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MEMO FOR MR. ROSTOW

Both DIA and CIA have begun to raise their estimates of the number of Soviet divisions in Czechoslovakia. ~~Until last week, they had been estimating 3-4 divisions.~~ [redacted] However, European agencies -- primarily SHAPE, USAREUR, and FRG -- have been able to confirm a high percentage of reports from untrained ground observers concerning Soviet elements [redacted]

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DIA and CIA currently estimate possibly more than ~~4-5 Soviet divisions~~, while USAREUR estimates ~~as many as eight~~. There is no indication that any new units have slipped in recently.

~~Prospects are not good for quickly resolving this matter.~~ A conference with the various European agencies to review their holdings is scheduled for December 18. [redacted]

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