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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: NORMAN A. BAILEY *MB*

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN WFM

SUBJECT: Soviet Bloc Economic and Financial Situation
Update #27

Soviet Union

-- COMECON countries have jointly condemned the Versailles Summit decision to tighten trade credits (Tab A). *(C)*

-- Soviet Premier Tikhonov has admitted that economic pressure from the West, labor shortages, higher energy costs and the third bad harvest in a row have made the past year difficult for the USSR (Tab B). *(C)*

-- The outlook for French sales of equipment to the USSR has turned bleak. Under the new consensus credit rates, France cannot offer a credit line acceptable to the Soviets (Tab C). *(C)*

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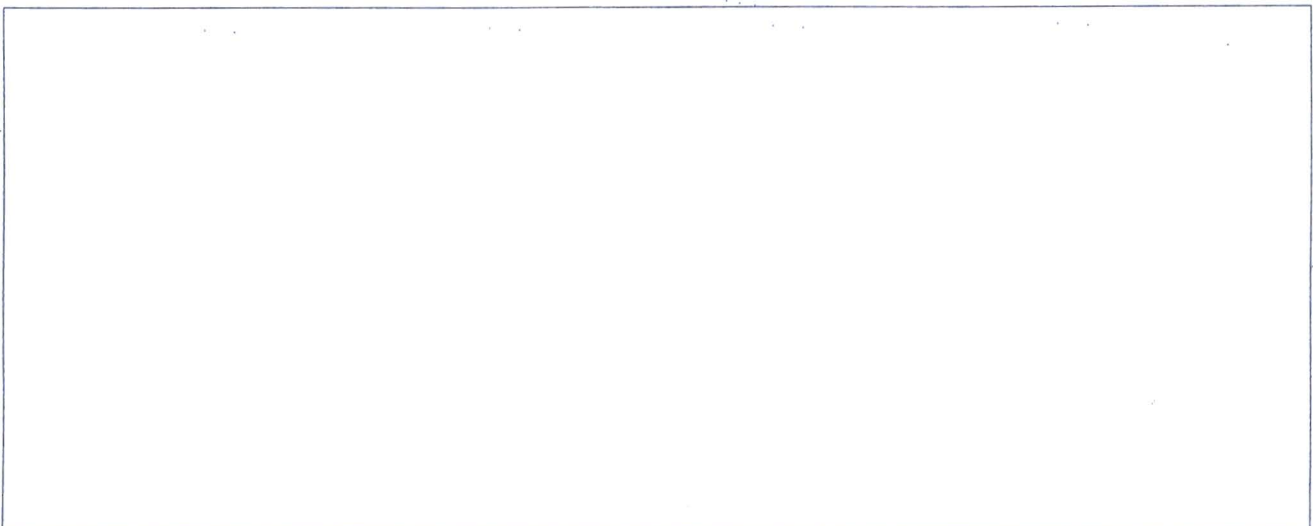
