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(LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC)

(TEXT) REVERED AND DEAR COMRADE PRESIDENT: AT THIS GRAVE MOMENT
OF OUR HISTORY WE FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNSWERVING
DEVOTION TO THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF OUR COUNTRY. WE THANK YOU
FOR DEFENDING SO CONSISTENTLY AND RESOLUTELY THE LONGINGS OF
OUR PEOPLE FOR A SOCIALISM WITH HUMANE FEATURES AND FOR
SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE . WE ASSURE YOU ONCE AGAIN , AS HAS
BEEN DONE MANY TIMES BEFORE BY MEMBERS OF OUR PRESIDUM, NOT ONLY
FOR OURSELVES BUT IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE ,
OF OUR DEVOTION AND FIRM WILL TO INSIST IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES ON
THE MAINTAINANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OUR REPUBLIC, ITS LAWS
AND RIGHTS. WE PROMISE THAT WE SHALL REMAIN LOYAL TO YOU, OUR
LEGAL GOVERNMENT, HEADED BY OLDRICH CERNIK, OUR CHAIRMAN, COMRADE
JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FRONT DR KRIEGL, FIRST
SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK
COMMUNIST PARTY ALEXANDER DUBCEK, AND THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES
OF OUR SUPREME INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES.

AWARE OF THE HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY WHICH RESTS ON ALL OF US
FOR THE FURTHER LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY, IN SLOSEST COOPERATION WITH
THE WIDEST STRATA OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WE BEG YOU, DEAR
COMRADE PRESIDENT, TO CONTINUE TO DEVOTE YOUR STRENGTH TO THE COMMON
STRUGGLE WHICH WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF HONOR IN THE HISTORY OF OUR
NATIONS AND WILL ALWAYS BE A BRIGHT PAGE IN WORLD HISTORY . WE
CORDIALLY SHAKE YOUR HAND, WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH, AND GREET YOU
SINCERELY.

(SIGNED) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC, PRAGUE , 22 AUGUST 1968.

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