED OUT TO DUMA THAT US COULD NOT
BE EXPECTED TO THREATEN USSR, DUMA SAID, US SHOULD INTERRUPT
ITS POLICY OF DETENTE IN ORDER CONVINCE THE SOVIETS US NOT
ACQUIESCING IN PRESENT SOVIET POLICY. DUMA SAID IF ROMANIA
GOES, YUGOSLAVIA WOULD BE NEXT ON SOVIET LIST. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT ROMANIAN GOV DETERMINED TO FIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST
ANY INVASION AND WILL NOT RESTRICT ITSELF TO PASSIVE
RESISTANCE.

3. BALL, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, SEEING MANESCU 12:30 PM
AUG 27.

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