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Mr. President:

Here is CIA's report on the situation in Czechoslovakia as of 1:00 P. M. today.

First Secretary Dubcek is scheduled to speak this afternoon. We will send you later a summary of any significant statements he makes.

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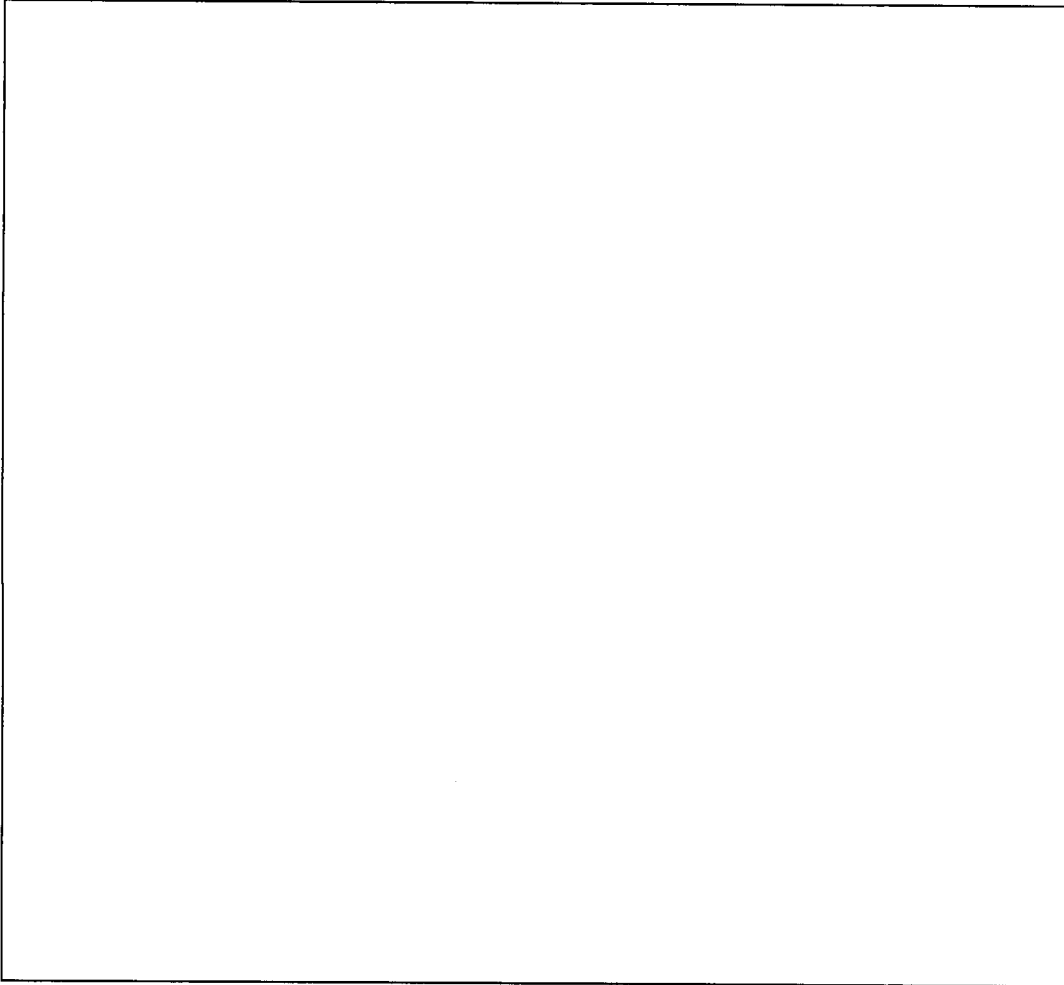
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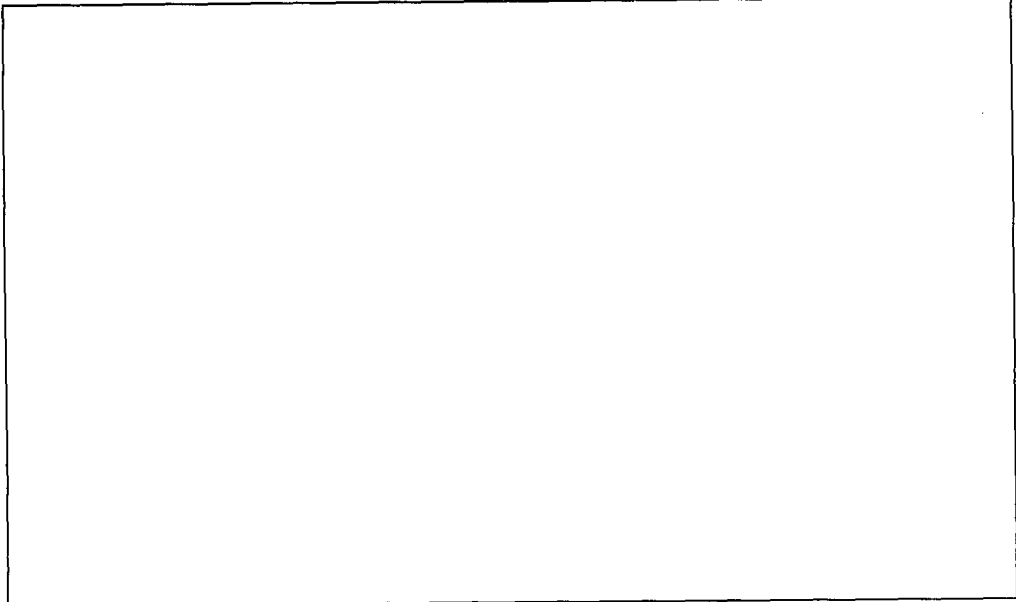
INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in Czechoslovakia
(As of 1:00 P.M. EDT)



