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X-13/ FRANCE --- FRENCH CABINET SESSION SATURDAY

PARIS AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- THE FRENCH CABINET WILL MEET AT THE ELYSEE PALACE ON SATURDAY, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN IN PARIS THIS AFTERNOON.

THE DATE ORIGINALLY SET FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WAS NEXT WEDNESDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELYSEE PALACE SAID NO OFFICIAL REASON HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR THE ADVANCED MEETING, NOR WAS THE AGENDA KNOWN AT THIS MOMENT.

IT WAS WIDELY BELIEVED IN PARIS THAT PRESIDENT DE GAULLE WILL DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF EAST EUROPEAN EVENTS WITH HIS MINISTER.

THE GENERAL, NOW RESTING IN HIS COUNTRY HOME AT COLOMBEY-LES-DEUX- EGLISES, YESTERDAY CONSULTED WITH PREMIER MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING, A DECLARATION WAS ISSUED DENOUNCING THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET UNION, BY THE ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAD SHOWN IT HAD NOT YET ABANDONED THE BLOC POLICY THAT AROSE FROM THE YALTA ACCORDS.

FOREIGN MINISTER DEBRE IS DUE TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLYS FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION NEXT THURSDAY IN A SPECIAL MEETING CALLED OVER CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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