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REF: PRAGUE 1258

CONFIDENTIAL PRAGUE 1268

SUBJECT: KAZAN CASE

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By us , NARA Date 10-30-98

1. PETRACEK HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT HE SUBMITTED MOTION TO PRAGUE CITY COURT MORNING FEBRUARY 2 ASKING THAT KAZAN BE RELEASED FROM SERVING REMAINING PERIOD OF IMPRISONMENT AND THAT PENALTY OF DEPORTATION FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY. EMBOFF HAS APPOINTMENT WITH PETRACEK AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 2 BY WHICH TIME PETRACEK HOPES HE WILL HAVE INDICATION FROM COURT WHEN IT WILL RECONVENE TO CONSIDER MOTION. (COURT SESSION WILL PRESUMABLY BE PRIVATE WITHOUT PRESENCE OF PROSECUTOR, DEFENSE ATTORNEY, OR DEFENDANT).

2. EMBASSY EXPERIENCE DURING KAHAKALAU CASE IS THAT COURT REQUESTS MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUSTICE, AND

PAGE 2 RUFUPR 170 C O N F I D E N T I A L INTERIOR TO COMMENT ON DEFENSE MOTION BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION. IN SUSTATINING MOTION IN KAHAKALAU CASE, COURT GAVE BOTH PROSECTUION AND DEFENSE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL DECISION WITHIN THREE DAYS OF ITS PUBLICATION.

3. BELIEVE WE SHOULD INTERVENE PROMPTLY WITH FORM IN BOTH HERE IN WASHINGTON. SUBJECT TO CONTRARY ADVICE OR OTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM DEPT. I PLAN TOMORROW TO ASK FOR APPOINTMENT WITH AMB TRHLIK TO REGISTER OUR CONCERN OVER LENGTH OF SENTENCE AND EXPRESS OUR HOPE, WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN POLICY ASPECT OF CASE WHICH NOW PREDOMINATES, THAT COURT WILL SEE FIT TO ACT FAVORABLY ON MOTION PRESENTED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY.

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