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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REACTION INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA SITUATION MAJOR TOPIC CONGRESSIONAL SPEECHES SINCE MORNING AUG 21. GREAT MAJORITY CONDEMN SOVIET ACTIONS IN STRONGEST TERMS. SOME RADICAL LEFTIST DEPUTIES CONDEMNING SOVIET INVASION HAVE ATTEMPTED EQUATE IT WITH US "IMPERIALIST" ACTS IN CUBA, DOMREP, VIETNAM. CHAMBER'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED AUG 21 MOTION OF "MORAL SOLIDARITY" WITH CZECHS. IN MAJOR PLENARY SPEECH AUG 22, FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RAIMUNDO PADILHO SAID SOVIET SUPPRESSION LIBERAL TENDENCIES INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF NATURE OF COMMUNISM. DEPUTY ARNOLDO NOGUEIRA TOLD EMBOFF AUG 22 HE CIRCULATING IN CHAMBER PETITION SUPPORTING CZECHS THAT WILL BE SENT TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN RIO.

2. COMMENT: PREVAILING CONGRESSIONAL OPINION SEEMS BE SOVIET ACTION MARKS RETURN HARSH COLD WAR ATTITUDES. A FEW DEPUTIES VOICED OPINION TO EMBOFF THAT REACTION TO CZECH SITUATION WOULD CAUSE MORE CONSERVATIVE STANCE BY US IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND BY GOB IN INTERNAL MATTERS.

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