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X/13 C/S - FRENCH CABINET MEETING (RELEADS CN 158)

PARIS, AUG 24 (RFE SPECIAL/ OVADIA)-- THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WITH PRESIDENT<sup>N</sup> DE GAULLE, BEGAN A SPECIAL MEETING, MAINLY DEVOTED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AT 1530 SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

THIS MORNING, PRESIDENT DE GALLLE SAW THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE FOR 40 MINUTES.

AFTER THE MEETING, DR VILHELM PITHART SAID "PRESIDENT DE GAULLE ENTIRELY APPROVES" OF THE DEMANDS BY THE CZECHOSLOVAKS FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS AND FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS.

THE FRENCH LEADER, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR PITHART, HAD ALSO SAID THAT THE UNITY OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES WERE A GUARANTEE<sup>A</sup> FOR THE SUCCESS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

LAST NIGHT, AMBASSADOR PITHART SAW FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE.

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