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(LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC)

(TEXT) REVERED AND DEAR COMRADE PRESIDENT: AT THIS GRAVE MOMENT OF OUR HISTORY WE FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNSWERVING DEVOTION TO THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF OUR COUNTRY. WE THANK YOU FOR DEFENDING SO CONSISTENTLY AND RESOLUTELY THE LONGINGS OF OUR PEOPLE FOR A SOCIALISM WITH HUMANE FEATURES AND FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE . WE ASSURE YOU "ONCE AGAIN , AS HAS BEEN DONE MANY TIMES BEFORE BY MEMBERS OF OUR PRESIDUM, NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES BUT IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE , OF OUR DEVOTION AND FIRM WILL TO INSIST IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE MAINTAINANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OUR REPUBLIC, ITS LAWS AND RIGHTS. WE PROMISE THAT WE SHALL REMAIN LOYAL TO YOU, OUR LEGAL GOVERNMENT, HEADED BY OLDRICH CERNIK, OUR CHAIRMAN, COMRADE JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FRONT DR KRIEDEL, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY ALEXANDER DUBCEK, AND THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR SUPREME INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES.

AWARE OF THE HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY WHICH RESTS ON ALL OF US FOR THE FURTHER LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY, IN CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH THE WIDEST STRATA OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WE BEG YOU, DEAR COMRADE PRESIDENT, TO CONTINUE TO DEVOTE YOUR STRENGTH TO THE COMMON STRUGGLE WHICH WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF HONOR IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATIONS AND WILL ALWAYS BE A BRIGHT PAGE IN WORLD HISTORY . WE CORDIALLY SHAKE YOUR HAND, WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH, AND GREET YOU SINCERELY.

(SIGNED) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, PRAGUE , 22 AUGUST 1968.

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