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"NO RPT NO ONE, CERTAINLY, COULD POSSIBLY HOLD THAT

AT BRATISLAVA ALL DIFFICULTIES WERE RESOLVED. MOREOVER, IT SEEMED TO US THAT THE RESULTS OF BRATISLAVA WERE SOMETHING MORE THAN A TRUCE, AND THAT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN AGREEMENT -- OUR PARTYS POLITBUREAU HAS UNDERLINED -- AS A PROOF OF CONFIDENCE IN THE MATURITY OF THE WORKER MOVEMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTIES, IN THEIR CAPACITY TO FACE UP TO THE EXIGENCIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF SOCIALISM IN AN AUTONOMOUS MANNER, MAKING IT THE FULCRUM FOR AN EVER MORE LIVELY CONTACT WITH THE FACTS AND DIFFICULTIES OF CONCRETE SITUATIONS, FOR A MORE AMPLE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POPULAR MASSES, AND SEARCHING COURAGEOUSLY FOR THE NEW WAYS AND FORMS WHICH CAN AND MUST ENRICH TODAY, THROUGH RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION, HE EXPERIENCES AND VICTORIES OF OUR MOVEMENT AND OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY'

"IN THE FIFTEEN DAYS THAT PASSED BETWEEN THE BRATISLAVA MEETING AND THE MILITARY INTERVENTION, I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT ONE CAN SAY THAT THERE EMERGED FACTS SUCH AS TO INDICATE THAT THERE WAS IMMENT OR INEVITABLE THE RISK OF A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY COUPE, OF A COLLAPSE OF SOCIIALIST POWER, OF A CZECHOSLOVAK ABANDONMENT OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP.

"THE HYPOTHESES OF CATASTROPHY, AT THE BASIS OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION,, MOREOVER DID NOT RPT NOT SEEM TO US TO HAVE FOUNDATION, NOR RPT NOR DO I BELIEVE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO INVOKE THE 'DIRE NEED' OF THE HUNGARIAN OCCURRENCE.

"FOR THAT REASON, IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE POLIT-BUREAU AND THE DIRECTORATE OF AUGUST 21 AND 23, WE EXPRESSED OUR GRAVE DISSENT FROM AND OUR REBUKE FOR THE MILITARY INTERVENTION.

"AT THE SAME TIME WE REPEATED OUR APPEAL FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH WOULD RESTORE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS, CONDITIONS OF NORMALITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WOULD REINTERGRATE IN THEIR FUNCTIONS THE LEGAL ORGANS OF THE STATE AND OF THE PARTY.

" THIS TO AVOID FURTHER, DRAMATIC AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND STILL GRAVER! LACERATIONS IN THE INTER-NATIONAL COMMUNIST AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT.

"THESE WERE DELIBERATE POSITIONS TAKEN IN THE FACE OF EVENTS WHICH DID NOT RPT NOT TOLERATE A POSTPONEMENT OR SUSPENSION OF JUDGEMENT, BUT DEMANDED AN IMMEDIATE ASSUMPTION ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND AN INITIATIVE FROM US, BECAUSE AT STAKE WERE PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERNED THE FATE AND PROSPECTIVE NOT RPT NOT ONLY OF A COUNTRY OR OF A SOCIALIST AREA BUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKER AND COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

"I PRECISE THAT, ON THESE FACTUAL DEVELOPMENTS, THERE THERE WERE AND ARE POSED QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE. THE FIRST QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE, BASIS, IS THE UNRELINGUISHABLE UNRELINGUISHABLE PRINCIPLE OF AUTONOMY AND SOVERIGNTY OF EACH COMMUNIST PARTY.

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