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1. [redacted] the presence of Valerian ZORIN, Soviet Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, in Prague, is believed to be a maneuver to induce the Czechoslovak Government to go along with Soviet policy respecting the German problem as a whole. 25X1 25X1

2. It is alleged in certain circles in Prague to be the Soviet intention to widen the Communist Party base by including certain non-Communists in a revision of the present governmental set-up in Czechoslovakia with a view to Czechoslovak participation in the Marshall Plan. *

25X1 * [redacted] Comment: It is quite possible that this maneuver coincides with policy taken by the Soviets concerning their revelation of the recent election returns in their zone of Germany.

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