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X/4 C/S - 2ND ADD - SVOBODA'S MOSCOW TALKS (CN - 257) XXX DUBCEK

(CMD) A CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSMITTER BROADCASTING ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION REPORTED TODAY ON HAJEK'S STOPOVER IN BRUSSELS, SAYING THAT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO NEW YORK, HAJEK HAD STATED THAT "OUR COUNTRY CAN NOT RPT NOT EXPECT ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT FROM THE WEST."

REPLYING TO A QUESTION "WHETHER HE COUNTS ON HIS RETURN TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, HE SAID THAT IT WILL DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES."

ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, A SOVIET JOURNALIST TOLD HAJEK THAT "HE HAS NO LONGER ANY POST IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK CABINET."

MINISTER HAJEK REPLIED DRYLY: "I AM STILL A MEMBER OF A LEGAL GOVERNMENT. I AM RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY." (CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSMITTER ON THE FREQUENCY OF CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION DOMESTIC/M, AUG 23, 1555)

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