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X/13 VISITS - 1ST ADD - BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT RUMANIA

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A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMASSADORS OF HUNGARY AND BULGARIA WERE SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE THIS MORNING TO BE TOLD OF THE CANCELLATION BY A SENIOR OFFICIAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OFFICIAL DID NOT RPT NOT SPELL OUT THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION--AS A PROTEST AGAINST THEIR PART IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA--BECAUSE THIS WAS ""IMPLICIT IN THE STEP.""

HE SAID HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHETHER EITHER OF THE AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED ANY REACTION TO THE CANCELLATIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN STRONGLY FORECAST.

STEWART WAS TO HAVE VISITED HUNGARY SEPT. 1 AND BULGARIA SEPT. 4, GOING ON TO BUCHAREST SEPT 7. THE CHANGE IN THE DATE FOR THE BUCHAREST VISIT IS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, SINCE THE FOREIGN SECRETARY NOW WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO BUCHAREST FROM LONDON.

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