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X/4 C/S -- LOMSKY PRAISED IN LETTER FROM MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE

MUNICH, AUG 27 (CMD)-- THE MILITARY HISTORICAL INSTITUTE IN PRAGUE HAS EXPRESSED "THANKS AND RECOGNITION" TO FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL BOHUMIR LOMSKY FOR HIS BRAVE ATTITUDE IN THE CRISIS, REPORTED RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST NIGHT.

(CMD -- LOMSKY WAS DISMISSED FROM HIS POST AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL. HE HAD BEEN SEVERELY CRITICISED AS AN ALLEGED SUPPORTER OF FORMER PARTY LEADER ANTONIN NOVOTNY.)

THE LETTER AS QUOTED BY RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID:

"ESTEEMED COMRADE: YOU HAVE NOT RPT NOT LONG BEEN A MEMBER OF OUR PRIMARY ORGANISATION, BUT NOW WE HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT YOU MORE THAN BEFORE.

"ALLOW US TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS AND RECOGNITION FOR THE BRAVE ATTRIBUTE WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWING IN THESE FATEFUL DAYS BY YOUR SELF-SACRIFICING AND TIRELESS WORK IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. WE HEARTILY SHAKE YOUR HAND.

"SIGNED ARE ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE MILITARY HISTORICAL INSTITUTE IN PRAGUE, WHO HAVE MET AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAK IN CZECH/F, AUG 26, 2120)

(CMD -- LAST NIGHT, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY MARIE MIKOVA WAS QUOTED BY RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS SINGLING OUT LOMSKY FOR PRAISE IN A REPORT ON THE WAY THE DEPUTIES WERE LIVING AT THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING. SHE SAID THAT DUE TO LOMSKY'S KNOWLEDGE OF RUSSIAN "AND BECAUSE OF HIS AUTHORITY" HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SETTLE MANY PROBLEMS.

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