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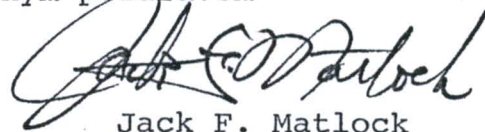
Doktor Ferjenčík,  
předseda Československé  
národní rady americké.

14, listopadu 1980  
Washington D.C.

Vážený pane doktore,

chtěl bych poděkovat Vám a dalším vůdcům ČNR  
za Vaše štědré pohostinství v době mé návštěvy  
v Chicagu minulé pondělí.  
Váš oběd byl nejen příjemný, ale také mi poskytl  
příležitost, abych se seznámil s činností  
a politikou ČNR. Vaše poznámky jako i poznámky  
Vašich kolegů jsou pro mne velmi důležité když  
se nyní připravuji ke své práci v Praze.  
Těším se na pokračování našich styků v budoucnu.  
Pozdravujte ode mne a mé ženy manželku a své  
kolegy.

Se srdečným pozdravem



Jack F. Matlock

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BY CW NARA DATE 11/27/07

November 18, 1981

Mr. Marshall Winokur  
Associate Professor  
of Russian  
The University of Alabama  
Department of German and Russian  
P.O. Box 1987  
University, Alabama 35486

Dear Marshall:

Your letter of October 15 just reached me in Prague. We left Moscow in September and spent a hectic few weeks in Washington, getting confirmed by the Senate, paying calls, moving out of our house and the like.

I certainly have not forgotten your project, and indeed, at one point I thought I had lined up an ideal coordinator. A recently arrived (i.e. this spring) Embassy couple agreed to take it on with enthusiasm. Both were Russian Orthodox and had a keen interest in the subject. They seemed so perfectly suited for it that I looked no further. However, the wife was expecting a baby and went to Helsinki for the delivery and it seemed best to start the project when she returned. However, the delivery turned out to be difficult, the new-born required special treatment, delaying the return to Moscow by several weeks, and shortly after the return it became apparent that the infant would require further treatment not locally available. Therefore, the couple was transferred. By this time, my own stay was near its end, and I left the cards with Sherrod McCall, the Political Counselor, who agreed to canvass the Embassy for further candidates. I hope he has been successful.

Meanwhile, I am sending along the slides I took of those churches I was able to visit myself. You can ignore the numbers at the top right (they are my own catalog numbers). The identification is written at the bottom of the white side of the slide mount, with numbers keyed to your cards. I'd like the slides back at some point when you've had a chance to copy those you need.

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Thank you for your article, which I found of considerable interest, and I would be interested in receiving copies of any others you may write. I hope (and believe) that despite our incredibly bad luck in organizing support for the project in the Embassy community, such support will eventually be forthcoming. The basic problem is not lack of potential interest, but the enormous pressures of work on most of the Embassy staff. (Most spouses also work.) It may be difficult for someone who has not been subjected to the pace to imagine what 14-16 hour working days (if we include obligatory social functions), combined with a heavy schedule on Saturdays and often on Sundays, can do to one's ability to take on outside activities.

I am writing Sherrod to remind him to let you know where he stands in finding someone. I'm sure he will do his best.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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December 30, 1981

His Excellency  
Bohuslav Chnoupek  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of the Czechoslovak  
Socialist Republic  
Prague

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to inform you that President Reagan on December 29 signed into law the bill passed earlier by the United States Congress ratifying the Czechoslovak-U.S. Claims/Gold Agreement initialed in Prague on November 6, 1981. We look forward to working with officials of your Government, as well as with other interested parties, in arranging for the early implementation of the provisions of this agreement.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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January 4, 1981

Mrs. Irena Aust  
Starodejvicka 5  
Praha 6 - Dejvice

Dear Mrs. Aust:

It was with profound regret and shock that I have learned of the untimely death of your husband, Ladislav. He was one of the most respected and well liked employees of this Embassy, and we shall all miss him.

My wife and I, together with all other members of the staff, join in extending our deepest sympathy to you and your family in this time of grief. If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

JSI

Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

January 6, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Drafting Officers  
FROM: The Ambassador *YGM*  
SUBJECT: Personal Preferences on Usage and Style - I

This is the first in what will likely be an irregular series of memoranda commenting on aspects of style and usage which I would request drafting officers to observe in preparing official reports.

"Socialist countries" should never be used (except in direct quotations from the media) as a synonym for Warsaw Pact countries or of countries ruled by Communist Parties. To do so is to accept uncritically the Soviet definition of "socialism," which I consider unjustified intellectually and unwise politically. Find another, more precise, term or place it in quotation marks if its usage cannot be easily avoided.

Diacritical marks in Czech and Slovak names and words: These (especially the haček) should always be supplied except in telegrams. This is particularly important with names of people and places because the pronunciation is affected.

