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CS - "RADIO SVOBODA" HEARD IN MOSCOW

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MOSCOW, AUG 25, REUTER -- A CLANDESTINE RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE RADIO STATION CALLING ITSELF "RADIO SVOBODA" (FREEDOM RADIO) WAS HEARD BROADCASTING FOR A FEW MINUTES OVER SHORT-WAVE TRANSMITTERS HERE TODAY.

WESTERN LISTENERS TO THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATIONS 0500 WORLD SERVICES NEWS BULLETIN WERE ASTONISHED TO HEAR THE BRITISH VOICE CUT OUT AFTER HE HAD READ THE HEADLINES AND BE REPLACED BY A RUSSIAN VOICE, COMING THROUGH MUCH MORE LOUDLY AND CLEARLY.

THE VOICE, SPEAKING PERFECT RUSSIAN, SAID SEVERAL TIMES: "RADIO SVOBODA SPEAKING, RADIO SVOBODA SPEAKING."

IT THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION NOW HAVING VITAL TALKS WITH KREMLIN LEADERS WAS EXPECTED TO FLY HOME TODAY AND THAT THE EAST GERMAN LEADER, HERR WALTER ULBRICHT, AND OTHER WARSAW PACT LEADERS WERE DUE HERE DURING THE DAY.

AFTER THIS IT SUDDENLY CUT OUT AND WAS REPLACED BY THE NORMAL B.B.C. BROADCAST.

(A SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID LAST NIGHT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RUMOURS THAT THE LEADERS OF EAST GERMANY, POLAND, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA WERE DUE HERE TO JOIN THE KREMLIN TALKS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET LEADERS.)

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