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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 08 OCTOBER 1988.

[REDACTED] YUGOSLAVIA: MILOSEVIC TARGETS MONTENEGRIN LEADERSHIP

YESTERDAY, LEADERS OF THE MONTENEGRIN REPUBLIC CALLED AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE REGION'S PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS DEMANDS BY SOME 10,000 PRO-SERB DEMONSTRATORS THAT IT RESIGN. THE PROTESTERS SAID ONLY A FEW OF THE LEADERS--SUPPORTERS OF SERBIAN PARTY BOSS MILOSEVIC--SHOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE. THE DEMONSTRATION CAME ONLY A DAY AFTER MILOSEVIC ENGINEERED A PUTSCH OF THE LEADERSHIP OF SERBIA'S VOJVODINA PROVINCE. AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE NATIONAL PARTY PRESIDUM ON THURSDAY SIDED WITH MILOSEVIC ON SACKING THE VOJVODINA LEADERSHIP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE MOVE AGAINST THE MONTENEGRIN LEADERS IS MILOSEVIC'S FIRST SERIOUS FORAY OUTSIDE THE SERBIAN REPUBLIC AND IS ANOTHER CRITICAL TEST OF HIS STRENGTH. SOME OR ALL ANTI-MILOSEVIC MONTENEGRIN LEADERS ARE LIKELY TO CAVE IN TO PRO-SERB PRESSURE AND RESIGN. IF THEY DO, MILOSEVIC WILL PROBABLY TURN HIS ATTENTION TO MACEDONIAN AND BOSNIAN LEADERS BEFORE THE NATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 17 OCTOBER. NEW PRO-SERB LEADERSHIPS IN THESE REPUBLICS WOULD PRODUCE A SERBIAN-LED NATIONAL REGIME DOMINATED BY MILOSEVIC. [REDACTED]