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X/4 C/S - MOSCOW TALKS PROCEEDING "VERY SOUNDLY" (WITH CN 69)

MUNICH, AUG 25 (CMD)- THE TALKS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW ARE PROCEEDING "VERY SOUNDLY", ACCORDING TO A TELEGRAM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CHIEF OF STAFF PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE TELEGRAM QUOTED BY RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE SAID THAT LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA SENT FROM MOSCOW "MOST CORDIAL" GREETINGS TO THE COMMAND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY AND ALL ITS MEMBERS.

GREETINGS ARE ALSO SENT FROM DEFENCE MINISTER MARTIN DZUR, PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY AND "OTHER MEMBERS" OF THE DELEGATION, THE TELEGRAM SAID.

"ACCORDING TO HIM, (APPARENTLY SVOBODA-CMD): THE TELEGRAM SAID, "THE TALKS ARE PROCEEDING VERY SOLIDLY. HOWEVER, THEIR RESULTS WILL DEPEND ON THE MAINTENANCE OF CALM AND ON THE PREVENTING AT HOME OF EVERYTHING THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

"ALL WILL FLY HOME IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VERY MUCH," THE TELEGRAM SAID.

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE DOMESTIC/M, AUG.25, 1223)

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