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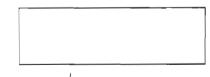
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- I. A situation in Respect touch, in which the specimens reministes, put does in a blood both by Soviet temper, in which the Soviet Mains now virtually compiles the country; and with a Soviet communication for all presentions, purposes now governing the country; a paper government whiteout dualitates of popular suggests a violantly enti-Soviet and anti-Communicat population papers of the country in assess of a general striking generals weather in some country temp of theoremia of dead and voluntity a papers she requested weathers destributes at the largest of their relation against the Soviet States and she are son, as the lands, disappointed that such acatelones did not acrive and, as the woost, may become almost so destinate as they are sold-Soviet as a variety deported tions of Sungarian posts and when to Service Sungarian posts the Sungarian posts and she attended against to be largesty unjusticative.
- 2. A "new" Hongrotine entirection in the Post, numbering some 20,000-37,000 and immedsing daily.
- 3. A substantial lass of possible on the part of the Sector Diam in the free world, including mentalist press and groups, and enough many conmental parties.
- A elbumilium in Policus in which, from all that one be judged at this source, the Policus people appear to be willing to support the friendles region for the time budge, at least. It is recommise to excess that such support in the long term will be disputly proportionate to the degree be to

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successful in meeting the demands of the people for greater fronten from

- 5. A significant decrease in the jouring of Newtons broadcasts, including RFS into Poland, which is assumed to reflect official Polish policy. A significant decrease in jouring of Newtons broadcasts to Hangary, probably because of the general situation in that country, rather than the result of Soviet or Rader regime policy.
- 5. Reported warest, particularly on the part of students and young intellectuals in the other Satulities.
- 7. An increment state of alart and readings of local escurity units in Czechoslovskia, Russain and Bulgaria as a result of antiqualist pressures heightened by developments in Hungary and Poland.

For the time being, therefore, until the secree of events in the Satallitee may be more showly understood, the following guideness for FEC is not forth below:

<u>General</u>:

We should be guided by an objective of branking up or vectoring what has been up to now the momentation unity within the Seviet Assistanted power bloc of Sestern Europe.

We should continue to carefully encourage graintinging changes toward descountiation and salf-determination, while at the same time evolding steps which might provide Seviet representant in other Satellites. We do not went to incite violent servet in Poland or in any other Satellite (and particularly not in East Germany, where the Seviets plan to remain at any cost).

1. A major information offers should be organized by FEC enoug the "new" enteration. This should include:

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leaders and activities in the West;

- c. Other information likely to be useful in future FMI operations or in refining present activities;
- d. Information of interest in the United States generally as to activities in Hungary and the other Satallites.
- 2: No estimum ahould be taken by FMC which is considered likely to provoke further bloodshed.
 - 3: RFS/Rengary should refresh from tastical advice of may kind.
- 4. HTS should refer as solden as possible to the Mider regime, but make clear that responsibility for decision making in Hangary at this time is borne by the USER;
- 5. NFE should confine itself generally to the balanced reporting of factual news, with a sintimum of editorial openant on local Hungarian events. Full coverage should be given to the efforts of the West to seriet the Hungarian people, including action in the United Hatisans; efforts by the West in furnishing medical, food, clathing and other essistance; assistance to Hungarian refugees in the West; sottivities of recent Hungarian refugees in mobilizing public opinion and ether activities for carrying on the fight for the freedom of the Hungarian people from the West; Western reaction to the events in Hungary; the defections from the Communist parties in the West; all statements by international figures and organizations condemnatory of Soviet repression in Emgany (the Colombo Powers Statement, for energie,

calling for Soviet troop withdrawal); and the like: Exeminate to Soviet troops should be continued.

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- 3. Notesial assistance to refugees should continue through FESS in sooperation with other relief and values aganting.
- 9. Plane should be developed to exploit fully in the Free North the reversion to Stalinian and the nated colonialism of the Pevist Union in Engary via all PEC secets, including PEES, PEP and NYS.
- 10. Flame should be developed to utilize the effective people in the "new" enteretion by FEP, FEER; and NOTE.
- 11. The relationship of the effective people in the "new" enignation to present Augustian Sational Council, the representation of the "new" enignation in the ASSS, so well so their participation in other subtlemetional entile organizations are authors of priority importance. Stops should be taken to give priority support and emphasis to activities in which the effective elements of the "new" enignation play a part, while at the same time, disappoint from the counterproductive elements of the "older" enignation. (This should be the subject of full discussion and expectal aegotistics became of a number of tempolation problems involved.)

- 12. Attention should be given to the problem of dissiffection, discouragement and general unti-Vill attitude mong Respection refugees.
- 1). Pertinular abtention should also be given to correcting the wide spaced imprension now being given credence in the press that the Free Sumps Countities provided the Despertes swellution, or at least, implied that Bestern support for some would be furtheresing. This should be suppoprishely apprinted with the Grounds.

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- 1. The affinition in Joined in which we judge the "thee" and "liberalization" are proceeding shout so for and as fast as is possible under the circumstances calls for careful handling by TRY:
- 2. SFR's Felish Desk's "temporary scatstion" with the Commike regime, while so the same time ownsfully and indirectly through factual ness reportage encouraging liberalizing forces new in motion to produce concrute results, seems to us to be the convent policy line, at least for the time being. NFR should continue to avoid tectical edvice to the Felish people.
- 3. Decause of the reduction of journing in Poland, and because of the need for evolution of any kind of provocation in a tense minustion containing the same ingredients which produced the Eugerian revolution, FRS abould not watth further notice.

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