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WASHINGTON, AUG. 22, REUTER - THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR, MR. KAREL DUDA, LAST NIGHT CONVEYED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT A DECLARATION BY HIS COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENTS PROTEST TO THE SOVIET UNION AND FOUR WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES OVER "THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

IN HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 10 HOURS, DR. DUDA DELIVERED THE ASSEMBLY DECLARATION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN LEDDY.

DR. DUDA THEN CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION AS WELL AS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE CETEKA NEWS AGENCY REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT MEETING IN PRAGUE.

BUT HE DECLINED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

COPIES OF THE PROTEST ARE UNDERSTOOD TO ALSO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNMENTS IN MOSCOW, WARSAW, BUDAPEST, EAST BERLIN AND SOFIA.

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