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Reference: London Telegram 2912, Repeated Bucharest 20

In LECTEL 252 we reported as rumor Gheorghiu-Dej summoned
Moscow October 31 had not returned up to November 4. This
continues seem more probable channel Soviet-Rumanian
negotiation than Khrushchev visit here that time, which
does not form part otherwise abundant local rumor crop.

Legation cannot suppose Khrushchev's military advisers
would have failed nip in bud any suggestion his part that
Rumanian troops be used for serious work in Hungary. Token
presences side by side with Soviet troops would have been
another question, but for such use their morale would have
been factor little account.

Accordingly Legation skeptical re certain central statements
Lowenthal source. All in all if Gheorghiu-Dej conversations
with Khrushchev took place Legation believes they related
primarily to immediate urgency clearing Rumanian rail lines
for heavy Soviet tank and troop traffic November 3 weekend.

LEGTTEL 257 reported ammunition Rumanian Army rumored heavily
guarded and controlled by hard core commie government officials.

More recently careful observation has failed produce visual
evidence this true, much less show army handing over arms to
Soviet forces.

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