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DR. KAREL KRAL WILL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE HIS INTENTION TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY MONDAY OR TUESDAY, BUT NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY.

KRAL TOLD INTIMATE FRIENDS ON FRIDAY THAT HE NO LONGER COULD STALL. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER TELETYPE MESSAGE FROM HIS CTK HEADQUARTERS IN PRAGUE REMINDING HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN RECALLED "IMMEDIATELY" SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND THAT THE TIME FOR ATTENDING TO HIS PERSONAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK SHOULD JUST ABOUT BE OVER.

KRAL SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN ADVISED BY HIS NEW YORK BANK THAT HIS AUGUST SALARY CHECK IS ON ITS WAY. THE CTK IN PRAGUE IN ITS LATEST MESSAGE SAID THAT HIS SEPTEMBER PAY CHECK WAS BEING PROCESSED. HE WAS ASKED TO REPLY HOW HE STANDS AS FAR AS AIRLINE TICKETS FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY SO THAT HE COULD RETURN QUICKLY. HE HAD NOT REPLIED TO THIS MESSAGE AS YET.

IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR IN KRAL'S OWN MIND HOW HE WILL HANDLE THE ACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DEFECTION. HE SEEMS DISINCLINED TO MAKE ANY OSTENTATIOUS STATEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE STILL FEELS THAT HE SHOULD SOMEHOW EXPRESS THE FEELING THAT HE IS NOT BEING VICTIMIZED BY

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HIS CTK SUPERIORS BUT BY SOVIET OCCUPATION PRESSURE ON HIS AGENCY.

MEANWHILE, A PETITION WITH SUFFICIENT SUPPORT WAS PRESENTED ON FRIDAY TO CALL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE UN CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION TO DECIDE WHETHER THE RECALL OF KRAL TO PRAGUE CONFLICTED WITH THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

THE FACT THAT KRAL MAY MAKE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEFECTING BEFORE THIS MEMBERSHIP MEETING TAKES PLACE MAY DETERMINE THE OUTCOME, WHICH HAS BEEN IN DOUBT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING BECAUSE A MAJORITY IS DISINCLINED TO SUPPORT A STATEMENT OF PROTEST TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

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