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**Radio Free Europe Encrypted Telex MUN 135,
Richard Condon to W. J. Conerey Egan**

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Summary:

Richard Condon, Radio Free Europe (RFE) European Director reports the release of RFE staff from detention in Győr, Hungary.

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EGAN FM CONDON

HEREWITH FURTHER DETAILS RFE GROUP RELEASE PD

HIER WAS SUMMONED TO RUSSIAN KOMMANDATURA GYOR LATE YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON CMA WHERE A RUSSIAN MAJOR GENERAL ASKED HIM IF HE HAD BEEN
WELL TREATED OR WHETHER HE HAD ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS DETENTION PD

RUSSIAN GENERAL HAD HIER APOS S NAME IN NOTEBOOK AND WE ASSUME THAT
IT HAD REACHED HIM AS RESULT OF STATE DEPT INTERVENTION PD

AFTER SIGNING A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN WELL TREATED AND THAT HE
HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED BUT MERELY DETAINED CMA HIER WAS GIVEN LAISSEZ
PASSER AND TOLD TO LEAVE GYOR VIA THE SOPRON ROAD PD HE WAS
ESCORTED OUT OF GYOR BY SOVIET MILITARY VEHICLE CMA LEADER OF WHICH
TOLD HIER WHEN HE LEFT HIER THAT HE WOULD LISTEN TO FREE EUROPE
AND SEE HOW THEY REPORTED THIS INCIDENT PD

HIER HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WITH AVH PEOPLE NEAR BORDER WHO DID NOT
WANT TO RECOGNIZE RUSSIAN MILITARY PASS AS BINDING ON THEM PD AVH
PEOPLE TELEPHONED THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT SOPRON GIVING A DESCRIPTION
OF OUR THREE PEOPLE PD AFTER SOME DELAY OUR PEOPLE AND VEHICLE WERE
RELEASED PD

HIER STATES THAT EVERYONE IN GYOR KNEW THAT THE GROUP WAS FROM RFE
AND THE POSITION HE TOOK WITH DETAINING AUTHORITIES WAS THAT HE WAS
AN RFE REPORTER SAME AS OTHER REPORTERS PD

A GERMAN REPORTER FOR THE SUDDEUTSCHE RUNDFUNK CMA WHO WAS DETAINED
IN GYOR WITH HIER CMA SAID THAT THE RUSSIANS KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HIS
ORGANIZATION BUT THAT THEY KNEW AND RESPECTED RFE PD

HIER ALSO REPORTS THAT POPULATION OF GYOR WAS VERY FRIENDLY TO OUR
PEOPLE AND THAT A PRIEST IN TOWN HAD EVEN OFFERED HIM MONEY IF HE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN EFFECTING HIS ESCAPE PD

HE CONFIRMS THAT OUR GROUP WAS WELL TREATED PD

END MSG

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