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X/4 C/S -- FREE RADIO WARNS OF DELIBERATELY DISTORTED REPORTS  
(ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED)

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD)-- RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE TODAY WARNED THAT "DELIBERATELY DISTORTED REPORTS" WERE BEING DISSEMINATED AMONG JOURNALISTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "BY PROVOCATEURS WHO WANT TO DRAMATIZE THE SITUATION EVEN MORE".

THE RADIO CITED REPORTS BY SOME "FREE" RADIOS LATE LAST NIGHT AND EARLY TODAY THAT PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA HAD BEEN DETAINED, AND WOULD BE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID THESE REPORTS HAD BEEN DENIED BY THE HEAD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE, DR. LADISLAV NOVAK, WHO SAID THAT PRESIDENT SVOBODA WAS STILL AT HRADCANY CASTLE AND WAS STILL ENGAGED IN TALKS WHICH BEGAN YESTERDAY. RE/TB/U 0419/68 *nk*