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TEXT OF A NOTE DATED 22 JUNE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD
TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the Declaration circulated by the Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 22 June 1961.

The Secretary-General notes with regret the statement of the Permanent Mission "that the United Nations Secretariat has not so far considered it appropriate to take a position on the urgent demands submitted by the Czechoslovak Government to the United Nations Secretariat in its notes of June 16 and 19, 1961 in connection with the provocative attack against M. Nacvalac and has not taken any measure for his protection."

The Secretary-General would recall to the Permanent Representative the terms of his note of 16 June 1961 to the Permanent Mission in which he advised it that he had transmitted to the United States Mission, for its review and urgent comment, the texts of the notes received on the same day from the Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on the subject of Mr. Nacvalac. The Secretary-General gave the following assurance to the Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic:

"If any question remains outstanding after review by the United States Mission of the above-mentioned notes, the Secretary-General will personally take up the matter with the United States Mission with a view to the consideration of what procedures may be appropriate under the terms of the Charter and of Section 13 of the Headquarters Agreement."

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The Secretary-General notes that he has received no comment from the Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on the information which he transmitted to it as furnished by the United States Mission, despite his request for such comment in his note of 20 June 1961. Nor is he yet in receipt of any request that he take up with the parties the consideration of the procedures which would be appropriate under the terms of the Charter and of Section 13 of the Headquarters Agreement by which the parties could arrive at the necessary findings of law and of fact provided for by the terms of Section 13.

As concerns the possibility of affording personal protection to Mr. Nacvalac, referred to in the above-quoted Declaration, the Secretary-General would invite the attention of the Permanent Representative to the fact that at no time did he receive a formal request to afford such protection to Mr. Nacvalac. Moreover, he knows of no provision of international or United States law which could authorize the United Nations Secretariat to provide such protection outside the bounds of the United Nations Headquarters District. He also notes that the Permanent Mission did in fact arrange informally with the Secretariat for a United Nations official to meet Mr. Nacvalac at the airport at the time scheduled by his Government for his departure and to accompany him to his aircraft.

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