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C/S - 1ST ADD WHITE HOUSE IN TOUCH (CN 17) X X X SITUATION

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY SAID THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM DOBRYNIN EARLIER IN THE EVENING (U.S. TIME)

THE PRESS SECRETARY SAID THE SOVIET MESSAGE PROMPTED JOHNSON TO CONVENE THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A MEETING ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

THE PRESS SECRETARY SAID "PRESIDENT INFORMED THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF A MESSAGE ON THE SUBJECT HE RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN EARLIER THIS EVENING."

THE PRESS SECRETARY SAID ~~THAT~~ "AFTER REVIEWING SUCH INFORMATION AS WAS AVAILABLE, THE PRESIDENT ASKED THE SECRETARY OF STATE (RUSK) TO CALL DOBRYNIN TONIGHT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER."

"THAT IS THE ONLY STATEMENT THIS EVENING I HAVE ON THE MATTER."

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