Normality/normalcy: These are often used as synonyms today, but I prefer "normality." To me--and to many other readers--normalcy carries overtones of Warren Harding's administration, since his campaign slogan was "Back to normalcy." Apparently, Harding and his speech writers were ignorant of the fact that the accepted word in English was "normality."

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Demarche to Dep. For Min. Jablonsky  
19 Jan 82

TALKING POINTS FOR U.S. DEMARCHE

The U.S. Government has noted the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs January 15 and strongly and unequivocally rejects that statement;

- - The U.S. Government views the January 15 statement as but the latest and most repugnant of Czechoslovak official and government-controlled media commentary on U.S. policy toward Poland, commentary which in recent weeks has sought constantly, flagrantly, and maliciously to distort U.S. policy;

- - The U.S. Government notes that Czechoslovakia's stridency, its almost enthusiastic hostility toward the U.S. on this issue not only is unmatched in Eastern Europe, but consistently rivals or surpasses even that of the Soviet Union;

- - The fact that our two countries' perceptions of the situation in Poland differ profoundly cannot justify Czechoslovakia's continuing to engage in a malicious public campaign to distort U.S. policy, a campaign whose only practical effect is further to sour the atmosphere of our bilateral relations and to make any goal to improve those relations much more difficult, if not impossible, to achieve;

- - That the Czechoslovak government's open campaign of hostility toward the United States coincides with the fruition of our long mutual effort to resolve the difficult problems of claims and gold can only be interpreted as a sign of the Czechoslovak leadership's lack of interest in further improving relations;

- - Nevertheless even as its hostile public distortions of U.S. policy persist, the Czechoslovak leadership itself should have a clear view of U.S. policy toward Poland; specifically

- - The U.S. deeply believes that the Polish people must be permitted to resolve their problems as they alone choose, to pursue the course of social and political development that they alone choose; no outside power has the right to dictate that course of development;

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BY AW NARADATE 11/27/07

- - The events transpiring in Poland over the past month are in large part the result of severe pressures placed on the Polish leadership from without; as is now known to all, concrete measures were being taken in the Soviet Union at least as early as September to prepare for the imposition of martial law in Poland; it is now clear that the Soviet Union was not prepared to permit the Polish government and the major elements of Polish society to reach, on their own, a consensus on how to resolve Poland's serious problems;

- - The imposition of martial law was, in the U.S. view, an outrageous violation of the human rights of Polish citizens in complete contradiction of Poland's obligations as a signatory of the Helsinki Final Act; it cannot produce a solution to Poland's long-festering, deep-rooted economic ills;

- - The U.S. continues to urge the Polish authorities to end the state of martial law, to release those arrested, and to restore a dialogue with the Church and Solidarity; the U.S. is prepared to resume a constructive dialogue with the Polish government as soon as conditions permit; in the meantime, the U.S. Government has agreed to permit continuation of substantial shipments of food and other forms of direct aid by American private groups and individuals to the Polish people.



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Prague, Czechoslovakia

January 22, 1982

Honorable  
Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baker:

I have just received a copy of the letter which your office sent to Secretary Haig on December 3, 1981. In order to assist you in replying to the November 24, 1981 letter from Mr. Manfred Steinmetz of Schorndorf, West Germany and his request for further information regarding the case of Josef Römer, I am enclosing a translation of a bulletin issued by the Committee for the Defense of the Unjustly Persecuted (VONS) in June 1980. VONS is a group which is loosely associated with the Charter 77 dissident movement in Czechoslovakia. It attempts to monitor the legal proceedings frequently brought against human rights activists. As you will note, this organization was also appealing for additional information concerning the case of Mr. Römer.

In his letter to you Mr. Steinmetz asks if there are grounds for considering Mr. Römer a "prisoner of conscience." My own judgment would be that if he is so considered by the Committee for the Defense of the Unjustly Persecuted, he is indeed likely to fall into this category. We have no further information regarding Mr. Römer's case or his present whereabouts, however.

As you will note from the translation of the VONS document, the charges against Mr. Römer also involved accusations against a member of the Embassy here. Mr. Williams is a career officer of the United States International Communication Agency. During his tour in Prague, Mr. Williams comported himself in a manner fully consistent with his professional responsibilities. The VONS bulletin is also incorrect in stating that

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Mr. Williams was expelled from Czechoslovakia. It would appear from Mr. Steinmetz's letter that Mr. Römer had occasionally visited the American Library located in the Embassy. He would not be the first Czechoslovak citizen subsequently harassed or approached by security officials as a result of such visits.

I hope that this further information will be of use to you in your reply to Mr. Steinmetz. There are, unfortunately, too many "prisoners of conscience" in Czechoslovakia, as the most recent Amnesty International Report on Czechoslovakia makes clear. I am enclosing a copy of this report in case you do not already have it.