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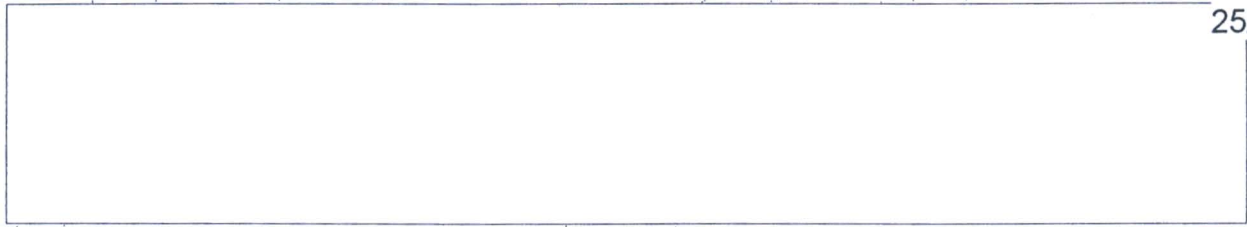
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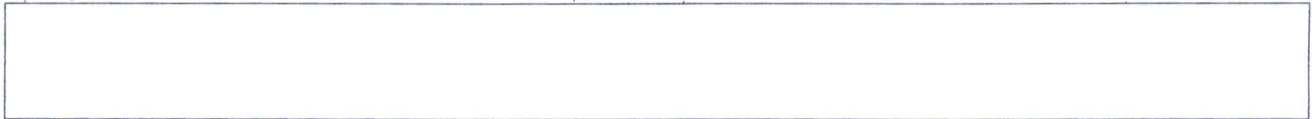
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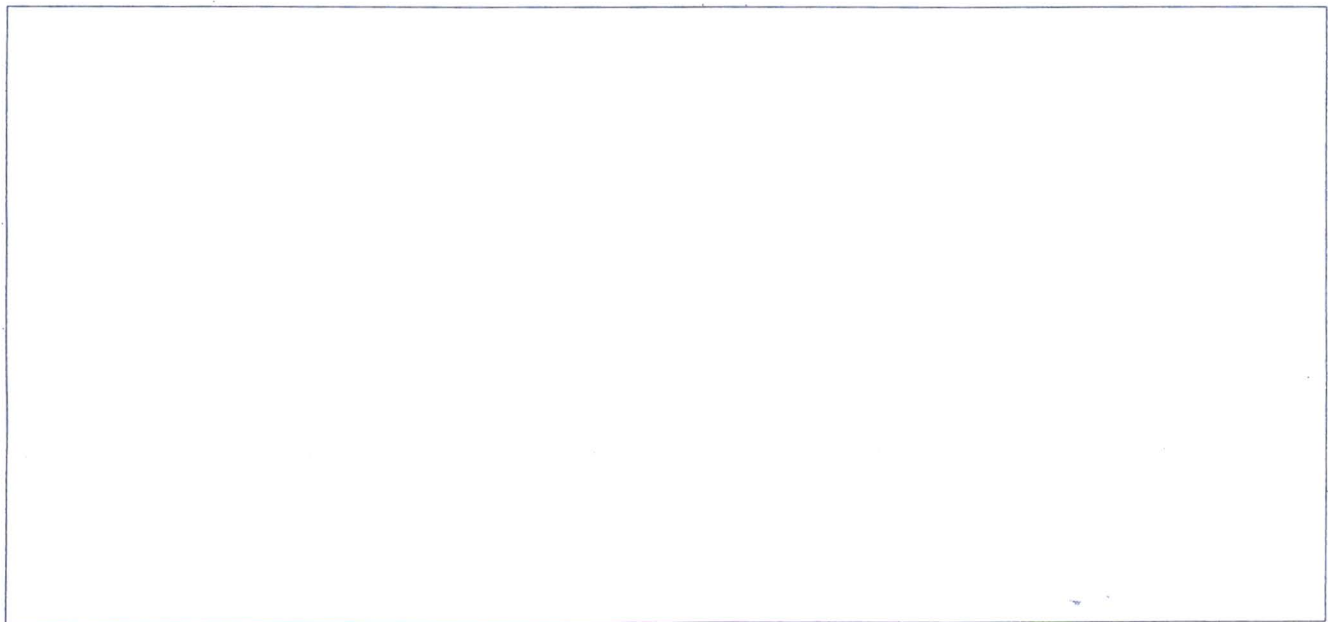
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-- IMF representatives are "appalled" at Hungarian financial statistics. The figures are comparable to those in Romania and Yugoslavia (Tab L). (C) 25X1



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Tab A State Cable re COMECON Communique
Tab B State Cable re Tikhonov Speech
Tab C State Report re New Credit Policy

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SUBJECT: COMECON COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNS VERSAILLES DECISION

1. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THIS WEEK'S 36TH SESSION OF COMECON IN BUDAPEST CONDEMNS THE VERSAILLES SUMMIT DECISION TO TIGHTEN TRADE CREDITS AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CEMA STATES. THE COMECON MEMBERS ALSO CONDEMNED WESTERN SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND. THE COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBES THIS ECONOMIC PRESSURE AS A VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. THE COMMUNIQUE MAKES A SPECIAL POINT OF REJECTING WESTERN INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF POLAND AND STATES THAT THE COMECON MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND MULTI-FACETED ASSISTANCE TO POLAND.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE STRESSES THE NEED FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AMONG MEMBER STATES AND SAYS THAT COMECON REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE PROGRAM OF COORDINATION OF PLANS FOR INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIES FOR THE 1986-1990 PLAN PERIOD. SEVERAL AGREEMENTS WERE REPORTEDLY REACHED DURING THE SESSION, INCLUDING:
--GENERAL AGREEMENTS ON DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF MICRO-PROCESSOR TECHNOLOGY;
--COOPERATION IN ORGANIZING PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS;
--JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN PRODUCTION OF ADVANCED AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC MACHINE AND INSTRUMENT SYSTEMS;
--AN AGREEMENT ON SPECIALIZATION OF PRODUCTION OF MICRO-ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS FOR COMPUTER ENGINEERING; AND
--COOPERATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF COLOR TELEVISION SETS. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO EMPHASIZES THE NEED TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND TO COOPERATE FURTHER ON NUCLEAR ENERGY PRODUCTION.

3. COMMENT: WESTERN JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE BEEN COVERING THE BUDAPEST MEETINGS HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS

TO DEVELOP MORE DETAIL ON THE COMECON DELIBERATIONS. ALL INTERVIEW REQUESTS HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN AND ONLY OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS WERE OPEN TO THE PRESS. THE OVER-RIDING THEME OF THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND THE COMMUNIQUE IS THE REJECTION OF WESTERN ECONOMIC PRESSURE AND THE VERSAILLES SUMMIT STATEMENT. THE STRONG EMPHASIS ON PROGRESS IN MICRO-ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTS (WHICH HAS BEEN HEAVILY PUBLICIZED IN THE HUNGARIAN MEDIA) SEEMS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT COMECON CAN DEVELOP ITS OWN TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES. JOURNALISTS WE SPOKE WITH WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY HARD INFORMATION ON THE RESPONSE TO JARUZELSKI'S APPEAL FOR MORE AID OR THE IMPACT OF REDUCED SOVIET OIL SUPPLIES. SEVERAL HOPED THAT THE JUNE 11 PRESS CONFERENCE BY SOVIET COMECON CHAIRMAN FADAYEV MIGHT SALVAGE WHAT MANY DEEM SOMETHING OF A LOST WEEK IN BUDAPEST.

4. ONE JOURNALIST TOLD US HIS OVERRIDING IMPRESSION OF THE CONFERENCE WAS THE ISOLATION OF THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION IN URGING CONTINUING ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE WEST. WHILE THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ENDORSES CONTINUED ECONOMIC LINKS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, THE JOURNALIST SAID THE HUNGARIANS SEEMED TO BE CLEARLY ON THE DEFENSIVE AT THIS MEETING IN THE FACE OF PRESSURE FOR TURNING INWARD. THE JOURNALIST CITED CONTRAST IN THE FINAL SPEECHES OF HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER LAZAR, WHO ONCE AGAIN REITERATED HUNGARY'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN TRADE LINKS, AND GDR PRIME MINISTER STOPH, WHO WILL CHAIR THE NEXT CEMA MINISTERIAL AND WHO REPORTEDLY BARELY MENTIONED CONTINUED TIES WITH THE WEST IN HIS FINAL STATEMENT.
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SUBJECT: TIKHONOV SPEECH AT CEMA MEETING.
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1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PREMIER TIKHONOV, SPEAKING TO THE CEMA MEETING IN BUDAPEST, HAS ADMITTED THAT "OBJECTIVE FACTORS," - ECONOMIC PRESSURE FROM THE WEST, LABOR SHORTAGES, HIGHER ENERGY COSTS AND THE THIRD BAD HARVEST IN A ROW - MADE THE PAST YEAR DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S.S.R. BUT HE PROPOSES THAT CEMA COUNTRIES PULL TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, IN PARTICULAR, THAT THEY GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO (A) MICROELECTRONICS, (B) ENERGY CONSERVATION, AND (C) AGRICULTURE. TIKHONOV CALLS FOR HELP FROM THE OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES IN MAKING BREZHNEV'S AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM A SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA JUNE 9 PUBLISHED LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM TIKHONOV'S SPEECH TO THE CEMA MEETING IN BUDAPEST THE PREVIOUS DAY. HE BEGINS BY AGREEING WITH THE CEMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSION THAT THE 1981 PLAN WAS "BASICALLY" FULFILLED--NOT A RAVE REVIEW. FOR THE SOVIET ECONOMY, THE YEAR WAS "VERY DIFFICULT," BECAUSE OF A DECLINE IN THE GROWTH OF THE LABOR SUPPLY, GREATER EXPENDITURES ON PRODUCING AND TRANSPORTING FUEL, AND THE THIRD BAD HARVEST IN AS MANY YEARS. THE

