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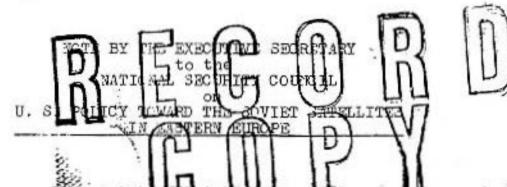
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by the President this late, the enclosed statement of policy, supprehentary to the statement of policy, supprehentary to the statement of policy contained in NSC 5606/1, is circulated herewith for implementation by all appropriate Executive departments and agencies of the U.S. Government.

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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF POLICY by the NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

U. S. PULICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITES IN EASTERN EUROPE

- l. Avoid incitements to viclence or to action when the probable reprisals or other results would yield a net loss in terms of U. S. objectives. In general, however, do not discourage, by public utterances or otherwise, spentaneous manifestations of discontent and opposition to the Communist regime, despite risks to individuals, when their net results will exert pressures for release from Soviet domination. Operations which might involve or lead to local violence will be authorized only by the Secretary of State with the approval of the President on the basis of feasibility, minimum risk, and maximum contribution to the basic U. S. objectives in NSC 5608/1.
- 2. As a means of encouraging the eventual establishment of freely elected governments in the satellites as a disruptive device and not as an end in itself, be prepared on a case-by-case basis generally covertly and under appropriate policy guidance to assist nationalism in any form where conducive to independence from soviet domination and where U. S. and free world cohesion would not be jeopardized thereby.