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TALKING POINTS

Czech Invasion

- The US position on the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia has been stated in the clearest possible terms. We condemn it, and want foreign troops out as soon as possible.
- We watched Czechoslovakia's moves toward political and economic liberalization with sympathy, and deeply regret that this hopeful trend has been stopped by brutal Soviet action.
- But the Soviets cannot, over the longer run, prevent Eastern European countries from determining their own future. They may delay things for a while, but history is against them.

US Support for Yugoslavia

- In the years since World War II the US has demonstrated its interest in the independence of Yugoslavia. Our expenditure of over \$2.5 billion in economic and military assistance over these years has been a clear demonstration of the high priority we attach to your country.
- Our interest in the continued independence of Yugoslavia is as great today as ever.
- We have watched your courageous efforts over the past few years to move toward a market economy. It has been difficult, I know, but I am glad to hear that the program is going well.
- Your liberalization program has been a model that all Eastern Europeans watch with interest and envy.

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- I know that you understand that the legal and congressional obstacles to US economic help. But, within these limitations, we will be glad to look at any proposals for assistance that you may have.

- Ambassador Elbrick stands ready to exchange views regularly with your people on events in Eastern Europe. We will be glad to have any suggestions President Tito may have over the coming months on what we might say or do to ease the situation in Eastern Europe.

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