

"THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE A SHOCKING REMINDER THAT WE LIVE IN A DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE WORLD. THE SOVIET ATTACK ON AND INVASION OF A SMALL COUNTRY THAT ONLY YESTERDAY WAS MOSCOW'S PEACEFUL ALLY IS AN OMINOUS REVERSAL OF THE SLOW TREND TOWARD GREATER FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE. THE REIMPOSITION OF SOVIET TYRANNY RAISES THE SPECTRE OF THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE STALIN ERA AND INCREASES THE RISK OF WAR IN CENTRAL EUROPE, A WAR THAT COULD BECOME A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST..."

THE FOREGOING WAS CALLED "A SOMBER BACKDROP WHOSE FULL PORTENT CANNOT NOW BE SEEN."

LATER IN THE SAME SECTION:

"WE MUST ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES STILL HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN AVOIDING NUCLEAR WAR AND PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE ALSO SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN REDUCING THE COST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER. WE WILL PRESS FOR FURTHER ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS, INSISTING ON EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST VIOLATIONS..."

"EVEN IN THE PRESENT TENSE ATMOSPHERE, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S EFFORT TO SECURE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION UNDER WHICH BOTH STATES WOULD REFRAIN FROM DEPLOYING ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEMS ..."

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