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Czechoslovakia faces an important election this year. Ever since February 1948, the Communist party has ruled Czechoslovakia without democratic elections. In the post-war era, Czechoslovakia underwent significant economic growth fueled by heavy industry, but this growth has become unsustainable. Recently, many countries in the Eastern Bloc have overthrown their authoritative communist governments in favor of democratic, capitalist governments. These developments have set off a domino effect, and in 1989, the Czechoslovak communist government was overthrown. Czechoslovakia will be holding its first democratic elections this year since 1946, and this election will set a precedent for the future of how the country of Czechoslovakia will function. Many in the country want to establish a free market, but this will be difficult to do because 99.8% of Czechoslovak industry is state owned and 78% of foreign trade is tied to the former socialist block.

I am Jiri Machalik, leader of the Czech KSC party, a popular political group with the second highest support going into the first democratic elections. The KSC is Czechoslovakia's communist party and were in power until the Velvet Revolution. It is my goal to maintain communist power through the upcoming democratic elections. I will work with fellow communists to help ensure both the longevity of communist rule as well as maintaining Czechoslovakia as a single state. Hopefully this goal will be achieved via collaboration with Lubomir Strougal, Miloš Jakeš, and others that will help division amongst opposition groups:

Christian Democratic Movement of Slovakia, the Public Against Violence movement, the Czech Christian and Democratic Union, and the Slovak National Party.