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1. RADIO DAHOMEY EVENING AUGUST 22 BROADCAST FOLLOWING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT ZINSOU ON SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA: "THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY TROOPS OF THE USSR AND OF FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF WARSAW PACT HAS PROVOKED GREAT EMOTION IN THE HEARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF DAHOMEY." ZINSOU ALSO REAFFIRMED DAHOMEY'S COMMITMENT TO THE STRICT RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES; THE NON-INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. "DAHOMEY CAN ONLY DEPLORE THAT THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES WHICH IN THE INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE SHOULD BE INVIOLEATE SHOULD BE GRAVELY VIOLATED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

2. ZINSOU MADE COMMENTS TO RUSSIAN CHARGE BESPALOV WHO HAD DELIVERED AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. KNOX

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