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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. ACCORDING TO NEWS BROADCAST, CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY ROME RELEASED STATEMENT AFTERNOON AUGUST 21 THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION HAD OCCURRED DESPITE WILL OF PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. ITALIANS TELL US THAT WHEN SOVIET AMBASSADOR RYZHOV CALLED ON MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO EARLY THIS MORNING TO DELIVER ORAL STATEMENT (SEPTEL), HE ASKED FOR EXTRA POLIC PROTECTION FOR SOVIET EMBASSY. THIS WAS GIVEN, BUT LATER IN DAY UNKNOWN PERSONS MANAGED TO THROW SOME ROTTEN EGGS AGAINST THAT EMBASSY.

3. WE ARE INFORMED THAT AS OF LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 21 ITALIANS HAD RECEIVED NO REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM FROM CZECHOSLOVAKS IN ITALY.

4. SEVERAL SMALL STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING INTERVENTION HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN ROME DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

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