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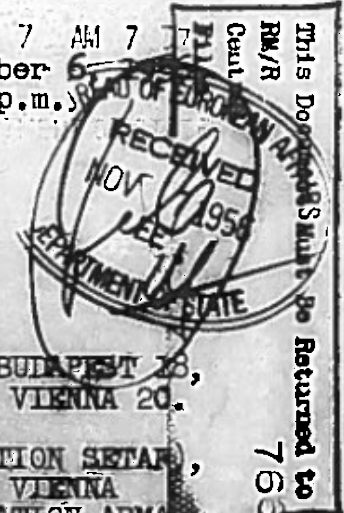
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Rumors re intention government cancel usual festivities connected November 7 anniversary increasingly firm. Includes parades, stadium meeting workers usually addressed by Apostol, and school classroom ceremonies. With regard last point several reliable Rumanian parents definitely assert schools are instead being closed November 7. Surmised by sources that regime fears any public assembly may cascade into protest meeting. Iron Curtain control renders this unlikely but regime may well fear coldness audiences as in self constituting anti-Soviet demonstration. (On other hand, customary Soviet and Rumanian flags now being put up to deck principal buildings).

Reported several hundred Bucharest university students under arrest briefly some days ago over refusal attend Russian classes

Government continues strict preventive measures. Securitate agents reported distributed freely in every school university and factory with exaggerated stories playing their part in terrifying people from any attempt make disturbance. Street corners abound with goons and securitate filled pobedas-mogy\* through Bucharest. These tactics most effective with timid Rumanians in preventing gatherings and conversation on subject Hungary. American visitors of Rumanian birth reflect campaign of fear by visiting Legation to ask advice on whether they should leave at once.

Evening November 4 special single sheet edition newspaper **INFORMAȚIA** in enormous type proclaimed formation Kadar government in Hungary. Reverse carries 15-point proclamation Kadar government **TRUDA** article

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article of same day "bar road reaction in Hungary". SCINTILLA November 5 published special edition repeating above and carrying congratulatory message to Kadar government signed Gheorghiu-Dej, Chivu Stoica, Groza. Special edition INFORMATIA main Rumanian conversation piece today. Man on street consensus seems be Soviets successful putting down Hungarian uprising, with recurrent question: have Hungarians died in vain. Cynics claim Rumanians proved "smarter" by remaining quiet, but majority emphasize need UN action. Deep situation fluid with goal being economic, other benefits all satellites even if surface controls remain same.

Western diplomats including US, revolted and depressed by events Hungary, have for most part concluded individually best refrain from attending Soviet Embassy November 7 reception and now consulting in order any action may be of common character.

Above message concurred in by USARMA and submitted as report received by ICO CC 17101.

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