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UNCLAS MANAGUA 2268

SUBJECT: SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: STATE 225147

1. DURING AUGUST 22 PRESS CONFERENCE IN MANAGUA
OAS SECRETARY GENERAL GALO PLAZA MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON AGGRESSION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. AS REPORTED IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NOVEDADES
TODAY, PLAZA CONDEMNED INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA
BY FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES QUOTE BECAUSE THIS
GOES AGAINST TWO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF OAS,
NON-INTERVENTION AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES.
UNQUOTE. PLAZA ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID QUOTE
IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SPIRIT OF
FREEDOM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PEOPLE. WHATEVER
MAY BE THEIR FATE, WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN, THAT
SPIRIT WILL NOT DIE. UNQUOTE.

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