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It is evident to me that moment rapidly approaching when
USG should make decision permit sales spares and other
items needed by Yugo forces, particularly Air Force.

Not only from my conversation with Gosnjak, but from
daily contacts I have with Yugo MKT, there are increasing
signs of frustration with US and indication that for lack
of good alternative Yugo will increase procurement of the
hardware from Soviet Union.

While not cause for immediate alarm on this point, there
is no cause for complacency either. Soviets offer of
attractive prices, good delivery terms and absence of
good alternatives seen as providing much incentive for
moving toward procurement of perhaps major components
from USSR. I am not, of course, recommending mlt* aid
for Yugo, but I do consider that GOY should have access
to US market to procure spares and other components subject
generally to the same type of controls we exercise in cases
of other independent countries. It should not be forgotten
that Yugo has one of the strongest, best trained, best lead
and equipped armed forces in Europe, with high morale and an
excellent record. I believe that by giving them normal

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access to US sources of supply we will maintain an orientation favorable to us. If some continued sales under FA act necessary then appropriate presidential determination should be sought.

I urge that whole matter be given thorough and urgent high-level review in Washington.

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