

X/13 CURT - 1ST ADD - CONGRESSMEN BACK PRESIDENT (CN 353) XXX GOVERNMENT

CHRISTIAN SAID THE PRESIDENT GOT LITTLE SLEEP. HE WAS UP UNTIL AFTER THREE AND AROSE AT HIS "USUAL TIME", ABOUT SIX. HE SAW SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK IN THE MORNING, AND HAD "OTHER CONSULTATIONS", BUT CHRISTIAN WOULD NOT SAY WITH WHOM.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A REPORTED SOVIET STATEMENT JUSTIFYING THE INVASION IN PART ON THE BASIS OF THE THREAT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION, MCCLOSKEY SAID IF THAT MEANT THE U S, IT WAS "JUST RUBBISH".

ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH THE RUSSIANS ON DISARMAMENT, MCCLOSKEY SAID, "WE WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE." THERE WAS "NO REEXAMINATION" YET.

SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE CALLED FOR POSTPONING THE PROPOSED TALKS ON OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR MISSILES, SUSPENSION OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND A REEXAMINATION BY CONGRESS OF PROPOSED CUTS IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET.

THE PRIVATE "COMMITTEE TO END AID TO THE SOVIET ENEMY", HEADED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR JOHN DAVIS LODGE, CALLED FOR AN "IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC PARTICIPATING IN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

SOME VIETNAM "DOVES", PUT ON THE DEFENSIVE BY THE SOVIET MOVE, ARE SAYING U S INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM HAS PREVENTED THE U S FROM ACTING EFFECTIVELY. HOWEVER, THE U S DID NOT ACT IN 1948, AND DID NOT ACT IN 1956, AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE ACTED NOW, EVEN IF THERE HAD BEEN NO VIETNAM INVOLVEMENT.