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TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: AFRICAN REACTION TO CZECH SITUATION

REF: STATE 226081

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL IN APPROACHING GOVT'S;  
IT UPDATES REFTTEL ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS  
OR HEADS OF STATE WHICH CRITICAL OF SOVIETS:

ZAMBIA: PRESIDENT KAUNDA TERMED SOVIET INVASION "IMPERIALISTIC  
ACT OF NAKED AGRESSION...SO CHILDISH, SO STUPID".

GHANA: NATIONAL LIBERATION COUNCIL STATED 8/22 THAT GOG LEARNED  
OF INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WITH SHOCK AND DISMAY...THIS  
UNJUSTIFIED AGGRESSION AND BLATANT INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REMINISCENT OF EVENTS IN  
HUNGARY IN 1956, STRIKES SEVERE BLOW AT VERY FOUNDATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POSES SEVERE THREAT TO SECURITY AND  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SMALL NATIONS."

KENYA: GOK 8/22 "CONDEMNS IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THIS  
INVASION WHICH IS BREACH OF SOVEREIGNTY, POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE  
AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ... REGARDS THIS  
AGGRESSION AS NAKED AND BRUTAL MANIFESTATION OF WORST FORM  
OF IMPERIALISM ... SINCERELY HOPES THAT USSR AND HER ALLIES

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WILL SEE FIT RESTORE SOVEREIGNTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA THROUGH IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAK SOIL".

TUNISIA: GOT 8/22 STATED IT LEARNED "WITH CONSTERNATION OF CZECH OCCUPATION", AND THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT INDICATED "MILITARY INTERVENTION NEITHER REQUESTED NOR AUTHORIZED BY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA." GOT TERMED ACTION "FLAGRANT BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL MORALITY AND CLEAR VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER."

2. INCREASING AFRICAN PRESS CONDEMNATION OF SOVIETS WITH PARTICULARLY STRONG ATTACKS IN CONGO (K), KENYA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND GHANA. NO AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY SUPPORTED SOVIET ACTION ALTHOUGH SOME GOVT-CONTROLLED PRESS HAS CARRIED TASS OUTPUT (ALGERIA, MALI, SUDAN) AND OTHER PAPERS HAVE NOT EDITORIALIZED OR HAVE MINIMIZED COVERAGE. POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS BEFORE SOVIET EMBASSIES REPORTED IN KINSHASA 8/21, AND DAR ES SALAAM 8/23 WHERE 2000 DEMONSTRATORS ESCORTED BY POLICE AND LED BY GOVT OFFICIALS. RUSK

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