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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. QUAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SOVIET/EE AFFAIRS, ANDREANI, IN FIRST EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AUG 21, SAID QUAL HAD RECEIVED EARLY MESSAGES FROM FRENCH EMBASSY PRAGUE BUT THEY HAD NO RPT NO IMPORTANT NEWS. MESSAGES SAID MOOD WAS ONE OF DESPONDENCY, AND DESOLATION BUT THERE WAS NO RESISTANCE OR VIOLENCE REPORTED, ASIDE FROM FEW SHOTS AROUND RADIO STATION.

2. ANDREANI SAID INTERNAL SITUATION WAS OBVIOUSLY CONFUSED, BUT PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION AT QUAI WAS THAT SOVIETS HAD MOVED IN VERY QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY WITHOUT ANY APPARENT COOPERATION FROM INSIDE CZECH PARTY OR GOVERNMENT. FRENCH HAD NO INDICATION THAT

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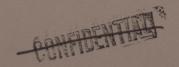
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Y CZECH LEADERS HAD PLAYED ALONG WITH SOVIETS, AND INDEED EVERY INDICATION POINTED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

ANDREANI SAID IF ANY CZECHS HAD BEEN COOPERATING, SURELY SOVIETS WOULD HAVE USED THEIR NAMES. AS TO HOW TAKEOVER COULD HAVE BEEN SO QUICK AND COMPLETE, ANDREANI SAID OBVIOUSLY CZECH MILITARY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE NO RESISTANCE, AND SOVIETS SIMPLY MOVED IN AND TOOK OVER WHILE CZECH LEADERSHIP CALLED ON PEOPLE TO STAY CALM.

3. ASKED ABOUT BORDERS, ANDREANI SAID QUAI HAD NO RPT NO INFORMATION BUT HE PERSONALLY TENDED DOUBT THERE WOULD BE LARGE REFUGEE MOVEMENT SINCE TAKEOVER HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO BRUSQUELY.

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