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X/4 C/S - OPEN LETTER TO THE SOVIET GENERAL PAVLOVSKY

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD) -- RADIO HRADEC KRALOVE THIS MORNING BROADCAST AN OPEN LETTER OF THE WESTERN MILITARY REGION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ADDRESSED TO THE "COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPYING ARMIES ON OUR TERRITORY, GENERAL PAVLOVSKY."

THE LETTER SAID: "WE HAVE LEARNED THAT YOU ARE COMMANDING THE UNITS WHICH UNEXPECTEDLY, WITHOUT CAUSE AND DISLOYALLY OCCUPIED OUR TERRITORY.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT DURING THE TIME OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE WESTERN MILITARY REGION WE HAD THE BEST RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET ARMY."

THE LETTER ASKED HOW COULD THE GENERAL HAVE INVADED THE TERRITORY OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER COUNTRY, WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

"DO YOU NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE DEEPLY OFFENDED THE FEELING OF FRIENDSHIP OF ALL OF US TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF THE USSR AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE ACTION? DO YOU NOT RPT NOT UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE DRIVEN A WEDGE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT?"

THE LETTER ASKED THE GENERAL WHETHER HE THOUGHT THAT SUCH AN ACT WILLFAVOUR THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM AND PEACE IN THE WORLD.

THE LETTER EXPRESSED FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WITH PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AT THE HEAD, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENT.

(RADIO HRADEC KRALOVE DOMESTIC/M, AUG 22, 0500)

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