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SUBJ: PCI STATEMENTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. WE HAVE NOTED IN PARIS TELS AND AUGUST 23 WIRELESS FILE REFERENCES TO WHAT PCI SYG LONGO SUPPOSEDLY SAID ON HIS ARRIVAL ROME FROM PARIS AUGUST 22.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AS CARRIED "L'UNITA" OF HIS AIRPORT REMARKS. BEGIN TEXT POLITBURO OF OUR PARTY, ON BEING INFORMED OF LATEST CZECH DEVELOPMENTS, EXPRESSED ITS DISAPPROVAL OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. IT CONSIDERED THAT THIS WAS UNJUSTIFIED AND THAT IT WAS UP TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS AND GOVERNMENT TO GUARANTEE DEFENSE OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THESE ARE CONCEPTS WE ALSO EXPRESSED WITH GREAT FRANKNESS TO CPSU LEADERS, WITH WHOM WE MET IN MOSCOW.

WHILE PASSING THROUGH PARIS WE HAD THE POSSIBILITY TO HAVE A BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH COMRADE WALDECK ROCHET AND OTHER PCF LEADERS. WE WERE THUS ABLE TO NOTE THAT THERE EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO PARTIES A SUBSTANTIAL CONVERGENCE OF OPINION ON AND EVALUATION OF EVENTS OF THESE DAYS.

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TOMORROW PARTY DIRECTORATE WILL MEET AND WILL EXAMINE THE QUESTION AND ADVISABILITY OF CONVOKING THE PCI CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
END TEXT.
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