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The velvet revolution liberated us from the grasp of communism towards a more democratic path where multiple parties will be taken into account and the choices will be made by the people. Due to the rapid transition from the communist rule to democracy, Czechoslovakia still had a great portion of the population supporting the communist party, but it would not have won due to the rise of the Civic Form under Havel. The Civic Forum and its slovak equivalent Public Against Violence both had the objective of establishing a strong democracy for the future of the newly free Czechoslovakia.1 It must not be forgotten the growing tensions between the Czechs and the Slavs due to them being the two major ethnic groups in the nation because of the migration of Germans in the Sudetenland. The tensions are dividing the country to the point that as history taught us would lead to the separation of Czechoslovakia into Czechia and Slovakia.2 All these changes and transitions are the ones that would be seen in the committee due to its presence in 1990 when the transition was being made and the feeling of liberation was still fresh in the minds of the people.

Ludovit Cernak’s first characteristic that needs to be recognized in this committee is that he is a Slav. Being a Slav and being later named the Minister of the Economy for Slovakia shows that he favors the democratic path of the party for Public Against Violence.3 Cernak is also a businessman showing that he favors a more competitive and capitalistic motion where he can strive and succeed. This also refers to his alignment towards democracy during the Prague Spring. It needs to also be noted that he is appointed to power through the Slovak National Party under Meclair’s rule. Due to this I would like to push for an economy of skilled workers to be able to compete with the quality products of the bordering nations. By creating vocational schools and educational institutions we will be able to move away from communism’s mass production towards a better quality production of skilled workers where there is a competitive market with freedom of enterprise and freedom of choice to follow economic markers. 4

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