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THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE FRENCH POSITION COULD BE SUMMARIZED IN THREE POINTS.

"FIRST, WE CONDEMN THE MILITARY INTERVENTION. FOR US, THERE WAS NO APPEAL FROM THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT TO THE FOREIGN FORCES BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, THERE WAS OPPOSITION FROM THIS GOVERNMENT. THERE IS INTERFERENCE BY ONE POWER IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER POWER, WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE.

"SECOND, FOR US, THIS INTERVENTION IS TIED TO A POLICY WE CONDEMN, WHICH IS THE POLICY OF BLOCS. WE CONDEMN IT BECAUSE IT IS DANGEROUS FOR PEACE, FOR IT ESTABLISHED A DIVISION OF THE CONTINENT AND THE WORLD WHICH -- AND IT IS THE LEAST ONE CAN SAY -- MAKES NORMAL INTERNATIONAL LIFE IMPOSSIBLE.

"THIRD, WE DECLARE FINALLY THAT DETENTE IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE PATH. THE ARMED INTERVENTION AND THE MAINTENANCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MUST NOT CONTINUE. THAT IS WHAT WE MADE CLEAR IN THE NOTE DELIVERED TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, BY WAY OF ITS AMBASSADOR TO PARIS."

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