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SMRKOVSKY SAID "OUR TALKS IN MOSCOW WERE OF AN EXCEPTIONAL NATURE. YOU KNOW THAT WE DID NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE THER TOGETHER, AND YOU KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNDER WHICH SOME OF US GOT THERE, AND ACTED."

"I THINK I NEED NOT RPT NOT SPEAK ABOUT THIS IN MORE DETAIL, IT IS TODAY THE SAME FOR ME AS FOR COMRADE DUBCEK AND ALSO THE OTHERS -- A STILL TOO DIFFICULT AND GRIEVOUS THEME."

"AS EVERYONE MAY IMAGINE, IT WAS A GREAT PROBLEM TO MAKE DECISIONS IN THAT SITUATION. THE OCCUPATION OF OUR COUNTRY BY THE TROOPS OF THE WARSAW PACT WAS A CRUEL REALITY. OUR CONNECTION WITH HOME WAS RESTRICTED, WE HAD AT FIRST LITTLE INFORMATION, ALMOST NONE, AND MORE THAN ONCE WE HAD TO RELY ON THE FAITH IN THE FIRM STAND OF OUR NATIONS, RATHER THAN ON THE FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION."

(RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA/M, AUG 29, 1549)

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