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SUBJ: CZECH SITUATION

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD EMBASSY SOVIET CHARGE HAD CALLED ON EAST EUROPEAN BUREAU DIRECTOR MORI SHORTLY BEFORE I CALLED TO RELAY INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS. (ABOUT 1930 JAPAN TIME). SOVIET CHARGE REPORTEDLY MADE ORAL PRESENTATION SIMILAR TO DOBRYNIN'S MESSAGE CLAIMING SOVIETS HAD ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA QTE AT REQUEST CZECH GOVERNMENT UNQTE, WOULD WITHDRAW AS SOON AS THREAT ELIMINATED, AND HOPED DEVELOPMENTS WOULD NOT AFFECT JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. MORI RECEIVED INFORMATION WITHOUT COMMENT. SOVIET CHARGE LEFT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY COPY OF PAPER HE HAD READ IN MAKING PRESENTATION. FOREIGN MINISTRY TRANSLATING THIS AND WILL MAKE FULL TEXT AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION DEPARTMENT.

2. GOJ HAS REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS EXCEPT FOR CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KIMURA WHO CONFINED HIS REMARKS TO NOTING THAT QTE WHATEVER THE REASON UNQTE, ARMED INTERVENTION UNACCEPTABLE. PRESS AND OTHER MEDIA FOLLOWING CZECH DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, BUT ASIDE FROM EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN COMMENT SPARSE UP TO NOW. SMALL GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTEDLY AFFILIATED WITH ONE OF EXTREMIST ZENGAKUREN FACTIONS, HAVE PROTESTED AT SOVIET EMBASSY THIS EVENING, AND POLICE PROTECTING AREA.

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