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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CZECH TASK FORCE

Situation Report 1700 Hours EDT, August 30, 1968

1. Plenum to Meet Saturday to Elect New Presidium: Reuters reports that there will be a Party plenum tomorrow to elect a new Presidium. There has been no official conformation from Prague, although rumors have been prevalent that such a meeting would be held in the next few days. If the Plenum is, in fact, to elect a new Presidium, it would confirm the illegality of the 14th Congress, reportedly one of the Soviet demands. (Reuters 920)

2. Tito Meets with Soviet Ambassador: Tanyug reports that President Tito met with the Soviet Ambassador to Yugoslavia at the latter's request at Brioni. Present at the meeting was Party Secretary Todorovic. The topic of the meeting was not announced. The meeting came at a time when the weekly paper Komunist in Belgrade warned that Russia might try invasion tactics in other countries. The article, according to Reuters, said that the Soviet Union had replaced the power of ideas by the power of arms. It added that the USSR would not recover its lost reputation within the foreseeable future. (FBIS 66, Reuters 884).

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