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E/W - SMIRNOVSKY CALLS ON STEWART

LONDON SEPTEMBER 3--(RFE SPECIAL/REUTER)--THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HERE, MR. MIKHAIL SMIRNOVSKY, TODAY CALLED ON BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY MICHAEL STEWART TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE RESCUE AND RETURN OF COSMONAUTS AND OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE.

MR. SMIRNOVSKY WAS WITH MR STEWART FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES, BRITISH OFFICIALS LATER SAID.

CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS WERE BRIEFLY MENTIONED DURING THE MEETING WHICH WAS AT MR SMIRNOVSKYS REQUEST.

THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING AID FOR DISTRESSED ASTRONAUTS WHO LAND ON FOREIGN SOIL WAS SIGNED BY THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION AND BRITAIN ON APRIL 22.

THIS AGREEMENT TO HELP ASTRONAUTS IN CASE OF SPACE MISHAPS IS NOW OPEN TO ALL STATES FOR SIGNATURE.

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