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Summary:

Romanian consul in Alexandria reports on shipments to the PLO and conversations members of the PLO have had with other Eastern BLOC countries including Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia.

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Center Digital Archive MINISTERUL AFACERILOR EXTERNE SECRET Exemplar or GAIRO Date 21 aprilie 1972 a trait to a lateral Document declasificat (HG nr. 1201 / 4.12.2012) Consulul român la Alexandria, Nicolae Ficiu, informenză următoarele: l. In zilele de 16 și 17 aprilie a.c., în portul Alexandria au fost descărcate de pe nava sub pavilion polonez importante cantități de material militar, printre care mașini auto-station, autosanitare de producție cenoslovacă - marca "Ekoda", lazi cu muniții pentru armament ușor, grenade, mine de clmp etc., destinate O.L.P. Materialele au fost recepționate de către doi reprezentanți ai O.L.P. - care sînt detașați permanent în portul Alexandria pentru asemenea probleme. La descărcare a asistat consulul cehoslovac Frantişek Buzek. Consulul polonez la Alexandria - Walerian Dryzalowski a confirmat destinația materialelor de mai sus. 2. Potrivit informațiilor pe care le dețin, la Cairo a avut loc o întrevedere la 19 aprilie a.c. între Bela Bisaku, membru al Biroului Politic al P.S.M. ungar și un membru al Comitetului Executiv al O.L.P. Bela Biszku a reafirmat poziția guvernului maghiar de a sprijini în continuere, din punct de vedere politic și material, miscarea palestiniană de eliberare. 050291 . / . trimis:

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Reprezentantul O.L.P. ar fi arătat că au nevoie urgentă de îmbrăcăminte, armament ușor și muniții, solicitind părții maghiare să le acorde un asemenea ajutor. Bela Biszku a promis că, la înapoierea sa la Budapesta, va informa conducerea de partid ungară și va da un răspuns.

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The Romanian consul in Alexandria, Nicolae Frîncu, reports on the following [matters]:

1. On April 16 and 17, importan quantities of military supplies for the PLO, including auto-station vehicles, Skoda ambulances made in Czechoslovakia, ammunition crates for light weaponry, grenades, field mines, etc. were unloaded from a Polish ship in the port of Alexandria. These materials were then taken by two PLO representatives who are permanently assigned in Alexandria for dealing with such matters. The Czechoslovak consul Frantisek Buzek assisted the process of unloading.

The Polish consul in Alexandria - Walerian Dryzalowski confirmed the destination of the aforementioned supplies.

2. According to the information I collected, on April 19, there was a meeting in Cairo between Bela Biszku, a member of the Politburo of the Socialist Workers' Party of Hungary, and a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO.

Bela Biszku reaffirmed the position of the Hungarian government to continue its support, both politically and materially, for the Palestinian liberation movement.

The PLO representative reportedly showed that they urgently need clothes, light weaponry and ammunition, asking the Hungarians to provide [the PLO] with such assistance. Bela Biszku promised that upon his return to Hungary, he would inform the Hungarian party leadership and provide [the Palestinians] with a response.

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