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X/4 C/S -- CERNIK PROPOSED SOME "EFFECTIVE STEPS" TO SOVIET LEADERS

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MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CMD) -- CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER OLDŘICH CERNIK SAID TONIGHT HE HAD PROPOSED TO SOVIET LEADERS "SOME EFFECTIVE STEPS" AIMED AT THE NORMALIZATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

CERNIK MADE THE STATEMENT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO PRAGUE ON HIS RETURN FROM A ONE-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW.

CERNIK SAID IN THE RECORDED INTERVIEW HE HAD HAD POLITICAL TALKS WITH SOVIET PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV, PRESIDENT A.N. PODGORNÝ AND PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN.

CERNIK SAID HE HAD INFORMED THEM ON "OUR WORK HERE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION."

HE SAID: "I OUTLINED THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF NORMALIZATION, OF THE CALMING OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

CERNIK SAID HE "PROPOSED SOME EFFECTIVE STEPS WITH WHICH OUR PUBLIC WILL BE ACQUAINTED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS."

WHEN ASKED BY THE RADIO REPORTER WHETHER "EFFECTIVE STEPS" MEANT "POSITIVE ONES TO SOME EXTENT," CERNIK REPLIED:

"CERTAINLY POSITIVE ONES."

(CMD - CERNIK DID NOT RPT NOT REVEAL ANY MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE "EFFECTIVE STEPS" HE HAD PROPOSED.) ✓

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