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BRIT - MOSCOW AMBASSADOR SUMMONED TO LONDON

LONDON, AUG. 23, REUTER - BRITAIN'S AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, SIR GEOFFREY HARRISON, HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS.

A BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TONIGHT THAT SIR GEOFFREY WAS DUE HERE BY AIR FROM MOSCOW ON SUNDAY TO REPORT TO BRITAIN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR MICHAEL STEWART.

MR STEWART WANTS TO ASSESS THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITH SIR GEOFFREY BEFORE HE TAKES PART IN A SPECIAL DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON MONDAY.

SIR GEOFFREY IS DUE TO BE SUCCEEDED IN MOSCOW SHORTLY BY SIR DUNCAN WILSON, UNTIL RECENTLY AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE.

THE DATE OF SIR GEOFFREY'S RETURN TO MOSCOW AFTER HIS CONSULTATIONS HERE WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN.

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