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X/13 CS -- ALL QUIET ON WEST GERMAN BORDER

MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 3 (GND/MACDONALD) -- TRAFFIC CONTINUED TO FLOW SMOOTHLY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS TODAY OVER THE THREE WEST GERMAN-CZECHOSLOVAK CROSSING-POINTS, ALTHOUGH THE CZECHOSLOVAK BAN ON JOURNALISTS AND TOURISTS ENTERING THE COUNTRY REMAINS IN FORCE.

THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID THAT SOVIET SOLDIERS ARE STILL STATIONED AT WAIDHAUS, SCHIRDNING AND FURTH-IM-WALD BUT ARE NOT INTERFERING WITH THE CONTROLLING OF TRAVELLERS AND VEHICLES, WHICH IS STILL BEING CARRIED OUT BY CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER GUARDS.

IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 0600 HOURS TODAY, 547 PEOPLE CROSSED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND 637 INTO WEST GERMANY.

MORE THAN HALF THE TRAVELLERS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WERE CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS AND THE NUMBER LEAVING THE CSSR WAS APPROXIMATELY BALANCED BY THE NUMBER WHO RETURNED HOME.

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