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X/13 CS - BRANDT: RUMANIA MAY BE NEXT

BONN, AUG. 23 (DPA/GND)- WEST GERMANY FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT SAID TODAY THAT HE COULD NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT RUMANIA MIGHT BECOME THE VICTIM OF MILITARY AGGRESSION.

BRANDT WAS INTERVIEWED TONIGHT ON THE FIRST WEST GERMAN TELEVISION NETWORK'S POLITICAL MAGAZINE "REPORT."

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD TOLD A BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT ONE COULD NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE SAID HE HAD ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD RUN INTO NEW PROBLEMS IN THAT CASE.

"TODAY I CAN NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, THAT RUMANIA ALSO COULD BECOME THE VICTIM OF A MILITARY ACTION.

"AS TERRIBLE AS THAT ALL IS, IT SHOWS US AT THE SAME TIME HOW LITTLE VALIDITY THE CONCEPTION OF A UNITED COMMUNISM HAS."

HE SAID THE INVASION SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PREVENT THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL EUROPEAN ORDER AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

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