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X/4 C/S -- CERNIK OPENS TALKS IN MOSCOW (RELEADS CN 31)

MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CMD) -- CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK FLEW TO MOSCOW TODAY, AND SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL TASS REPORTED HE HAD BEGUN TALKS IN THE KREMLIN WITH SOVIET PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN.

IT WAS KOSYGIN WHO MET CERNIK AT MOSCOW'S VNUKOV AIRPORT, TOGETHER WITH A MILITARY GUARD OF HONOR.

TASS DID NOT RPT NOT REVEAL THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS. BUT RADIO PRAGUE, IN REPORTING CERNIK'S DEPARTURE THIS MORNING, SAID HE WENT TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS "ECONOMIC QUESTIONS."

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE TASS DISPATCH ON THE OPENING OF THE TALKS:

"MOSCOW, SEPT 10 TASS - SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS WERE OPENED IN THE KREMLIN.

"PRESENT ON THE SOVIET SIDE ARE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR ALEXEI KOSYGIN, HIS DEPUTY NIKOLAI BAIBAKOV, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO, FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MIKHAIL KUZMIN AND MEMBER OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE NIKOLAI INOZEMTSEV.

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE IS REPRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CSSR OLDRICH CERNIK, HIS DEPUTY FRANTISEK HAMOUZ, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER VACLAV VALES, AND AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR VLADIMIR KOUCKY."

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