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CS - US PROTESTS PRAGUE INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, AUG. 26, REUTER- THE UNITED STATES TODAY PROTESTED TO THE SOVIET UNION OVER THREE INCIDENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA INVOLVING SOVIET TROOPS AND U.S. DIPLOMATS AND THE U.S. EMBASSY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROTEST INVOLVED TWO INCIDENTS YESTERDAY, IN ONE OF WHICH SOVIET TROOPS WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE FIRED BULLETS OVER A CAR IN WHICH A U.S. ARMY ATTACHE WAS TRAVELLING. IN ANOTHER, TROOPS BROKE INTO THE APARTMENT OF A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THIRD INCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED TODAY, INVOLVED A SOVIET SOLDIERS WHO ENTERED THE U.S. EMBASSY GROUNDS IN PRAGUE.

ONE REPORT RECEIVED HERE SAID THE SOLDIERS WERE EATING APPLES FROM A TREE IN THE EMBASSY GROUNDS BUT LEFT AFTER BEING ORDERED OUT BY AMBASSADOR JACOB BREAM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ORAL PROTSTS WERE MADE TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE AND TO TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MOSCOW. THE AMBASSADOR WAS EXPECTED TO DELIVER THEM ALSO TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PRAGUE.

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