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C/S -- DUBCEK AND CERNIK IN MOSCOW (ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED)
(RELEADS CN 9")

(EDS: THIS ITEM SHOULD BE PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED BY THE STATEMENT:
"THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS EVENT FROM ANY
OFFICIAL SOURCE."

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CMD) - THREE CZECHOSLOVAK "FREE" RADIO STATIONS
BROADCAST REPORTS TODAY SAYING THAT COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY
ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND PREMIER CERNIK ARE NOW IN MOSCOW.

ONE OF THE STATIONS, RADIO FREE NORTH SLOVAKIA, SAID THAT THE
TWO WERE TAKING PART IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET TALKS.

IT SAID THAT DUBCEK AND CERNIK WERE TAKEN TO MOSCOW ON THURSDAY.

RADIO FREE PRAGUE QUOTED THE FREE SLOVAK RADIO IN NITRA AS
SAYING THAT THEY WERE "WITH THE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW WHERE THEY ^{HAD} BEEN
BROUGHT BEFORE THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ARRIVED."

THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT REPORTED IN
TODAY'S EDITION THAT THERE WAS A REPORT IN MOSCOW ON FRIDAY NIGHT
THAT DUBCEK AND CERNIK "HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO MOSCOW SEPARATELY FROM
THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND THAT THEY HAD TAKEN PART IN THE TALKS."
THE TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT ADDED THAT THE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN
CONFIRMED.

ALL THE RADIO REPORTS SAID MEMBERS OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY
SEIZED BY SOVIET TROOPS ON FRIDAY HAD BEEN RELEASED AFTER THE SLOVAK
GROUP SPOKE WITH DEPUTY PREMIER GUSTAV HUSAK AND VASIL BILAK IN MOSCOW.

THE BROADCASTS SAID IT WAS "POSSIBLE" FOR THE SLOVAK LEADERS
TO SPEAK WITH HUSAK AND BILAK, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK
DELEGATION IN MOSCOW.

RADIO NITRA AS QUOTED BY RADIO PRAGUE SAID THAT "DR. GUSTAV
HUSAK AND VASIL BILAK TOLD THEM THAT ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND OLDRICH
CERNIK WERE WITH THE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW WHERE THEY WERE TAKEN
BEFORE THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ARRIVED."

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