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X/4 C/S - BARBIREK DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN TROOP MOVE

MUNICH, AUGUST 29 - (CMD)- FRANTISEK BARBIREK, WHO WAS NOT RPT NOT RE-ELECTED INTO THE NEW SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY PRESIDIUM LAST NIGHT, SAID TODAY HE HAD NOT RPT NOT WORKED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

RADIO DANUBE SAID TONIGHT THAT BARBIREK SPOKE AT A SESSION OF THE SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL IN BRATISLAVA TODAY TO EXPLAIN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK DURING THE TALKS AT CIERNA NAD TISOU AND MORE RECENTLY IN MOSCOW.

ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, BARBIREK SAID: "MY ATTITUDE TOWARD DUBCEK HAS BEEN AND IS FRANK AND HONEST. I DECLARE THAT I DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE ATTEMPTS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND I CATEGORICALLY REJECT SUCH AN ALLEGATION." (RADIO DANUBE DOMESTIC, M, AUG 29, 1947)

(CMD -- THE RADIO GAVE NO RPT NO FURTHER DETAILS ON BARBIREK'S STATEMENT.)

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