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X/4 C/S SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIES DUBCEK IN MOSCOW

MUNICH, AUG. 22 (CMD) THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN MOSCOW SAID TONIGHT THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF REPORTS THAT CZECH PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, PREMIER OLDŘICH CERNIK AND ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOSEF SMRKOVSKY HAD BEEN FLOWN TO MOSCOW, ACCORDING TO A REUTER DISPATCH.

EARLIER TODAY TANJUG AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESS QUOTED PRAGUE RADIO AS HAVING SAID THAT PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA HAD INFORMED THE CZECH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY TELEPHONE THAT THE THREE MEN HAD BEEN FLOWN TO MOSCOW.

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