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SUBJECT: GUINEAN FONMIN'S REACTION TO CZECH CRISIS

AT AUGUST 21 MEETING WITH FORMIN BEAVOGUI AND MIN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOURE FROM GUINEA ASSISTANT SEC PALMERIREAD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MADE PERTINENT POINTS FROM DOBRYNIN NOTE (STATE 224690). BEAVOGUI SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH MEMBERS GUINEAN DELEGATION CURRENTLY VISITING WASHINGTON BUT HAD NOT YET HAD TIME GET HIS GOVT'S REACTION. HE ADDED THAT PESONALLY HE SURPRISED AND SADDENED BY SOVIET ACTION AND THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S DECLARATION WAS WISE AND CONCILIATORY AND WOULD STRENGTHEN POSITION OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOVT AND PEOPLE AND MUSTER SUPPORT OF ALL WHO LOVE PEACE AND FREEDOM. RUSK

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