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C/S -- MORNING INTRO - KUZNETSOV IN PRAGUE

MOSCOW, SEPT 7 REUTER - THE SOVIET UNION'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. VASILY KUZNETSOV, FRIDAY MET CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA IN PRAGUE, THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS REPORTED.

TASS SAID MR. KUZNETSOV HAD FLOWN TO PRAGUE YESTERDAY FOR THE TALKS, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS NOT GIVEN.

THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID IT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF MR. KUZNETSOV'S VISIT.

BUT TASS DESCRIBED THE 67-YEAR-OLD DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

QUOTING THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY CETEKA, TASS SAID THAT MR. KUZNETSOV'S TALK WITH PRESIDENT SVOBODA WAS FRANK AND COMRADELY - THE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE THE NEGOTIATIONS HERE LAST MONTH BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND KREMLIN LEADERS.

MR. KUZNETSOV IS A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHINA.

HE NEGOTIATED THE DISMANTLING OF SOVIET MISSILE SITES IN CUBA IN 1962

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