

X/13 CS -- RUMANIA RUMORS "UNFOUNDED" SAYS ZORIN

PARIS, SEPT. 2 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) -- THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO PARIS, VALERIAN ZORIN, SAID TODAY THAT RUMORS OF A PLANNED SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RUMANIA WERE "UNFOUNDED". ZORIN WAS REPLYING TO REPORTERS QUESTIONS AFTER A ONE-HOUR MEETING TODAY WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE.

FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID THE TALKS WITH DEBRE HAD FOCUSSE ON "RECENT EVENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE". ZORIN HAD DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THEY WOULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS

QUESTIONED AS HE LEFT THE QUAI DORSAY ABOUT RUMORS SUGGESTING THE SOVIETS COULD INVADE RUMANIA, ZORIN SAID "THE RUMORS WHICH HAVE BEEN SPREAD ARE ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL PERSONNALITIES."

HE ADDED THAT "THE STATEMENT OF OUR AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT OF RUMANIA REPLIES FULLY TO THE QUESTION."

ZORIN SAID THAT FRANCO-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE "DEVELOPING FAVORABL "FAVORABLY" AND HE WAS "CONVINCED" THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD CONTINUE, "SINCE THIS IS IN THE RECIPROCAL INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES".

THE AMBASSADOR DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAIL ON HIS MEETING WITH DEBRE- HE WOULD ONLY SAY THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAD CONCERNED "QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES".

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