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(DPA/GND) - IN BONN, WEST GERMAN LEADERS WILL CONFER THIS MORNING ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

OFFICIALS FROM THE FOREIGN, DEFENSE AND INTERIOR MINISTRIES ARE BEING INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL MEETING ORIGINALLY CALLED TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET AT 0800 MT.

CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER WAS TOLD OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS EARLY TODAY.

FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT AND DEFENSE MINISTER GERHARD SCHROEDER WERE ALSO INFORMED AT THEIR VACATION SITES. THEY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE BONN MEETING THIS MORNING BY THEIR STATE SECRETARIES.

A DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THE BUNDESWEHR WAS NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID WEST GERMANY WAS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION AND WOULD ACT AS DID THE OTHER ALLIANCE PARTNERS.

A FEW INDIVIDUAL TRAVELERS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARRIVED IN WEST GERMANY EARLY TODAY BUT ABOUT 30 TRUCK DRIVERS, WHO NORMALLY DRIVE FROM THE BAVARIAN BORDER TOWN OF SCHIRNDING TO THE CHEB AREA, WERE TURNED BACK AT THE BORDER WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

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