

# INCOMING TELEGRAM *Department of State* *Lyph*

29

32

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Control:  
Rec'd:

952  
MAY 2, 1964  
7:18 AM

Action

EUR

FROM: PRAGUE

Info

SS

ACTION: SECSTATE 874

G

SP

INFO: VIENNA 80

P

MUNICH 69

USIA

NSC

DATE: MAY 2, 2 PM

INR

CIA

NSA

MUNICH FOR EAS AND VIENNA FOR SPO

OSD

ARMY

NAVY

AIR

NIC

RMR

**DECLASSIFIED**

**E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.6**

**NLJ 97-157**

**By is, NARA Date 10-30-99**

EMB OBSERVERS ESTIMATE THAT UP TO THREE THOUSAND YOUTHS ATTEMPTED TO ASSEMBLE IN KINSKY PARK NEAR MACHA STATUE FOR TRADITIONAL POETRY READING EVENING MAY DAY, AN EVENT WHICH IN RECENT YEARS HAS TAKEN ANTI-REGIME TURN. IN CAREFULLY PLANNED OPERATION, THREE TO FOUR HUNDRED PLAIN-CLOTHES MEN AND UNIFORMED POLICE ARMED WITH TRUNCHEONS BROKE UP GATHERING CROWD, MANY OF WHOM MAY HAVE BEEN ONLOOKERS, INTO SMALLER GROUPS AND GENTLY BUT FIRMLY PUSHED THEM OUT OF PARK. AT PEAK OF SWEEP WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT PARK WAS BEING CLOSED, SPECIAL POLICE WITH VICIOUS DOGS, POWERFUL SEARCHLIGHTS AND A FEW TRUNCHEON BLOWS ENCOURAGED EXIT OF YOUTH. EMB OFFICERS HEARD SEVERAL OF THEM SHOUTING "GESTAPO" AND "LONG LIVE FREEDOM". OUTSIDE PARK, AFTER PEAK OF TROUBLE, ADDITIONAL ARMED POLICE ARRIVED ON SCENE, BLOCKED OFF ALL APPROACHES TO PARK AND URGED SMALL GROUPS OF YOUTH STILL STANDING ABOUT TO BE ON THEIR WAY.

COMMENT: SIZE OF CROWD WAS LARGEST TO DATE BUT DUE TO WELL PLANNED POLICE OPERATION YOUTHS WERE PREVENTED FROM STAGING WHAT UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE TURNED INTO ANTI-REGIME MANIFESTATION. INCIDENT WILL NO DOUBT BE DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS WORK OF FEW HOOLIGAN AND PARASITIC ELEMENTS AMONG YOUTH.

IAMS

BAP

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS  
PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"