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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Situation in Czechoslovakia
(As of 1100 EDT)

1. Many Czechoslovak officials and elements of the population remain unreconciled to the Moscow agreement. There are signs that Dubcek may face stiff resistance within the party if he attempts to overturn the results of the extraordinary 14th party Congress which met near Prague last week. The National Assembly this morning resolved unanimously that the Warsaw Pact occupation of Czechoslovakia is illegal and in violation of international treaties, and insisted that a "concrete date" be fixed for the troops' withdrawal. It also demanded that the information media and all government organs be allowed to function freely. The Assembly expressed thanks to Dubcek and Svoboda for their efforts to do away with the "abnormal state of affairs," and appealed for national unity and the avoidance of provocations.

2. Several regional party organizations this morning also expressed dissatisfaction with the Moscow agreement,

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some labelling it a "diktat" and demanding that it be subject to ratification by the National Assembly. Other party organizations noted that while the agreement was disappointing, it was the best Dubcek and Svoboda could obtain.

3. The Central Committee elected by the 14th Congress met this morning and then issued a statement affirming its readiness to give "disciplined support" to the Dubcek leadership. This action no doubt gives Dubcek a big lift. The legal status of the Central Committee is, however, still uncertain. Dubcek, in his speech yesterday, implied that the results of last week's Congress may have to be set aside. Deputy Premier Kusak, a reformist Slovak party leader, has called on Dubcek to do just that.

4. Western press services reported this morning from Prague that five truck-loads of Soviet infantry occupied the square near the parliament building, but that most Czechoslovaks left them unmolested.

5. Reuters reported this morning that, according to the Prague correspondent of the Yugoslav news agency, there will be another six-nation Communist summit on the Czech question meeting next month in East Germany.

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