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CS - U.S. REVIEWS SOVIET EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, AUG 30 (UPI)- THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE ENTIRE SOVIET-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT IS "UNDER REVIEW" BECAUSE OF RUSSIA'S INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PRESS OFFICER ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID THE PROGRAM, WHICH ALSO COVERS SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, WAS BEING ASSESSED AGAIN IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT ACTION BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES.

THERE HAS BEEN "NO DECISION ON ANYTHING YET," HE ADDED.

MCCLOSKEY SAID SO FAR AS CONCERNED PROPOSED SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS ON REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR MISSILES, HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHEN THOSE MIGHT START.

THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT COVERING 1968 AND 1969, THE SIXTH SUCH TWO YEAR ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WAS NOT FINALLY AGREED UPON IN ALL DETAILS UNTIL JULY 15, WHEN IT WAS SIGNED BY U.S. AND SOVIET OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW.

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