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**Radio Free Europe Encrypted Telex MUN 70, Richard
Condon to W. J. Conerey Egan**

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Summary:

Richard Condon, the European Director of Radio Free Europe in Munich, messages with information about RFE personnel still inside Hungary.

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TO EGAN
FM CONDON

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AS OF TODAY ALL RFE STAFF WHO HAD BEEN COVERING BORDER SITUATION AND WHO HAD AT VARIOUS TIMES BEEN INSIDE HUNGARY ARE BACK IN AUSTRIA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CLN

FREDERICK L PD HIER CMA U PD S PD CITIZEN CMA CHIEF OF SALZBURG BUREAU SCLN GABOR TORMAY CMA AUSTRIAN CITIZEN AND HUNGARIAN REPORTER VIENNA OFFICE SCLN AND JERZY PONIKIEWSKI CMA HOLDER OF U PD S PD REENTRY PERMIT AND PRESUMABLY BRITISH TRAVEL DOCUMENT CMA POLISH STRINGER PD

THESE THREE RETURNED TO GYOER FRIDAY NOV TWO AND IN COMPANY WITH TEN OTHERS CMA INCLUDING PETER WILES OF MANCHESTERGUARDIAN CMA SWISS REPORTER CMA THREE OR FOUR GERMAN REPORTERS AND THREE OR FOUR BRITISH RELIEF WORKERS CMA COULD NOT RETURN AUSTRIA THAT DAY WHEN SOVIETS BEGAN ESTABLISHING CHECK POINTS PD THE GROUP EXPECTED THAT THESE CHECK POINTS WOULD BE REMOVED MOMENTARILY PD

HIER ON EVENING SUNDAY NOV THREE

EXPECTED THE CHECK POINTS TO BE REMOVED WITHIN A DAY OR TWO AND THE GROUP DECIDED TO REMAIN TOGETHER IN GYOER PENDING THIS REMOVAL PD

AT ZERO ONE ZERO ZERO HOURS SUNDAY NOV FOUR HIER TELEPHONED VIENNA AND SAID THAT OUR PEOPLE WERE GOING TO THE CITY HALL PD IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE ENTIRE GROUP OF TWELVE OR THIRTEEN WHO HAD BEEN STAYING IN A HOTEL IN GYOER WERE WITH HIM PD

EYE WITNESS REACHING VIENNA TODAY REPORTED HE HAD PASSED THROUGH GYOER AT ZERO SEVEN ZERO ZERO SUNDAY NOV FOUR CMA AT WHICH TIME THERE WAS NO FIGHTING IN THE TOWN PD

WE ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION POSSIBLE RE GYOER SITUATION FROM REFUGEES ARRIVING AUSTRIA AND IF POSSIBLE FROM ANY COURIER SERVICE WHICH MIGHT BE WORKING BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND GYOER AREA PD

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ALL INDIVIDUALS GOING INTO HUNGARY LATTER PART LAST WEEK WENT IN AT REGULAR CROSSING POINTS AND HAD PASSPORTS STAMPED BY HUNGARIAN BORDER POLICE AT TIME PD WE HAD ALSO ADVISED AUSTRIAN GOVT THAT CMA ALONG WITH OTHER NEWS GATHERING AGENCIES OPERATING ON SAME PRINCIPLE CMA WE WERE ALLOWING OUR PEOPLE WHO WISHED TO GO INTO HUNGARY TO ENTER HUNGARY FOR LIMITED DISTANCES AND UNDER NO CONDITIONS TO TRY TO MAKE FOR BUDAPEST PD

ALTHOUGH SOVIET TROOPS ARE NOW SPOTTED ALONG BORDER CMA PEOPLE ARE STILL COMING OUT AT OCCASIONAL ISOLATED SPOTS PD

WE ARE GIVING NAMES AND DATA TO BRITISH CMA FRENCH AND U PD S PD GOVTS WHO ARE COMPILING LISTS THEIR NATIONALS UNHEARD FROM IN HUNGARY AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED PD