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RE NYC 4 OF 2 AUGUST.

WE HAVE CHECKED THE NEW YORK PROGRAM ON US ATTITUDES TOWARDS CZECHOSLOVAKIA DESCRIBED IN OUR REPORT NO. 159 AGAINST ALL BIO ITEMS FROM JULY 15 TO JULY 19. THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE PASSAGE WHICH MIGHT BE CONSTRUED TO HAVE BEEN BASED ON MORGAN'S WASHINGTON POST PIECE OF 18 JULY, F113. MORGAN SAYS: "IT WAS STILL UNKNOWN WHAT ACTION THE FIVE POWERS HAD AGREED ON IN WARSAW IF PRAGUE REFUSES TO COME TO HEEL. AMONG THE POSSIBILITIES ARE MILITARY INTERVENTIONS, OR EX-COMMUNICATION FROM THE WARSAW PACT AND COMECON, THE EAST EUROPEAN TRADE GROUP. WITH THE CS ECONOMY STILL CLOSELY TIED TO THAT OF THE USSR, THIS COULD BE EXTREMELY PAINFUL FOR THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT. IT IS COUNTING ON STEADY ECONOMIC GAINS TO REINFORCE IT POLITICALLY." THE SCRIPT SAYS: "IT IS BEING FEARED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES HERE THAT RUSSIA AND HER FOUR SATELLITES, ALARMED BY PRAGUE'S POLICY, MAY DECIDE TO ADOPT A POLICY OF GRADUALLY INTENSIFYING PRESSURE UPON DUBCEK'S GOVERNMENT, AND WHILE AVOIDING DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION, RESORT TO OTHER FORMS OF PRESSURE."

A COPY OF THE SCRIPT IS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO YOU.

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