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RADIO FREE EUROPE
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OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE

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TO: YARROW COPY KAUFMANN MATER HOVEY ROWSON
FM: DURKEE COPY COOK GROZIER

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U.P.I. OUT OF BRATISLAVA THIS MORNING CARRIED FOLLOWING:

"BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA (UPI) -- CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S REGENERATED PRESS HAS FORCED THE AMERICAN RADIO FREE EUROPE ORGANIZATION TO LIMIT ITS BROADCASTS BEAMED TO THIS COUNTRY, THE NEWSPAPER PRAVDA DECLARED TODAY.

"WRITER DUSAN KERNY COMMENTED 'WE HAVE SIMPLY MANAGED TO TAKE AWAY THE BREATH OF THOSE WHO USED TO OPERATE WITH ONE FACTOR IN THEIR BROADCASTS FOR THE REPUBLIC, NAMELY THAT INFORMATION ON HOME EVENTS REACHED THE LISTENER WITH A DELAY OR DID NOT REACH HIM AT ALL - AT LEAST NOT THROUGH THE DOMESTIC PRESS.'

"THIS WAS THE MAIN WEAPON AND THAT WEAPON NO LONGER EXISTS,' THE ARTICLE IN PRAVDA SAID.

"RADIO FREE EUROPE HAS LONG BEEN ACCUSED HERE OF BEING AN ARM OF THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY."

U.P.I.'S ZANDER HOLLANDER (FRANKFURT) QUERIED C.N.R. FOR R.F.E. COMMENT WHILE STORY WAS RUNNING ON WIRE. QUERY WAS REFERRED TO GROZIER, WHO WILL REPLY "NO COMMENT" IF QUERY REPEATED. SUGGEST YOU DO SAME IF QUERIED.

FULL TEXT OF PRAVDA ARTICLE WILL BE SENT YOU EARLIEST SATURDAY, LATEST MONDAY.
REGARDS.

END MSG