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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER THIS MORNING BRIEFED MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY NATHAN ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OUTLINED CONTENTS SOVIET AIDE-MEMOIRE AND OUR REPLY, AND HANDED HIM COPIES PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS.

2. NATHAN STATED THAT GOS PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR NOTE FROM SOVIET UN MISSION ALONG WITH REQUEST THAT CONTENTS OF NOTE BE CONVEYED TO PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. NATHAN EXPRESSED BEWILDERMENT AS TO SOVIET MOTIVATION FOR TAKING SUCH DRASTIC ACTION AND SAID THIS WILL DO THEM IRREPARABLE DAMAGE IN ASIA AND AFRICA. (IN MEETING I HAD YESTERDAY, PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTELS, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM ON OTHER SUBJECTS, RAJARATNAM SAID SOVIETS WOULD SUFFER DIPLOMATIC SETBACK WITH COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA OVER THEIR ACTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. "IT SHOULD OPEN PEOPLE'S MINDS TO FACT THAT IF YOU GET INTO CLUTCHES OF SOVIETS YOU'RE IN FOR LIFE," HE SAID.)

3. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER LOCAL REACTION WHEN AND AS IT CRYSTALLIZES. GALBRAITH

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