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P-3 UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 3 (RFE SPECIAL/EDRST)---

THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION TO THE U.N. TUESDAY JOINED OTHER OFFICIAL PRAGUE BODIES TO DENY PUBLISHED SPECULATION THAT FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK MIGHT STAY ABROAD TO CREATE A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

THE MISSION CALLED SUCH REPORTS "WITHOUT FOUNDATION" AND A "TENDENTIOUS FABRICATION."

THE CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION SAID IN A PRESS RELEASE THAT SUCH REPORTS CONSTITUTED AN ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT DR. HAJEK WHO "NEITHER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL NOR AT ANY OTHER PLACE, DISCUSSED ANY SUCH QUESTION."

THEREFORE, THE PRESS RELEASE CONTINUED, "NEWS OF THIS KIND MUST BE CONSIDERED AS "ATTEMPTS AIMED AT CASTING DOUBTS ON THE INTEREST OF THE LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE AND NORMALIZE THE RELATIONS TOWARDS THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF NEGOTIATION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW FROM 23 TO 26 AUGUST 1968."

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