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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in Czechoslovakia  
(As of 0600 EDT)

1. Moscow apparently will impose a new government on Czechoslovakia today. Radio Prague this morning reported that according to "military circles" of the Soviet Army, a new government will be formed at the Soviet Embassy today. The radio added that a list of those legally-elected Czechoslovak representatives to be arrested has been prepared. An earlier broadcast stated that members of the Czechoslovak security forces, in cooperation with Soviet military police, are "taking action" against the lawful Czechoslovak representatives.
2. Earlier reports that several members of the present Czechoslovak regime--Presidium members Bilak, Svestka, Kolder, and Barbirek, and Secretariat member Indra--were cooperating with the Soviets suggests that they will form the nucleus of the new regime.
3. Pravda today for the first time condemned Alexander Dubcek by name in a lengthy, two page justification of the Soviet invasion. The article repeated charges which

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had been contained in the Warsaw letter and presented the Soviet version of Soviet-Czechoslovak relations for the past eight months. Pravda claimed that the majority of Presidium members agreed with the Soviet position at the Cierna meeting, but a "revisionist minority" led by Dubcek expressed "right-wing" views and attempted to sabotage the Bratislava agreement.

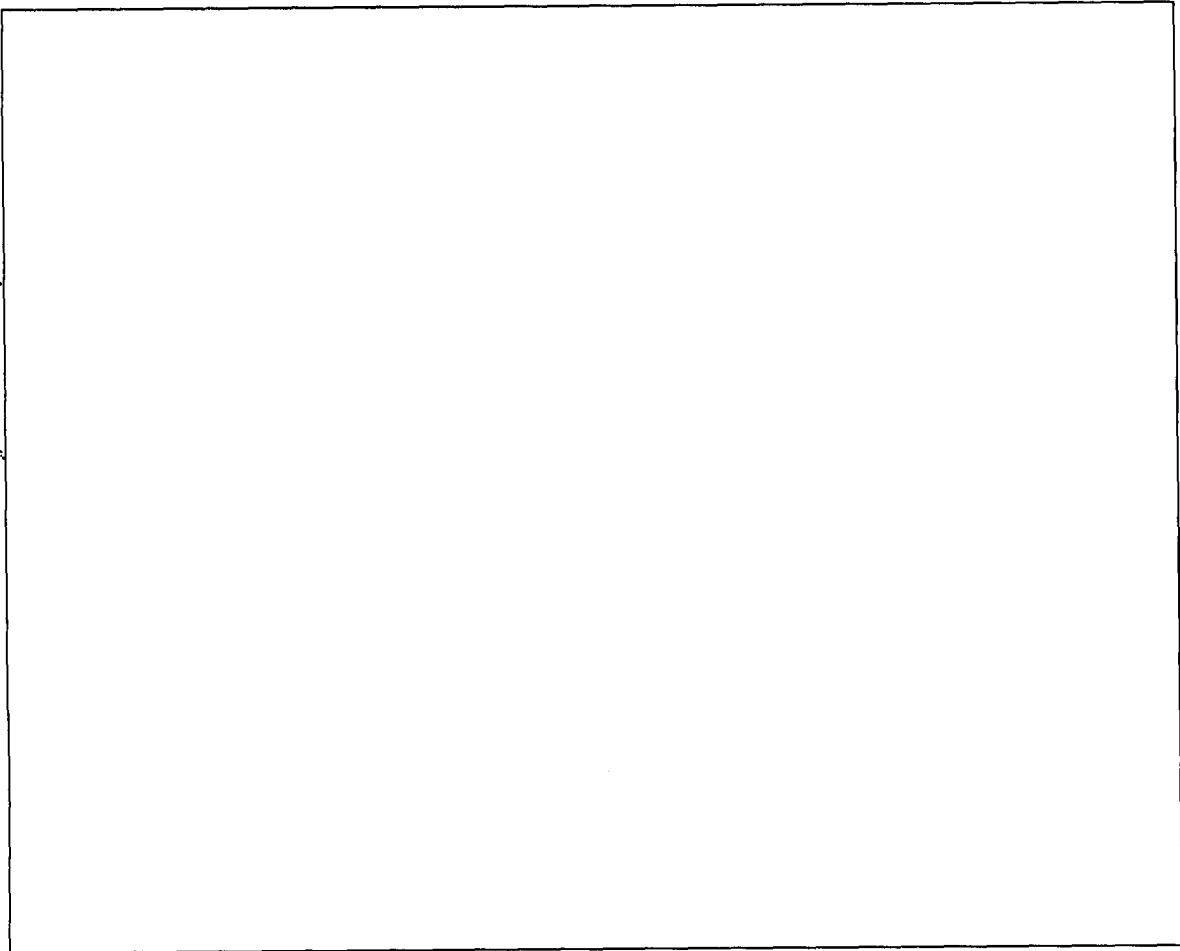
4. A loyal radio station has appealed to delegates to the 14th Party Congress to go to factories in the Prague area to prepare for an immediate meeting. The radio told them not to go to the Hotel Praha or to district party headquarters, warning that the former was a trap and the latter would no longer help them. The radio also denounced as "traitors" the five high party officials who have urged cooperation with the Soviets.

5. The Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Jiri Hajek, has booked passage to New York on a Lufthansa flight scheduled to leave Frankfurt at 1300Z (0900 EDT). Hajek, who was last reported in Belgrade, probably intends to appear before the UN Security Council. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hajek informed the Czechoslovak UN delegate yesterday of his intention to appear before the UN if this were required. Hajek also ordered the UN delegate to ignore orders from Prague and said that he was acting as the head of government while the others were prevented from taking action. [REDACTED]

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6. Soviet forces and small contingents of their allies have completed the military occupation of Czechoslovakia without significant fighting. Major elements of the Czechoslovak armed forces, however, are still declaring their loyalty to Dubcek.



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