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SUBU: CYPRUS: GOC STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. GOC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS JUST RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (UNNECESSARY PHRASES OMITETED):
"COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET TODAY, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF

ACTING PRESIDENT, GLAFKOS CLERIDES, AND DISCUSSED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS CONSIDERS MILITARY OCCU-PATION OF INDEPENDENT STATE GRAVE VIOLATION OF CHARTER OF UNI AND OF ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BEHAVIOR. SUCH ACTION CONSTITUTE SERIOUS BLOW TO INTER-

NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
"GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND!
CONCERN AND ANXIETY OVER TRAGEDY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PEOPLE."
BELCHER