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1. "ANOTHER HOT AUGUST"^{STORY} WOULD NATURALLY FOCUS ON OR INCLUDE STRAINS IN SOVIET ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND IS EARLY PEGGED TO CZECH INVASION ANNIVERSARY. WE WISH EMPHASIZE THAT ANY NEWS SLANT THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE CALCULATED TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIETS TO JUSTIFY ANY DRASTIC MEASURES THEY MAY BE CONTEMPLATING TO BRING ~~ROMANIA~~ ROMANIA INTO LINE. PLS NOTE IT EQUALLY IMPORTANT AVOID KISS OF DEATH SUGGESTION THAT LNUTE APPROVES, ENCOURAGES, OR ~~REWARD~~ ~~(REWARD)~~ REWARDS ROMANIA IN HER STRIKING OUT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM SOVIET DOMINATION. WE WISH ADHERE STRICTLY TO 2 AUGUST LNUTE GUIDANCE TO [] WHICH REQUIRES THAT IT BE BORNE IN MIND "PRESENT SITUATION FLUID AND UNEVALUATED," AND THAT "ANY OFFICIAL LNUTE STAMP OF APPROVAL ON ROMANIA'S SPECIFIC DOINGS WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE."

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2. RECENT BACKGROUND RELATING TO MOUNTING SOVIET PRESSURE:

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A. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S VISIT TO CHINA ~~ON~~ IN JUNE
 DISPLEASED SOVIETS. RE SINO-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, WE MUST AVOID
 PROPAGATING SPECULATION THAT HAS APPEARED EVEN IN SOME USUALLY
 RESPONSIBLE WESTERN MEDIA THAT CEAUSESCU MIGHT HAVE BEEN
 INSTRUMENTAL IN MEDLATING PROPOSED NIXON VISIT TO CHINA.

B. SOV PRESSURE IN TERMS CLOSER INTEGRATION EAST EUROPEAN
 ECONOMIES WAS EXPECTED AT 27-29 JULY MEETING OF COMECON IN BUCHAREST,
 BUT WHATEVER HAPPENED BEHIND SCENES, PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED RESULTS
 LOOK MERELY TO CLOSER INTEGRATION OVER NEXT 15-20 YEARS.

C. SUDDEN MEETING IN CRIMEA OF BLOC LEADERS ²~~1~~ AUGUST DID
 NOT INCLUDE CEAUSESCU. REAL REASON FOR MEETING, AND WHETHER
 CEAUSESCU BOYCOTTED IT OR WAS NOT INVITED, ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT EVENT
 HIGHLIGHTED CEAUSESCU'S UNIQUE POSITION IN BLOC POLITICS.

D. RE WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS IN BULGARIA, WHICH ACCORDING
 TO NEWS REPORTS, HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, IT NOT KNOWN WHETHER
 ROMANIA HAS REFUSED OR WILL REFUSE WP TRANSIT OF TROOPS, OR WHETHER

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SOVS HAVE ASKED FOR TRANSIT RIGHTS OR WOULD PREFER AVOID SHOWDOWN ON THIS ISSUE.

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E. SOME SPECULATION SUGGESTS RECENT HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN POLEMICS INSPIRED BY SOVIETS FOR ISOLATING AND ADDING PRESSURE ON ROMANIA.

3. AIRMAILING ^{TO} ~~FOR USE OF REF MEDIA ASSETS UNCLASSIFIED,~~ RELEVANT COLLECTION OF MATERIALS ON SOVIET ROMANIAN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES PARA TWO ABOVE, INCLUDING PRESS COMMENT ITEMS, BACKGROUNDERS FROM ISSUES OF WOLINE PERSPECTIVES, AND OTHER COMMENTARY.

4. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING LINES OF TREATMENT:

A. GENERALLY, COMMENT SHOULD PUT ONUS FOR STRAINS ON UNWARRANTED SOVIET PRESSURE. ROMANIANS SHOULD BE PORTRAYED AS PURSUING LEGITIMATE, PRINCIPLED FOREIGN POLICY WITHOUT ANY ANTI-SOVIET BIAS, WHATEVER INTERPRETATION SOVS SEE FIT, FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, TO PUT ON ROMANIAN INITIATIVES.

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B. EMPHASIZE CEAUSESCU'S IDEOLOGICAL ORTHODOXY IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AS REVEALED IN STRICT PARTY CONTROL AND SUPREMACY, SUPPRESSION CIVIL RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION, ETC.

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C. IT CLEAR THAT FOR LONG TIME SOVS HAVE BEEN DISPLEASED WITH ROMANIAN INDEPENDENT STANCE AND HAVE EXERTED AND WILL CONTINUE USE PRESSURE ON ROMANIA. QUESTION IS HOW FAR WILL THEY GO IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, AND WHETHER THEY CONTEMPLATING APPLICATION BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.

D. ROMANIA'S POSITION SHOULD BE PORTRAYED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE NO CAUSE FOR EXTREME MEASURES BY SOVIETS. EVERY PRETEXT FOR POSSIBLE SOVIET ACTION SHOULD BE EXPOSED AS INVALID.

E. ROMANIA'S VARIOUS INDEPENDENT INITIATIVES, INCLUDING CHINA POLICY, SHOULD BE DESCRIBED AS MERELY EXERCISING PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AGREED TO WITHIN WHOLE COMMUNIST BLOC AND CLEARLY NOT INTENDED AS ANTI-SOVIET.

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F. RESISTANCE TO CLOSER INTEGRATION OF BLOC ECONOMIES

AND PARTICULARLY TO IMPUTED ESTABLISHMENT OF "SUPRANATIONAL"

ORGANS IS NOT UNIQUELY ROMANIAN POSITION BUT PROBABLY SHARED BY

HUNGARY AND POLAND AS WELL.

G. CRIMEA MEETING MAY WELL HAVE INCLUDED, IN ADDITION

TO ANNOUNCED TOPICS, CONSULTATION ON ROMANIA'S POSITION, POSSIBLY

IN CONTEXT OF BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.

H. FREQUENT WESTERN SPECULATION NOTWITHSTANDING THERE

NO EVIDENCE THAT WP TROOP TRANSIT THRU ROMANIA IS ISSUE OF CONTENTION.

I. HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN POLEMICS COULD VERY WELL BE SOVIET-

INSPIRED AS ADDITIONAL SOVIET PRESSURE TACTIC.

5. UNLESS [] CAN BE ASSURED THAT SPIRIT PARAS ONE AND

FOUR GUIDELINES WILL BE ADHERED TO, PREFER [] NOT BE ASSOCIATED

WITH REF MEDIA ASSETS ON "ANOTHER HOT AUGUST" PLAY. FYI: SOV-

ROMANIAN RELATIONS PLANNED AS TOPIC OF BACKGROUNDER IN SEPTEMBER

ISSUE WOLINE PERSPECTIVES.

6. PLS SEND ARTICLES AND SCRIPTS IF GUIDANCE USED.

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