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IN ADDITION TO WHAT FOLLOWS WE HAVE REPORTS FROM PRAGUE THAT OUR EMBASSY IS SURROUNDED BY SOVIET OCCUPATION TROOPS. SECRETARY RUSK PLANS TO HAVE DOBRYNIN IN TO PROTEST.

1. WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES AND MAY HAVE MORE.
2. YESTERDAY THREE OF OUR VEHICLES WITH DIPLOMATIC TAGS WERE STOPPED AND SEARCHED AND A BURST OF BULLETS WAS FIRED OVER THE CAR IN WHICH OUR ARMY ATTACHE WAS TRAVELLING. MANDERSCHIED'S APARTMENT WAS BROKEN INTO LAST NIGHT BY SOVIET TROOPS AND A SPORTING SHOTGUN REMOVED. JUST NOW A COUPLE OF SOVIET SOLDIERS WITH RIFLES WERE SIGHTED IN THE UPPER GARDEN AROUND THE GLORIETA. WE ARE NOW FLYING OUR FLAG FROM THERE.
3. AM PROTESTING THESE INCIDENTS TO SOVIET EMB BUT DOUBT THIS WILL DO MUCH GOOD. BEILEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPT TO TAKE STEPS IN MOSCOW AND ALSO WITH SOVIET AMB WASHINGTON MAKING PROTEST IN APPROPRIATE FORM WITH WARNING OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES AND REQUESTING PROTECTION OF OUR PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

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