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WARSAW PACT SUMMIT: MOSCOW 4 DECEMBER: GORBACHEV'S MEETING WITH  
URBANEK AND ADAMEC.

SUMMARY

1. GORBACHEV STRESSES THE NEED FOR COMMUNISTS TO TAKE 'TIMELY  
ACCOUNT' OF DEMANDS FOR REFORM. IT IS AGREED THAT THE TERMS ON  
WHICH SOVIET TROOPS ARE STATIONED IUN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE  
EXAMINED.

DETAIL

2. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, URBANEK AND ADAMEC TOLD GORBACHEV THAT THERE  
WERE FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH WERE "'PUSHING THE COUNTRY OUT OF  
THE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIALIST CHOICE'". THE NEW PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS  
AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF "'GETTING RID OF CONSERVATISM'", AND OF  
APPEARING AS "'A FORCE OF RENEWAL IN UNITY WITH ALL TO WHOM THE  
VALUES OF SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY WERE PRECIOUS'".

3. GORBACHEV REPORTEDLY EMPHASISED "'THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNISTS  
TAKING TIMELY ACCOUNT OF THE DEMANDS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LIFE OF  
SOCIETY WHICH WERE NOW COMING TO A HEAD. HOWEVER CONTRADICTIONARY THE  
PROCESS WHICH WAS NOW TAKING PLACE IN MANY EUROPEAN SOCIALIST  
COUNTRIES MIGHT APPEAR, THEY RESULTED FROM THE DEMANDS FOR PROFOUND  
CHANGE, A BREAKTHROUGH TO THE HIGH LEVEL SET BY CONTEMPORARY  
CIVILISATION. THE SOCIALIST IDEA IS NOT DYING AS SOME ARE TRYING TO  
ASSERT, BUT IS PRODUCING NEW SHOOTS, SHOWING ITS VITALITY IN MANY  
DIFFERENT FORMS AND OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES.'"

4. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE  
SOVIET UNION TOOK 'AN IDENTICAL VIEW OF THE SENDING OF TROOPS OF FIVE  
WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES INTO CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY IN 1968. THE  
ACTION WAS AN INTERFERENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND  
WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE NORMS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVEREIGN  
COUNTRIES.'"

5. THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS ION CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS DISCUSSED.  
IT WAS AGREED THAT APPROPRIATE MINISTERS WOULD ANALYSE THE TERMS ON

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WHICH THEY WERE STATIONED THERE. THE REPORT CONTINUED 'THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, ON CONDITION THAT THE EUROPEAN BALANCE BE MAINTAINED AND EQUAL SECURITY AND THE INVIOLABILITY OF BORDERS OF ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BE ENSURED - INCLUDING, NATURALLY, THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS THE INDISPENSABLE GUARANTEE OF STABILITY IN EUROPE, OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HELSINKI PROCESS, IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT IN WHICH ALL ITS PARTICIPANTS ARE INTERESTED.'

6. WE SHALL TRY TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE EXCHANGES FROM CONTACTS IN THE CZECH EMBASSY HERE.

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