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SUBJECT: GOS STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY NATHAN CALLED EMBOFF THIS EVENING TO INFORM US THAT GOS HAS JUST INSTRUCTED ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UN TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CZECH UN AMBASSADOR:

2. "OUR SYMPATHIES ARE WITH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THEIR HOUR OF TRIAL. EVEN IN THIS CYNICAL AGE WE ARE SHOCKED AND DISMAYED BY POLICIES WHERE RIGHT IS NO MORE THAN A DISPLAY OF MIGHT. IF THIS IS BASIS FOR COEXISTENCE THEN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN BIG AND SMALL NATIONS REMAINS ALWAYS A HAZARDOUS ENTERPRISE. MY GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT ANY PRACTICAL AND COLLECTIVE MEASURE IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS."

3. NATHAN SAID GOS PLANS TO RELEASE THIS MESSAGE TO PRESS LATER TONIGHT.

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