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C/S -- 0115 INTRO -- SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, AUG 24 (CNR)-- THE UNITED STATES CAUTIONED THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY AGAINST MOVES THAT MIGHT INTERFERE WITH TALKS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE SOVIET UNION,

AMBASSADOR GEORGE BALL SPOKE DURING DEBATE ON A CANADIAN RESOLUTION WHICH URGES SENDING A REPRESENTATIVE OF SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT TO PRAGUE IN A BID TO HAVE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS FREED.

BALL SAID TALKS WERE REPORTED TO BE GOING ON BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND "SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA" WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY LEAD TO SECOND THOUGHTS ON MOSCOW'S PART.

HE SAID THAT BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, CHANCES WERE NOT RPT NOT VERY ENCOURAGING THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CHANGE ITS MIND IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING WORLD OPINION.

BUT HE SAID NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE WHILE THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF A PRAGUE-MOSCOW AGREEMENT.

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