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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Representative of Jewish Organization  
Disappears in Prague

Charles H. Jordan, Executive Vice Chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee, visiting in Prague, went out for a walk on the evening of August 16 and did not return to his hotel.

At 6:30 a.m. August 17, Mrs. Jordan reported her husband's disappearance to the Embassy in Prague. As the Foreign Office was not open, Embassy officers immediately approached the Czech police who promised to investigate the disappearance but otherwise made no comment. The Embassy's message was received in the Department at 9:24 a.m. and Mr. Jordan's associates in New York were notified immediately.

Embassy Prague brought this matter to the attention of the Czech Foreign Ministry as soon as it was open. The Czechs said they would investigate but otherwise made no comment.

The Department telephoned Embassy Prague, finally getting through at 4:45 p.m. (9:45 p.m. Prague time) and urged Embassy to spare no effort in pressing Czechs for action. The Embassy has arranged an appointment with the Czech Foreign Ministry for 11:00 a.m. local time (6:00 a.m. EDT) August 18 to press again for action.

This afternoon the senior official available at the Czech Embassy in Washington was called in and told of our grave concern over this matter and our desire for prompt action.

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**By ics, NARA Date 6-11-97**

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