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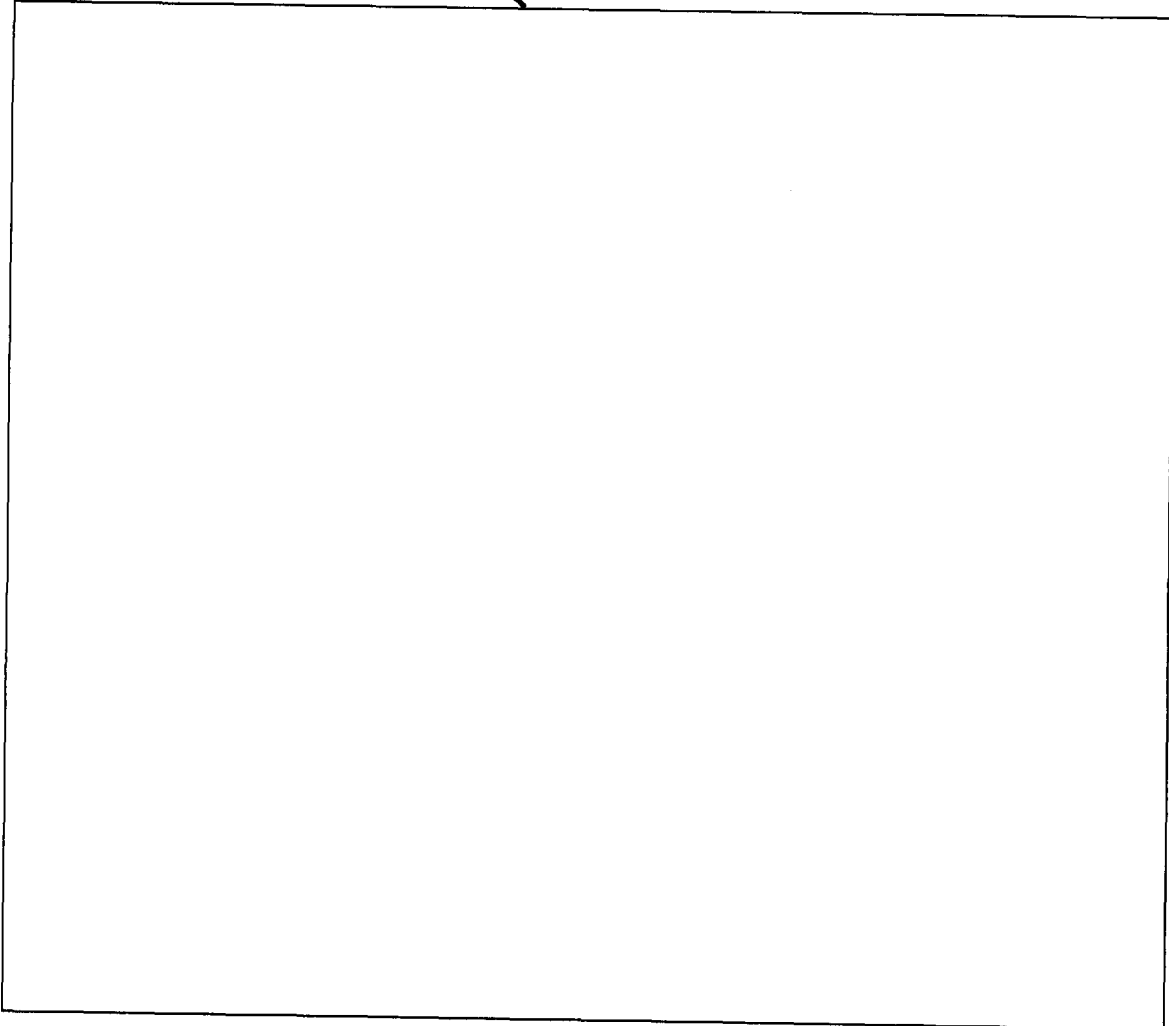


3. The reasons for the East German nervousness are not yet apparent, but they are almost certainly related to Czechoslovakia. The German actions may only be intended to aid in stepping up the war of nerves against Czechoslovakia, or they may merely be domestic security precautions in advance of the meeting between the Soviet politburo and the Czech presidium, which could come as soon as Monday or Tuesday. In situations such as this, the East Germans normally mobilize every available means of control over their restive population. There is a possibility that the Soviet-Czechoslovak confrontation may take place in Western Czechoslovakia.



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5. The reason for the East German precautions may become clearer after Czechoslovak party boss Dubcek's nationwide television and radio speech, which is scheduled for 2:00 P.M., EDT. [redacted]

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