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E/W - BRANDT, HARMEL AGREE DETENTE EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE

(RELEADS CN-36)

BONN, SEPT 9 (CNR/REUTER)- THE WEST GERMAN AND BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED IN TALKS IN BONN TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A SEVERE BLOW TO EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE EAST-WEST DETENTE, THESE EFFORTS SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY A WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AFTER PIERRE HARMEL RETURNED TO BRUSSELS THIS EVENING

HARMEL AND WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO INTENSIFY POLITICAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT BRANDT HAD INFORMED HARMEL BONN WOULD SUPPORT ANY MOVE TO CALL A SPECIAL NATO CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE OCCUPATION.

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