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X/4 C/S - TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DUBCEK

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MUNICH, AUG 25 (CMD)-- RADIO FREE DANUBE REPORTED EARLY TODAY THAT COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK SAID IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT THAT HE MIGHT RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUNDAY .

THE RADIO SAID THAT DUBCEK MADE THE COMMENT IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FOUR SLOVAK PRESIDIUM MEBERS ASKING THEM TO ARRANGE THE POSTPONEMENT OF MONDAY'S SCHEDULED SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS.

THE RADIO QUOTED DUBCEK, BUT DID NOT BROADCAST HIS VOICE.

THE FOUR WERE JAN JANIK, ONDREJ KLOKOV, VICTOR PAVLENDA, AND JOSEF ZRAK.

THE RADIO REPORTED THAT DUBCEK SAID: "AFTER OUR RETURN HOME WHEN WE HAVE FINISHED OUR WORK HERE, PROBABLY TOMORROW (SUNDAY), WE WILL DISCUSS ALL THE MATTERS CONNECTED WITH THE REALISATION OF THE SLOVAK CONGRESS."

RADIO FREE DANUBE, WHICH IS A SLOVAK-LANGUAGE STATION APPARENTLY BROADCASTING FROM SOMEWHERE NEAR BRATISLAVA, SAID THAT DUBCEK HAD REPEATEDLY URGED THE PRESIDIUM MEMBERS TO CONVINCE DELEGATES TO POSTPONE THE CONGRESS.

(FREE DANUBE /M, AUG 24, 0016)

(CMD -- ON FRIDAY, NIGHT, THE REE RADIOS REPORTED THAT THE SLOVAK CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD MONDAY AS SCHEDULED).

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