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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT GIVEN BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ACTING PRIMIN HELLYER ON BEHALF OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT MORNING OF AUGUST 21:
2. QTE TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF AUGUST 21, 1968

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FURTHER SHARPENING OF THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE PLOT OF THE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL FORCES OF REACTION AGAINST THE SOCIAL ORDER EXISTING IN CSR AND THE STATE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNTRY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC APPLIED TO THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER ALLIED STATES, WITH THE REQUEST TO RENDER A DIRECT ASSISTANCE INCLUDING THE ASSISTANCE BY ARMED FORCES.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED REPEATELY THAT THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AROUND IT TOUCH UPON THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES CONNECTED BY APPROPRIATE TREATY OBLIGATIONS, AND THAT THE THREAT TO THE SOCIALIST ORDER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS AT THE SAME TIME A THREAT TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

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IN VIEW OF THIS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN A COMMON DECISION TO MEET THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CSR ABOUT RENDERING THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE ALL NECESSARY HELP. THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ENTER THE TERRITORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. NATURALLY, THEY WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TERRITORY OF CSR WITHOUT ANY DELAY AS SOON AS THE EXISTING THREAT TO THE SECURITY WILL BE ELIMINATED AND THE LAWFUL AUTHORITIES WILL BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO NECESSITY FOR THE FURTHER STAY OF THE ALLIED FORCES.

WE WOULD LIKE THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO REALIZE RIGHTLY THAT OUR ACTIONS ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY STATE AND IN NO WAY DO INFRINGE ANY STATE INTERESTS. THEY ARE COMPLETELY DICTATED BY THE CONCERN FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE IN VIEW OF A DANGEROUS INCREASE OF TENSIONS WHICH DID NOT LEAVE AN ALTERNATIVE CHOICE TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. WE ARE PROCEEDING FROM THE FACT THAT THE EVENTS WHICH ARE HAPPENING SHOULD NOT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHICH THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES, AS BEFORE, GREAT IMPORTANCE.

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