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SUBJ: ROKG STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. FURTHER TO MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, THERE FOLLOWS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION ROKE STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA RELEASED TO PRESS AUGUST 224 QUOTE, THE ARMED INTERVENTION OF SOVIET RUSSIA IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT ONLY A CHALLENGE TO THE CONSCIENCE OF HUMAN BEINGS THE WORLD OVER, BUT ALSO A CATASTRAPHIC EVENT WHICH MAKES THE CRISIS OF COMMUNISM OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE. THE WORLD HAS ALREADY WITNESSED HOW SOVIET RUSSIA POSITIVELY ASSISTED THE AGGRESSION OF THE NORTH KOREAN PUPPET REGIME AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN 1950, AND HOW IT CRUELLY SUPPRESSED BY FORCE THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING IN 1956. THE SOVIET UNION HAS AGAIN OPENLY VIOLATED CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREINTY AND INDEPENDENCE, AND IT CANNOT AVOID THE INDIGNATION AND CONDEMNATION OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. UNQUOTE.

2. MID-DAY RELEASE ENABLED ONLY ONE AFTERNOON PAPER TO CARRY STATEMENTS WE EXPECT OTHER PAPERS WILL PICK IT UP AUGUST 23. PORTER