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P R 241108Z AUG 68  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4990  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

SUMMARY

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REF: VIENNA 6125

1. FONOFF SEC PLATZER INFORMS ME THAT SOVIET AMB  
PODZEROB CONFIRMED THAT STOPPAGE DANUBE RIVER TRAFFIC  
ON AUG 22 WAS BECAUSE SOVIETS HAD CONSTRUCTED PONTOON  
BRIDGE TO PERMIT FURTHER SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS FROM  
HUNGARY TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PODZEROB SAID RIVER TRAFFIC  
HAD BEEN STOPPED IN AUSTRIAN INTEREST "SO AUSTRIAN SHIPS  
WOULD NOT DAMAGE THEMSELVES ON BRIDGE."

2. AUSTRIAN SHIP CAPTAIN REPORTS HUNGARIAN TROOPS  
HAVE DISARMED CZECH CUSTOMS GUARDS AT BRATISLAVA AND  
THAT HUNGARIANS ARE OCCUPYING THAT REGION WITH SOVIETS.

3. HE SAID AUSTRIANS HAVE CONFIRMED SOME MOVEMENTS OF SOVIET  
MILITARY FORCES SOUTHEAST FROM BUDAPEST TOWARD ROMANIA  
BUT DO NOT KNOW PURPOSE OR MAGNITUDE OF MOVEMENT.  
AUSTRIANS ALSO HAVE REPORT THEY BELIEVE ACCURATE THAT  
IN ADDITION TO FORMATION OF NEW ROMANIAN MILITIA,  
ROMANIAN RESERVISTS HAVE BEEN ALERTED THAT THEY MAY  
BE CALLED UP AND ARE TO STAND READY.  
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By *sp/ebm* NARA, Date *4-18-06*

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