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1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER THAT HE INTENDED TO SEEK THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS TOUCHED OFF WIDESPREAD COMMENT IN SOVIET BLOC DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES. NUMEROUS SOVIET BLOC DIPLOMATS INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY SOVIET, CZECH AND HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATS, WHEN TALKING AMONG THEMSELVES, HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS IN WHICH THEY HAVE CHARACTERIZED SENATOR GOLDWATER AS BEING A "FASCIST", "LINKED WITH THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY", AND "HYSTERICAL".

2. A HUNGARIAN CHIEF OF MISSION TO WHOM SOURCE SPOKE WAS THE MOST OUTSPOKEN IN HIS VIEWS. HE EVOLVED AN ELABORATE THEORY IN

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WHICH HE COMPARED SENATOR GOLDWATER AND THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY TO HITLER AND NAZISM BUT STRESSED THAT THE FORMER WERE BETTER ORGANIZED. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS A SECRET ARMY OF THE RIGHT IN THE UNITED STATES WITH RAMIFICATIONS INTO THE PENTAGON THAT WOULD SEIZE POWER SOMEDAY. HE ATTRIBUTED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO THE BIRCH SOCIETY BUT STATED THAT SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG AT THE LAST MOMENT. HE SPECULATED THAT AN ATTACK ON THE USSR WAS TO HAVE FOLLOWED ON THE HEELS OF THE ASSASSINATION BUT HAD SOMEHOW BEEN FORESTALLED.

3. OTHER BLOC COMMENT HAS TENDED TO BE MORE RESTRAINED THAN THAT OF THE HUNGARIAN CHIEF OF MISSION BUT THE VILIFICATION OF SENATOR GOLDWATER AND THE CHARACTERIZATION OF HIM AS CONNECTED WITH "FASCISM" IS GENERAL. SEVERAL SOVIET OFFICIALS TO WHOM SOURCE TALKED APPEARED NOT TO TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY WILDER REMARKS SUCH AS THOSE THAT HAD BEEN MADE BY THE HUNGARIAN CHIEF OF MISSION BUT NEVERTHELESS SEEMED GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE ROLE OF SENATOR GOLDWATER AS A FORCE ON THE US SCENE MIGHT PORTEND FOR THE SOVIET UNION.

4. THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS MANN AS ASSISTANT FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN WIDELY COMMENTED UPON IN BLOC DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES, PARTICULARLY BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. IT HAS BEEN CITED AS AN INDICATION

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