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FYI, ENDRST REPORTS THAT DR. KRAL, CETEKA CORRESPONDENT, INFORMED HIM PRIVATELY TODAY THAT HE HAS INDICATIONS FROM HIS SUPERIORS IN PRAGUE THAT THEY DO NOT DISAPPROVE OF HIS QUESTIONS TO U THANT ON SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS AND THAT IF NEED BE THEY WOULD BACK HIM UP AND MAINTAIN THAT KRAL ACTED WITHIN NORMAL BOUNDS OF JOURNALISTIC ENTERPRISE.

HOWEVER IT WAS HINTED TO HIM THAT FOR REASONS OF STRATEGY, THE AGENCY WILL STAY AWAY FROM THIS ISSUE FOR THE TIME BEING.

KRAL ALSO SAID THAT HE LEARNED FROM HIS SUPERIORS IN PRAGUE THAT THE FACT THAT HIS QUESTIONS HAD BEEN POSED PUBLICLY AND HAD RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY WAS PRIVATELY WELCOMED BY UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRAGUE-MOSCOW CONFRONTATION.

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