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SUBJ: CZECH DEVELOPMENTS

REF: STATE 224779; TUNIS 6148

1. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA NOW MEETING AT AIN DRAHAM WITH PRINCIPAL POLILACAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISERS RE CZECH RWITUTION. OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF TUNISIAN POSITION EXPECTED LATER TODAY. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT AND BALL DECLARATION BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL AMONG DOCUMENTS TO BE STUDIED NOBY PRESIDENT.

2. FONMIN BOURGUIBA, JR. RECEIVED SOVIET NOTE YESTERDAY MORNING, COMPARED IT WITH TEXT DOBRYNIN DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON (TUNIS 6148) AND FOUND IT IDENTICAL. FONOFF POL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR BRAHIM TURKI THEN SUCCESSIVELY SUMMONED SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF MISSION TO EXPRESS TO THEM GOT'S CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. FONOFF OFFICIAL INFORMED US TURKI QUESTIONED SOVIET RE IDENTITY

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OF CZECH LEADERS WHO REQUESTED INTERVENTION,, SOVIET AMB ALLEGEDLY UNABLE TO REPLY. CLAIMED HIS INFO LIMITED TO CONTENTS OF NOTE. POLES AND BULGARIANS (EAST GERMANS AND HUNGARIANS NOT REPRESENTED) DEFENDED THEIR COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION ON GROUNDS THAT CZECH COMRADES REQUESTED THEIR HELP BUT PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF ANY DETAILS. YUGOSLAVE AMB INDIGNANT RYOVER DEVELOPMENTS AS WAS ROMANIAN CHARGE WHO EXPRESSED FEAR THAT HIS COUNTRY MIGHT BE SOVIET'S NEXT TARGET FOR WHIPPING INTO LINE. TUNISIAN AMBASSADORS MOSCOW AND BELGRADE HERE

ON LEAVE ORDERED RETURN THEIR POSTS IMMEDIATELY.

3. TODAY'S TUNISIAN PRESS FULLY DEVOTED TO CZECH CRISIS WITH SHARP EDITORIALS IN ALL FOUR PAPERS CONDEMNING SOVIET ACTION. PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT HEADLINED AND FULL TEXT CARRIED IN PRESS. ALSO GV RADIO-TV ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT PORTION BALL SECURITY COUNCIL STATEMENT.

4. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING SIGNIFICANT SOVIET AND BULGARIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS, WE ANTICIPATE PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA WILL PUBLICLY CONDEMN INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL CZECH AFFAIRS STRONGLY AND ENDORSE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS. POLICE PROTECTION AT SOVIET, POLISH, AND BULGARIAN EMBASSIES INCREASED SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING, ALTHOUGH NO DEMONSTRATIONS EXPECTED AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT. CZECH

AMB RECEIVING EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY FROM OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE TUNISIANS AND HIS EMB NOT UNDER GUARD. GP-3

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