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X/13 VISITS -- 1ST ADD HARMEL TO HOLD TALKS (CN 128) X X X NORWAY.

THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL LEAVE ROME FRIDAY TO FLY TO BUCHAREST. HE AND HIS DELEGATION ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO BRUSSELS ON TUESDAY (SEPT. 17).

HARMEL'S SPOKESMAN HERE TODAY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE BUCHAREST THAT THE WESTERN NATIONS WERE STILL SINCERE IN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DETENTE WITH EASTERN EUROPE, DESPITE THE AUGUST 21ST MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT SUCH ACTION ON THE PART OF HARMEL.

(HARMEL IS THE AUTHOR OF THE SO-CALLED HARMEL REPORT WHICH OUTLINES THE FUTURE TASKS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. AMONG THEM IS THE TASK OF PROMOTING DETENTE WHILE MAINTAINING ADEQUATE WESTERN SECURITY.)

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