

CN 169

X/13 E/W - 1ST ADD US ACCEPTS SOVIET DENIAL (CN-168) XXX EVENING

THIS WAS THE WARNING BY THE PRESIDENT AGAINST ANOTHER INVASION BY SOVIET FORCES WHICH COULD "UNLEASH THE DOGS OF WAR" IN EASTERN EUROPE.

AN OFFICIAL SAID:

"THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WERE PROMPTED BY REPORTS DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK ABOUT TROOP ACTIVITIES AND RUMORS ABOUT POSSIBLE OR LIKELY SOVIET MOVEMENTS INTO RUMANIA THAT CAUSED US CONCERN.

IT WAS THAT CONCERN WHICH PROMPTED THE PRESIDENT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO IT AND THE SECRETARY TO ASK THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABOUT IT."

THAT HAPPENED FRIDAY EVENING. THEN ON SATURDAY DOBRYNIN CALLED AND ASKED TO SEE THE SECRETARY AND GAVE HIM THE ANSWER.

THE OFFICIAL SAID: "FOR THE MOMENT WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE STATEMENT OF THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE RUMORS OR REPORTS OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS AGAINST RUMANIA ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION."

ASKED IF IT WAS TRUE THAT THERE WERE NO "ALARMING MOVEMENTS" AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE OFFICIAL SAID HE COULD ACCEPT THAT.

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