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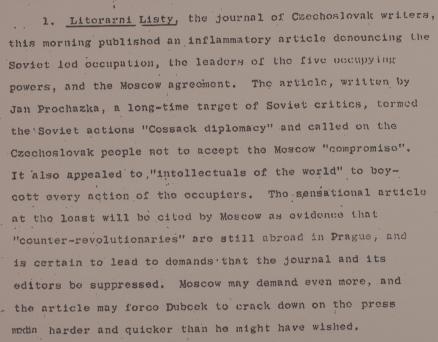
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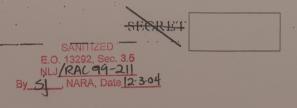
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in Czechoslovakia (As of 1130 EDT)



2. Clandestine radio stations in Czechoslovakia gradually are going off the air, either voluntarily or as





a result of Soviet pressures. A station in North Slovakin reluctantly transmitted a farewell this morning, stating that the regular Slovak stations have now resumed operations, albeit under "very difficult conditions"—a possible reference to direct Soviet interference or Czechoslovak censors.

Another station in South Moravia was silenced last night, and a Soviet—originated broadcast apparently used its frequency. Another station labelling itself the "Workers Voice of the Republic"—doubtless Soviet—controlled—attacked the loyalists stations this morning as being in the hands of reactionaries and revisionists.

3. Czechoslovakia's borders with Austria and the GDR are apparently still open to returning Czechoslovaks. Borders with Hungary are open except at two points.

were still being manned by Czechoslovak guards as of today.

The Russians, however, have set up their own posts about 100 meters inside the border, and have consistently turned back non-Czechoslovak vehicles allowed to enter by the CSSR border guards. AP reports today that East German occupation forces have sealed off a zone several miles deep south of the Czechoslovak-East German border. They are preventing all Czechoslovak trucks from entering this zone. The Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry has instructed its posts in Western Europe to urge Czechoslovak citizens to return home, but to grant exit



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documents on demand. Individual refugoe cases are to be recorded but not reported.

from the western USSR.

observed Soviet artillery pieces guarded by Soviet troops on a train in eastern Hungary. If the sighting is valid it is possible that these elements are from the Carpathian Military District and are intended as replacements for Soviet units that have deployed to Czechoslovakia.

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their distance from occupying forces. Today's edition of the Czechoslovak party paper Rude Pravo carries an interview with Defense Minister Dzur who warns against small provocations which might set off hugo conflagrations, according to Radio Czechoslovakia. The Defense Minister reportedly states that he has issued no new orders to the armed forces "especially since the five Warsaw Pact powers stopped attempting to disarm Czechoslovak units."