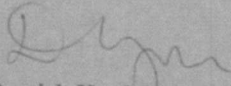


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In view of the unusual redeployment yesterday of 200 Soviet Tactical Air Force fighters back to the Czech border, the attached message takes on added significance.


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EUCOM SITREP NR THREE.

BRATISLAVA AND PRAGUE ARE APPARENTLY UNDER COMPLETE SOVIET
MILITARY CONTROL. NO ORGANIZED CZECH RESISTANCE HAS BEEN
ENCOUNTERED BY THE OCCUPATIONAL FORCES, WHICH CONTINUE TO
ADVANCE THROUGH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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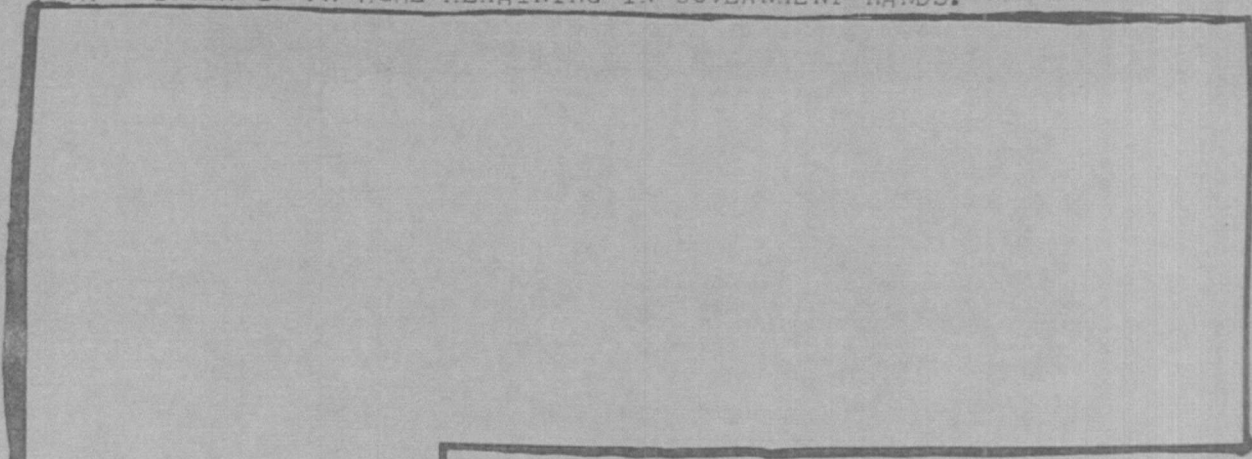
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THE US ARMY ATTACHE PRAGUE, REPORTED THAT AS OF 210645Z
SOVIET FORCES HAD FULL MILITARY CONTROL OF PRAGUE, INCLUDING THE
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, MAJOR MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND INSTALLATIONS.
OCCUPYING FORCES WERE ESTIMATED TO INCLUDE A SOVIET AIRBORNE
DIVISION, ONE SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION, ONE T-62 TANK
BATTALION, TWO T-55 TANK BATTALIONS, 30 PT 76 TANKS, TOWED AND
SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY UNITS WITH GUNS RANGING FROM 122MM TO
152MM AND 37MM/57MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY UNITS COMPLETE
WITH FIRE DIRECTION EQUIPMENT. ALL TROOPS WERE ARMED WITH STANDARD
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. AIRFIELD AT RUZYNE, WEST OF PRAGUE, WAS
OCCUPIED AND UNDER CONTROL OF SOVIET AIRBORNE TROOPS AND KEELY,
EAST OF PRAGUE WAS UNDER SOVIET CONTROL, AND WAS BEING USED FOR

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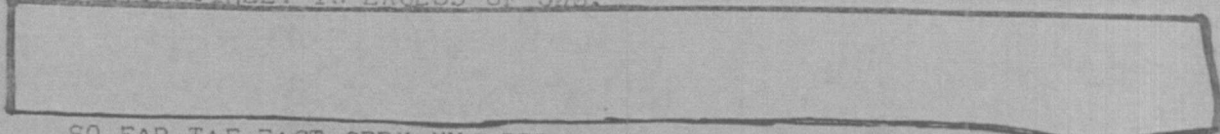
AIR LAND OPERATIONS BY AN-12 AND AN-3 AIRCRAFT. AN UNIDENTIFIED
SSFG MORIZED RIFLE DIVISION ALSO WAS REPORTED ENROUTE TO PRAGUE
VIA SLANY. CONTINUOUS FLIGHTS OF AN-12 TO THE PRAGUE AREA ARE DELIV-
ERING TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE PT-76 TANKS AND DTR-40
PERSONNEL CARRIERS. OTHER CZECH AREAS WHICH ARE PROBABLY UNDER
SOVIET CONTROL INCLUDE ASH, BRNO, MORAVSKA OSTRAVA, PRIBRAM
AND ZATEC.

THE SOVIETS HAVE IMPRESSED SOME CIVILIAN CSSR TRUCKS FOR
TROOP TRANSPORT. ONLY SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE HAD BEEN REPORTED
BY 010515 HOURS PR AGHE LOCAL TIME; HOWEVER, AT 0755 HOURS
INTERMITTANT SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH HEAVY SUSTAINED AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS FIRE WAS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOLE RADIO
TRANSMITTER IN PR AGHE REMAINING IN GOVERNMENT HANDS.

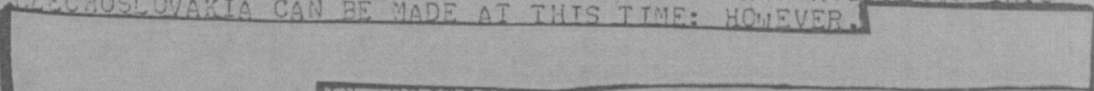


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REPORTS BY RELIABLE COLLATERAL SOURCES PLACE OBSERVED SOVIET
TRANSPORT SORTIES AT 250. IT IS THEREFORE LIKELY THAT THE ACTUAL
NUMBER OF TRANSPORT SORTIES INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SINCE 20/2 300Z
IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN EXCESS OF 300.



SO FAR TAF EAST GERMANY APPEARS TO BE INVOLVED IN WHAT COULD
BE CONSIDERED SUPPORT MISSIONS: TROOP SPOTTING, AIR DEFENSE
COVER, AND PROBABLE CLOSE IN GROUND FORCES SHUTTLING. THREE
INDEPENDENT RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENTS APPARENTLY HAVE
BEEN CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS BOTH NEAR AND OVER THE CZECH
BORDER. T0100 FIGHTER DIVISION AT MERSEBURG HAS APPARENTLY
SUPPLIED THE AIR DEFENSE COVER. NO ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER
OF FIGHTER AND FIGHTER BOMBER AIRCRAFT THAT HAVE FLOWN INTO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER,



IN ADDITION, A RELIABLE OBSERVER HAS REPORTED
SOVIET FIGHTERS LANDING AT CZECHOSLOVAK AIRFIELDS

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