U.S.S.R. NATIONAL INCOME DID, HOWEVER, RISE BY 14 BILLION RUBLES, ACCORDING TO TIKHONOV. THE SOVIET PREMIER NOTES THAT NATIONAL INCOME ROSE IN OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES AS WELL, ALTHOUGH NOT IN POLAND, WHERE "A NORMAL ECONOMIC PROCESS IS GRADUALLY BEING RESTORED."

CEMA SELF-SUFFICIENCY: A BULWARK AGAINST THE WEST

3. TIKHONOV NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE CEMA COUNTRIES THEMSELVES ARE ABLE TO SATISFY THE "OVERWHELMING PORTION" OF THEIR IMPORT NEEDS - 55 PERCENT LAST YEAR. THIS, TIKHONOV GOES ON TO SAY, IS "ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW, WHEN IMPERIALISM HAS OPENLY GONE ON THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE FORCES OF SOCIALISM AND IS TRYING TO UNDERMINE ITS ECONOMIC POWERS." IN AN APPARENT EFFORT BOTH TO RALLY HIS CEMA LISTENERS TO ACTION AGAINST THE WESTERN THREAT AND TO EXCUSE POOR PERFORMANCE, THE SOVIET PREMIER NOTES THAT THE UNITED STATES AND NATO ARE PUTTING A "POWERFUL ECONOMIC SQUEEZE" ON CEMA, INCLUDING "DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES LIMITING EXPORTS TO CEMA AND COMPLICATING THE SALE OF OUR PRODUCTS IN THE WEST" AND DISRUPTING TRADE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. THE WEST'S INTENTION, TIKHONOV SAYS, IS TO "UNDERMINE OUR ECONOMY," "DISORGANIZE OUR ECONOMIC LIFE," "SHAKE THE UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES," AND "OBTAIN POLITICAL CONCESSIONS." SUCH ATTEMPTS, TIKHONOV WARNS, ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE, INASMUCH AS THE CEMA COUNTRIES HAVE "SUFFICIENT ECONOMIC MIGHT" TO RESIST.

4. ADMITTING THAT IT IS "NOT ONLY EXTERNAL REASONS" THAT HAVE MADE ECONOMIC LIFE DIFFICULT IN THE BLOC, TIKHONOV OUTLINES THE TASKS AHEAD AS HE SEES THEM. NOTING THAT STRESS SHOULD BE PLACED ON AREAS OF MUTUAL

INTEREST TO ALL THE CEMA LANDS, THE SOVIET PREMIER IDENTIFIES THREE AREAS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE: (A) MICRO-ELECTRONICS, (B) ENERGY-CONSERVATION, AND (C) SOLVING THE FOOD PROBLEM.

