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X/13 - E/W AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY ON CS REFUGEES AND TOURISTS

VIENNA, SEPT 5 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 994 EAST EUROPEANS APPLIED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN AUSTRIA, OF WHOM 779 WERE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS, THE AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY.

DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS, 2,539 CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS ENTERED AUSTRIA FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND 2,847 LEFT AUSTRIA FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

5,194 CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS WERE REGISTERED IN RESCUE CAMPS AND 528 IN HOTELS ON THURSDAY MORNING, THE MINISTRY ANNOUNCED.

ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES, THE NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS IN AUSTRIA STILL HESITATING WHETHER OR NOT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME-COUNTRY, HAS BEEN ON THE DECREASE SINCE TUESDAY.

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