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C/S - 2ND ADD RUSK SAYS...(CN 70) X X X MONTH.

MR. RUSK POINTED OUT THE SOVIET UNION'S OWN SELFISH INTERESTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM WITHDRAWAL OF ITS TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND HE INDICATED HE IS HOPEFUL LEADERS OF THE WARSAW PACT WILL HAVE "SECOND, EVEN THIRD THOUGHTS" ABOUT THE INTERVENTION.

THE SECRETARY SAID THE CABINET HEARD A REVIEW OF THE VIETNAM SITUATION, INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES ON NORTH VIETNAM'S INTENTIONS OF LAUNCHING A NEW WAVE OF ATTACKS ON SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIES AND ON ALLIED MEASURES TO CURTAIL THEM.

HE SAID THOSE WHO PROFESSED TO SEE NO RPT NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOVIET INTRUSION INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE U.S. ROLE IN VIETNAM HAVE "MORAL MYOPIA," ADDING THE CASES ARE AS DIFFERENT AS BLACK FROM WHITE.

"THERE IS ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD," HE SAID, "BETWEEN ACTING UNDER A TREATY OBLIGATION TO LET PEOPLE WORK OUT THEIR OWN CHOICES... AS IS IN THE CASE IN VIETNAM," AND "HAVING OUTSIDE FORCES COME IN" TO IMPOSE CHOICES, AS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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