MICRO-ELECTRONICS

5. TIKHONOV SAYS THAT IT IS "A MATTER OF FIRST-DEGREE IMPORTANCE" THAT THE CEMA COUNTRIES CONCENTRATE ON BT

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MAKING THE TRANSITION TO THE ENERGY-MATERIAL AND
LABOR-SAVING WORLD OF MICRO-ELECTRONICS STARTING WITH
MICROPROCESSORS AND INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS. TIKHONOV NOTES
THAT THE "COMPETITIVENESS OF OUR MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT
ON THE WORLD MARKET" DEPENDS ON THE "QUICKEST SOLUTION"
OF THIS TASK, WHICH IS WHY THE TASK IS "POLITICAL" AS
WELL AS ECONOMICAL. HE NOTES THAT INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS
ARE ALSO IMPORTANT, AND THAT IT IS HOPED THERE WILL BE
200,000 IN USE BY THE YEAR 1990.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

6. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF ENERGY, THE SOVIET
PREMIER PRAISES THE GDR AND HUNGARY--BUT NOT
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND OR BULGARIA--FOR SUCCESSSES
IN ENERGY CONSERVATION. HOWEVER, THIS SUCCESSFUL
EXPERIENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ALL THE
CEMA COUNTRIES. THE NEED TO CONSERVE ENERGY CANNOT
BE SAVED ONLY BY STRICT CONSERVATION MEASURES, ENERGY-
SAVING EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED AS WELL. THE SOVIET SIDE,
TIKHONOV SAYS, SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL ON REVIEW OF
QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE RATIONAL USE OF FUEL, ENERGY
AND RAW MATERIALS AT THE REGULAR SESSION OF CEMA.

7. TIKHONOV NOTES THAT THE GOALS OF THE NEW SOVIET
FOOD PROGRAM WILL BE MET "LARGELY BY RELYING ON
MOBILIZATION OF INTERNAL RESOURCES," BUT HE GOES ON
TO SAY THAT "NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPE THAT COOPERATION
WITH OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES WILL AID IN REALIZATION
OF THE FOOD PROGRAM." WHAT THE U.S.S.R. WOULD LIKE
FROM ITS ALLIES WITH "GOOD EXPERIENCE" IN THE PRODUC-
TION OF FOOD IS HELP IN PROCESSING MEAT, MILK,
VEGETABLES, SUGAR BEETS, BUTTER, FEEDS, AS WELL AS
ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCING AND EXPLOITING REFRIGERATION,
STOREHOUSES, GRAIN ELEVATORS, FLOUR AND BREAD FACTORIES,
AND, IN GENERAL, THE "RECONSTRUCTION OF CORRESPONDING
FACILITIES" IN THE U.S.S.R. TIKHONOV SAYS THE SOVIET
SIDE AGREES TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AT THE NEXT CEMA MEETING.

COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

8. THE SOVIET PREMIER IDENTIFIES "RESERVES" IN CEMA
RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SUGGESTS A
COLLECTIVE CEMA APPROACH TO GIVING TECHNICAL AID TO
THE THIRD WORLD. HE SAYS THAT "PRACTICAL MEASURES"
TO STRENGTHEN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES
IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW, WHEN THE "USA AND ITS
ALLIES ARE STRENGTHENING THEIR ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE
CHOSEN A "SOCIALIST PATH OF DEVELOPMENT"--PRESUMABLY
INCLUDING CEMA MEETING ATTENDEES LIKE ANGOLA,
AFGHANISTAN, YEMEN, LAOS, MOZAMBIQUE AND ETHIOPIA--
SHOULD BE GIVEN "SPECIAL ATTENTION," TIKHONOV SAYS.

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5. USSR

A. New Credit Policy Hurts French Sales

The outlook for French sales of equipment to the USSR has turned bleak, according to a French banker. Under the new consensus credit rates, France cannot offer a credit line acceptable to the Soviets. Previously, the French tended to counterbalance their inflated prices with subsidized credit in order to remain competitive with the Germans and other equipment exporters.

Embassy Moscow Comment: Although French industrialists continue to visit the USSR, they have little hope of landing contracts. This credit dilemma and continued above-average inflation may be a harbinger of future difficulties for French trade with the Soviets.
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