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(CN 216) XXX REPRESENTATIVES

"AS I INFORMED YOU FROM MOSCOW, AND AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELVES, I HAVE RETURNED WITH ALL THOSE COMRADES WHO ALSO HAVE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN UP THE DUTIES TO WHICH THEY WERE DEMOCRATICALLY APPOINTED AND IN WHICH YOU HAVE SUPPORTED THEM WITH YOUR FULL CONFIDENCE. THIS IS THE FIRST AND AT LEAST FOR US AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD A NORMALIZATION OF LIFE IN OUR HOMELAND. OF COURSE, THE DEPARTURE OF THE FORCES OF THE USSR AND OF THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FROM THE TERRITORY OF OUR REPUBLIC IS CONNECTED WITH THIS.

IN PARTICULAR, WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE GRADUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE FORCES; UNTIL SUCH A TIME THEIR PRESENCE IS A POLITICAL REALITY.

"THE CALM AND DISCIPLINE WHICH YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED UNTIL NOW, IS AN ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION FOR THE FINAL SOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION. I AM TELLING YOU THIS WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY AS PRESIDENT, AS A PATRIOT AND AS A SOLDIER.

DEAR FRIENDS, IN THE PAST FEW DAYS YOU HAVE OVERWHELMED US, THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE AND THE LEADING OFFICIALS OF THE CPCS WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONFIDENCE AND OF LOYALTY TO THE INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM. THIS IS A GREAT ASSET, OUR GREAT STRENGTH AND WE COUNT ON THIS IN OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE FURTHER, CONSISTENTLY SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE JANUARY, APRIL AND MAY PLENUM OF THE CPCS CC WE WANT FURTHER TO DEVELOP THE SOCIALIST SOCIAL ORDER AND TO STRENGTHEN ITS HUMANIST DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER, AS EXPRESSED IN THE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE CPCS AND IN THE STATED PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"WE ALSO WANT TO CONTINUE, ALONG WITH THE NATIONAL FRONT, TO BUILD OUR COUNTRY AS A REAL HOMELAND OF THE WORKING PEOPLE.

"WE SHALL NOT RETREAT ONE INCH FROM OUR INTENTIONS AND, OF COURSE, WE SHALL NOT PERMIT THAT THEY ARE ABUSED FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES BY THOSE TO WHOM THE AIMS OF SOCIALISM ARE ALIEN. TO THIS END WE ALL MUST NOW RESOLUTELY AND PURPOSEFULLY ORGANIZE OUR WORK. WE APPEAL TO ALL OF YOU, DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS, TO YOU THE WORKERS, FARMERS AND MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENTSIA, TO YOU YOUNG FRIENDS IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS, WE APPEAL TO YOU TO BE UNITED AND TO CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR PRUDENCE AND TO REMAIN CALM. LET US COMBINE ALL SOCIALIST AND PATRIOTIC CREATIVE FORCES FOR WORK, FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

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