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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST BERLIN

SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN EAST BERLIN IN THE PAST TWELVE HOURS WHICH OBVIOUSLY RELATE TO THE WARSAW PACT POWERS' INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AUGUST 20.

(A) ALL AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN EAST BERLIN'S SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS HAS BEEN CANCELED. FLIGHTS TO AND FROM MOSCOW CONTINUE HOWEVER.

(B) THE SOLE S-BAHN LINK BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN (BAHNHOFZOO TO FRIEDRICHSTRASSE) WAS CLOSED BETWEEN 0837 AND 0905

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HOURS AUGUST 21 (LOCAL TIME). ACCORDING TO THE EAST GERMANS, THE STOPPAGE WAS DUE TO "POWER FAILURE." OTHER S-BAHN TRAFFIC IN WEST BERLIN HAS CONTINUED TO FUNCTION NORMALLY.

(C) THE EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE DOUBLED THE STRENGTH OF THE BORDER PATROLS ON THE EAST BERLIN-WEST BERLIN BORDER.

(D) WEST BERLIN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS REPORT THAT FREIGHT IN AND OUT OF WEST BERLIN IS BEING PROCESSED NORMALLY BY THE EAST GERMAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

(E) ALLIED TRAINS ARE ARRIVING IN WEST BERLIN WITHOUT DELAY.

(F) AS OF 0930 HOURS ABOUT 50 PEOPLE WERE GATHERED QUIETLY IN FRONT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY MISSION IN WEST BERLIN. THE MISSION CLOSED ITS DOORS TO BUSINESS AT 1020 HOURS. A MEETING IN SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATION IS PLANNED FOR 1800 HOURS BY A GROUP OF LEFTIST STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS. THIS GROUP WILL MEET ON LIVAEPLATZ AND PROCEED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY MISSION.

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