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X/13 C/S - 1ST ADD SOVIET DENIAL (CN 26) X X X EVENING.

IN THIS SPEECH THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ADDED THAT THERE WERE RUMORS THAT THIS INVASION "MIGHT BE REPEATED ELSEWHERE IN THE DAYS AHEAD IN EASTERN EUROPE."

THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT "WE CANNOT AND WE MUST NOT RPT NOT IN THE YEAR 1968 RETURN TO A WORLD OF UNBRIDLED AGGRESSION."

A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, COMMENTING TUESDAY ON THIS SPEECH SAID THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSONS 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," THE OFFICIAL ADDED.

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