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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2834

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SUBJECT: SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: STATE 225147

1. I GAVE COPY OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT TO VICE FONMIN MARIN ABAUNZA YESTERDAY EVENING. THERE NO NEED TO REQUEST GON TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN, SINCE MARIN ABAUNZA HAD ALREADY DONE SO IN STATEMENT TO LOCAL PRESS.

2. STATEMENT AS REPORTED OPPOSITION LA PRENSA AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING CLOSELY WHAT IS TRANSPIRING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CAN ASSURE YOU MATTER IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO GON. THAT CONCERN IS ABOVE ALL DUE TO FACT THAT WORLD HAD BEEN OBSERVING WITH SATISFACTION THE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZATION IN THAT COUNTRY, WHICH WAS INTERPRETED AS A STEP FORWARD FROM THE MONOLITHIC STRUCTURE AND INTRANSIGENT COMMUNIST ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S LONGING FOR LIBERTY. UNQUOTE.

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E.O. 13292, Sec. 3.4  
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By *sjl* NARA, Date *5-22-06*

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