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C/S - DUBCEK - KADAR MEETING REPORTED

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CNR) -- TWO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED SEPARATELY LAST NIGHT THAT A SECRET MEETING TOOK PLACE IN BRATISLAVA LAST WEEKEND BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS, ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND JANOS KADAR.

THE REPORTS WERE FILED BY THE BAVARIAN STATE RADIO'S CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE, HEINZ HOFFMANN, AND THE AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW.

HOFFMANN SAID HE HAD LEARNED IN PRAGUE A FEW PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN FACTS.

"ONE OF THEM IS THAT THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, ALEXANDER DUBCEK, HELD TALKS WITH JANOS KADAR ON SATURDAY IN THE BRATISLAVA AREA, AND KADAR IS SAID NOT TO HAVE SAID A SINGLE WORD ABOUT THE IMPENDING INVASION."

THE AFP REPORT FROM MOSCOW SAID: "ACCORDING TO CZECHOSLOVAK SOURCES IN MOSCOW, AN ULTRA-SECRET MEETING BETWEEN ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, JANOS KADAR TOOK PLACE IN BRATISLAVA ON SUNDAY."

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