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POST URGENTLY NEEDS BY COB TODAY TEXT BALL UN STATEMENT OF

YESTERDAY OR AT LEAST THOSE PORTIONS WHICH GIVE DIRECT
REFUTATION OF SOVET CLAIMS TO ACT AT REQUEST CZECHOSLOVAK
LEADER WHILE TEX OF JOHNSON STATEMENT TATE 24779) VERY
STRONGWE HAV SPECIAL NEED TO PUT IN HANDS HIGHRANKING MALIAN
GEADDRS COGENT OFFICIAL US MATERIAL EXPOSING HOLLOWNESS OF SOVET
COVR STORY SINCE MALIAN MEDIA LIMITING THEIR COVERAGE EXCLUSIVLY
TO SOVET AND WARSAW PACT SOURCE SAME MATERIAL ALSO NEEDED FOR
PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING FIRST THING TOMORROW WITH PARTY PRESS
COMMISSION WHICH SETS LINE FOR MEDIA TREATMENT

• ON ASSUMPTION BALL STATEMENT WILL NOT REACH US VA USIA
WIRELESS FILE TILL TOORROW AND FRENCH TEX NOT BEFORE TOMORROW
AFTERNOON AT EARLIEST AND MORE LIKLY SATURDAYWE URGENTLY REQUEST
DEPT CABLE RELEVNT PORTIONS BALL STATEMENT IN U FRENCH TRANSCRIP
TION IF AVAILABLE OR OTHERWISE IN ENGLISH SO WE CAN UNDERTAK
TRANSLATION ON CRASH BASIS HERE
I WE STRONGLY FEEL HISTORIC IMPORTANCE THIS MOMENT TOO GREAT
TO SEE OUR RESPONSE DURING CRISIS LIMITED BY NORMAL CRITERIA
FOR MINIMIZING CABLE AND TRANSLATION COSS
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