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CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]	DISSEMINATION CONTROLS [REDACTED]
DATE DATA 1 NOVEMBER 1957	PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE
COUNTRY CZECHOSLOVAKIA	PLACE ASSIGNED [REDACTED]
SUBJECT ALLEGED CZECH CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPUTNIK LAUNCHING	
DATE OF INFORMATION [REDACTED]	REFERENCES [REDACTED]
APPRAISAL 6.	
SOURCE [REDACTED]	
<p>1. A CZECH JOURNALIST STATED THAT CONSIDERABLE WORK ON ROCKET PROPULSION FOR THE SPUTNIK LAUNCHING WAS DONE BY CZECHS.</p> <p>2. A CZECH ENGINEER WHO WORKS IN THE STATE PLANNING OFFICE IN PRAQUE STATED THAT THE EXPLOSIA FIRM IN SEMTIN NEAR PARDUBICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROCKET WORK. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: EXPLOSIA IS PART OF SYNTHESIA NATIONAL ENTERPRISE, A LARGE CHEMICAL PLANT IN SEMTIN.) THE ENGINEER SAID THAT CZECH TECHNICIANS ARE RESENTFUL THAT THEY HAVE NOT SHARED ANY OF THE CREDIT FOR THE SPUTNIK LAUNCHING.</p> <p>3. THE CZECH ENGINEER ALSO CLAIMED THAT OVER-ALL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOVIET BLOC ON SCIENTIFIC MATTERS HAS IMPROVED GREATLY SINCE STALINIST TIMES WHEN THE CZECHS ONLY TOOK ORDERS. THEY PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING, DESIGNING, AND SETTING UP PRODUCTION SCHEDULES AND ACT LIKE PARTNERS.</p> <p>HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED OF [REDACTED].</p>	
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