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CS- 1ST ADD WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING (CN 333) XXX MEETING

TWENTY-SIX REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN ATTENDED THE SESSION, AS WELL AS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY. HE WAS THE ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PRESENT, BUT WHITE HOUSE AIDES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE KEPT THE OTHERS INFORMED ON THE SITUATION.

THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD FORCE THE RUSSIANS TO RESCONSIDER THEIR POLICY OF REPRESSION IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CRISIS DID NOT COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF AMERICAN WEAKNESS OR AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM," SAID REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE MAHON.

"THE SOVIET UNION JUST CANNOT TOLERATE LIBERTY."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE SHORTLY AFTER THE SESSION ENDED AND FLEW TO TEXAS TO RESUME A VACATION AT HIS RANCH.

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