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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REPORTAGE OF KRENZ-GORBACHEV
- SUMMIT STRESSES UNANIMITY, STABILITY,
- AND PARTY SUPREMACY

1. THE MAJOR DAILIES RAN ONLY TWO DISTINCT STORIES NOV 2 ON THE KRENZ/GORBACHEV SUMMIT. A BTA DISPATCH PRINTED IN RAB DEL, NARODNA ARMIYA, AND TRUD SUMMARIZED THE SPEECHES OF THE TWO, AND EMPHASIZED THE PARTY'S VANGUARD ROLE, THE COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING STABILITY IN EUROPE, AND THE "COMPLETE UNANIMITY ON ALL QUESTIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS. OTECHESTVEN FRONT RAN ITS OWN STORY, WHICH BLANDLY GLIDED OVER BASICALLY THE SAME THEMES.

2. COMMENT: THE STORIES CONTINUE THE BULGARIANS' HABIT OF PLAYING DOWN CRISIS SITUATIONS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN ADMONISHMENT THAT "THE INCLUSION OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL FORCES IN POLITICAL LIFE DEMANDS RESTRUCTURING OF THE FORMS, METHODS, AND CONTENT OF PARTY WORK...COMMUNISTS WILL

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SUCCEED IN FINDING A RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE TIMES ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY ACT DECISIVELY, WITH INITIATIVE, AND WITHOUT FALLING BEHIND THE COURSE OF EVENTS," THE OVERALL PORTRAYAL OF THE TALKS, THEIR CONTEXT AND HOPED-FOR RESULTS, WAS ROSY. POLANSKY

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