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SUBJ: DANISH REACTION TO CZECH DEVEOLPMENTS

JOINT USIS/EMBASSY MESSAGE

1. AFTER MEETING DANISH CABINET TODAY PRIME MINISTER BAUNSGAARD ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE:
QUOTE THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST NIGHT MUST CAUSE SERIOUS CONCERN IN DENMARK. FOR ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE THE EVENTS MUST BE FELT AS A TRAGEDY. WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE CZECH DEVELOPMENT WITH EXPECTATION, CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD LEAD TO A THAW OF THE FROZEN FRONTS WHICH MIGHT GIVE HOPE FOR A FURTHER STEP ON THE ROAD OF RELAXATION.
THE MILITARY ACTION LAST NIGHT AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A SERIOUS DECLINE FOR ALL THE POSITIVE FORCES OF THE ENTIRE WORLD WHICH ARE HOPING FOR RELAXATION, INCREASED FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLES, AND A GRADUAL APPROACH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.
AS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, DENMARK IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL IN ORDER TO CONTEMPLATE AND EVALUATE THE SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS. UNQUOTE

2. BAUNSGAARD SAID DANISH GOVERNMENT RECEIVED NEWS OCCUPATION AROUND THREE A.M. AND SITUATION STILL UNCLEAR. SAID MEMBERS GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN COPENHAGEN TODAY.

3. AT THREE P.M. DANISH FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETS ON SITUATION.

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4. FONMIN HARTLING SAID NO APPROACH MADE BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

5. DEFMIN SAID ALL DANISH MILITARY LEAVE CANCELLED TODAY. NO FURTHER MEASURES TAKEN. WHITE

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