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MILITARY TELEGRAMS

RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN CZECH 0915 GMT 22 AUG 68 L

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(TEXT) WE ARE BROADCASTING THE STANDPOINT OF THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY DISTRICT:

ESTEEMED COMRADE PRESIDENT , AS MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE 'S ARMY WE ARE DEEPLY INDIGNANT OVER THE OCCUPATION OF OUR HOMELAND AND BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK ON INACTIVELY AS OUR GARRISONS ARE BEING OCCUPIED. ORDERS WE ARE RECEIVING FORCE US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE OCCUPATION FORCES WHICH IS IN CONTRADICTION TO THE ATTITUDE OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR CONSCIENCES. WE ARE AWARE OF THE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES TO WHICH A POSSIBLE CONFLICT COULD LEAD . WE HAVE RECEIVED WITH GREAT INDIGNATION THE REPORT CONCERNING THE DETENTION OF CERTAIN FOREMOST PARTY AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS HEADED BY COMRADE DUBCEK. IN THE EVENT THAT THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE IS NOT CARRIED OUT , WE EXPECT , COMRADE PRESIDENT, YOUR ORDER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES BY THE MEANS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY.

(SIGNED) MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY DISTRICT.

HERE IS A TELEGRAM TO THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND TO THE COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, GENERAL PAVLOVSKIY:

WE CALL ON YOU TO ENABLE THE FREE EXECUTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS AND PARTY ACTIVITY BY OUR ONLY LEGAL AND RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVE, COMRADES DUBCEK , SVOBODA , KRIEGEL, SMRKOVSKY , CERNIK , CISAR, AND OTHERS.

IN ANY OTHER EVENT, WE ARE AWAITING AN ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC FOR THE USE OF OUR ARMY TO PROTECT THESE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF OURS . WE ABSOLUTELY DISAGREE AND SHALL NEVER AGREE WITH THE SPLITTING STANDPOINTS. WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE ACTIVITY OF THE REACTIONARY GROUPS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE . WE STATE THAT ONLY COMRADES DUBCEK, SVOBODA, CERNIK , SMRKOVSKY, AND KRIEGEL ARE ENTITLED TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOU AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL AND PARTY ORGANS. FREEDOM TO OUR GOVERNMENT AND TO THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE!

(SIGNED) COMMUNISTS AND NONPARTY MEMBERS FROM THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY DISTRICT.

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