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C/S - NATO COUNCIL ENDS THIRD MEETING

BRUSSELS, AUG 23, REUTER - THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE PERMANENT COUNCIL MET HERE TODAY TO ANALYSE THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE SOVIET ENTRY INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

IT WAS THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL -- WHICH LINKS THE AMBASSADORS OF THE MEMBER-STATES -- SINCE THE INVASION ON WEDNESDAY.

A NATO SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE COUNCIL CLOSELY AND DEEPLY ANALYSED THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION CREATED IN EUROPE BY THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE ALLIANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION AND ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSULT ON ITS POLITICAL EFFECTS. NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE MEETING WERE MADE KNOWN.

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