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5:55 p.m.

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Mr. President:

I know it sounds slightly mad,  
but this is the third time I've found  
this theme in Communist thought;  
and this is quite direct.

The rest will interest you, too.

W. W. Rostow

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LEON VOLKOV (NEWSWEEK) DESCRIBED TO BAKER (USUN) AT 12:20 PM JUN 21 FOL CONVERSATION HE HAD JUST HAD WITH SENIOR TASS REP IN WASH, KOPITYN, WHO CURRENTLY IN NY FOR GA:

QUOTE

KOPITYN STARTED OUT BY SAYING KOSYGIN IS FURIOUS ABOUT BOMBING OF LAST TWO DAYS IN VIETNAM; HE WONDERS WHY PRES DOES THIS RIGHT NOW.

THEN WE TALKED ABOUT SITE FOR JOHNSON-KOSYGIN MTG; KOPITYN SAID KOSYGIN WOULD "CROSS THE RIVER" BUT NO FARTHER; SYS THIS IS AS FAR AS HE WILL GO AT THIS STAGE.

I (VOLKOV) SUGGESTED HISTORICAL SITE, SUCH AS GETTYSBURG -- SAID THAT A BIG WAR HAD BEEN FOUGHT THERE. HE (KOPITYN) SAID YES, BUT HOW TRAGIC IT WOULD BE IF THEY HAD MTG AND NOTHING CAME OUT OF IT. I (VOLKOV) SAID, BUT MTG IS BETTER THAN NO MTG AT ALL. KOSYGIN CANNOT GO BACK TO HIS PEOPLE WITHOUT A MTG; THEY WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT FOR THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY; WHOLE WORLD WILL TREMBLE IF THEY DON'T MEET. KOPITYN SAID, YES, BUT WHAT WILL WE DO IF THEY CAN'T AGREE ON ANYTHING. WHAT WILL WE (SOVS) GET OUT OF IT? JOHNSON HAS NOTHING TO RISK BUT WE HAVE LOT TO RISK. I (VOLKOV) SAID, YES, BUT YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE CHANCE.

THEN WE TALKED ABOUT VIETNAM. I (VOLKOV) SAID SOVS WOULD HAVE TO DO SOMETHING IN VIETNAM. KOPITYN SAID THAT IF THERE IS MTG, THERE WILL NOT ONLY BE ARAB CRITICISM BUT ALSO CRITICISM FROM CHICOMS WHO WILL WAVE THEIR H BOMB AROUND. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT NVN NEED US PRESENCE IN SEA SO-AS NOT TO BE SWALLOWED UP BY CHINESE.

I ASKED KOPITYN IF KOSYGIN WOULD LEAVE TODAY OR TOMORROW. HE SAID THERE IS A 90 PERCENT CHANCE HE WILL STAY AT LEAST THROUGH WEEKEND. BUT HE IS NOT GOING FURTHER THAN CROSSING RIVER. THERE IS A 90 PERCENT CHANCE, TOO, THAT THERE WILL BE COMPROMISE ON LOCATION AND KOSYGIN WILL MEET WITH JOHNSON.

I (VOLKOV) HAVE AN APPT WITH KOPITYN AGAIN AT TWO PM TODAY.

UNQUOTE.

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