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FOLLOWING FOR PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION TOMORROW MORNING:

ITEM 1-FROM CIA SOURCE

AUGUST 21, 1961

1. [AN EAST EUROPEAN OFFICIAL CLAIMED]

THAT DURING MEETING OF WARSAW PACT MEMBERS IN MOSCOW IN
EARLY AUGUST 1961 POLISH DELEGATION SUCCEEDED CONVINCING
KHRUSHCHEV AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN DELEGATIONS
NOT TO SET DEFINITE DEADLINE FOR A FINAL SOLUTION OF EAST
GERMAN PEACE TREATY AND BERLIN PROBLEM. IT WAS DECIDED AT
MOSCOW MEETING THAT THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME SHOULD BE SELECTED
FOR A FINAL SOLUTION AND NEGOTIATION WITH THE WEST, AND THAT
EVEN POSTPONEMENT UNTIL 1962 SHOULD BE MADE SHOULD NO
FAVORABLE TIME APPEAR BEFORE END OF 1961. AS PRESSURE DEVICE
ON WEST, KHRUSHCHEV WILL CONTINUE TO USE IN HIS TALKS THE
DEADLINE "UNTIL END OF 1961". IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD AMONG
WARSAW PACT MEMBERS HOWEVER THAT THIS DEADLINE HAS NO
MEANING OTHER THAN TACTICAL MEASURE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH WEST.

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