If this Embassy can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

Enclosure:  
As stated

January 29, 1982

His Excellency  
Paolo Tozzoli,  
Ambassador of Italy  
Prague, Czechoslovakia

Dear Paolo:

As I told you yesterday evening, I would like to express my warmest congratulations to your government in its successful operation to free General Dozier. We are all relieved that he was freed safely. The struggle against terrorism is an international duty which affects us all, and the effectiveness which your government has moved to combat this challenge stands as a fine example for us all.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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JFM





EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

January 29, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

His Excellency  
Mr. Savlet Aktuğ  
Ambassador of Turkey  
Prague, Czechoslovakia

Dear Savlet:

As I told you this morning on the telephone, I am shocked and dismayed by the tragic assassination of your colleague in Los Angeles yesterday.

I know that nothing I can say or do can comfort Mr. Arian's bereaved family and friends, but I want you to know that they have my deepest sympathy.

I join you in hoping that the civilized governments of the world can develop more effective methods for combatting terrorism everywhere, since it not only threatens innocent individuals but poses a challenge to the very fabric of free societies. You can be sure that our authorities will move vigorously to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of this outrage.

With my most profound regret and personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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Statèment of President Reagøn on the Assassiantion of Turkish  
Consul General Kamal Arikan.

This afternoon a tragic event occurred in Los Angeles. The  
Turkish Consul General, Kamil Arikan, was assassinated in an apparent  
act of terrorism. I condemn this vicious act.

I have, in addition to communicating with the Turkish Ambassador  
here in Washington, instructed my administration to forthwith assist  
local law enforcement in both investigating the murder and, hopefully,  
bringing this criminal or these criminals to trial so that justice  
might be done.

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

February 5, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

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Honorable John D. Scanlan  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
of European Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Jack:

I enclose a letter to Tom Tracy which I would appreciate your passing on provided you and Dick Bowers have no objection to my raising the ideas in this fashion.

If for any reason you feel that it is not wise to proceed this way, just hold the letter and let me know via the EE Official-Informal channel. Also feel free to append any EUR comments on the suggestions.

We are rapidly settling in, and beginning to look around for useful things to do. I'll be forwarding some ideas to you separately, but meanwhile want you to bear in mind that you and Peggy have a standing invitation to come and benefit from our palatial quarters for as long as you can manage. Since it's been almost a year since you were here (and doubtless a good bit longer for Peggy), why don't you think about it?

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

Enclosure: Letter to Assistant Secretary Tracy

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997  
By AW NARA, Date 6/3/02



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

February 5, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

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Honorable Thomas M. Tracy  
Assistant Secretary of Administration  
Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Tom:

As you may have heard, the Claims/Gold agreement we recently signed with Czechoslovakia contains two articles which unblock certain USG crown accounts here and provide for payment of nearly five million dollars (which may be used immediately in Czechoslovakia and cannot be transferred out for several years) for surplus property sold in 1946. My impression is that the full implications of this windfall have not been addressed in Washington, but before going forward with a lot of questions in regular channels, I thought it might be wise to solicit your advice on several possibilities that have occurred to us.

Essentially, what I am looking for is some way--if any exists--to avoid all these funds simply going into miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury. If this happens, the USG is unlikely ever to receive the full potential value, since part of the funds can be used only in Czechoslovakia, and we could use the crowns only very slowly if we simply draw on them to meet local operating expenses. The fact is that the local inflation rate is currently very high (better cuts of meat more than doubled in price February 1 and more price hikes are in the wind). It is most unlikely that the Czechoslovak authorities will recognize the inflationary factor in setting the official exchange rate of the crown. Therefore, the longer we hold these funds in a local bank, the fewer actual goods and services they will buy.

The following specific ideas occur to me for possible use of some of the funds to the post's and the Department's benefit:

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a. Use a portion to improve Embassy recreation facilities (which are grossly inadequate in winter) with local materials and labor. Something like a squash court (utilizing the unused and unusable basement swimming pool at the residence) or a paddle tennis court on the ample grounds at the chancery.

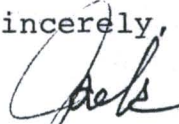
b. Arrange a favorable rate of accommodation exchange for U.S. staff and official visitors. (This would obviously boost morale, but would also save the USG money in reduced per diem for travel.)

c. If we can obtain an offer of property, to use some of the "surplus property" money to expand our stock of FBO-owned housing, without burdening FBO's appropriated budget. We pay astronomical rentals to the local UPDK (known here as Sprava Sluzeb), and the long-term savings with USG-owned housing should be significant.

I am enclosing a list of specific questions which you might want to have your staff look into discreetly. Meanwhile, if you have any thoughts on the feasibility of the ideas listed above, and of the proper means for us to raise them officially if they seem within the realm of the possible, they would be most helpful to us.

Our very best to you and June. If you are planning a trip to Europe, please include us if you can.

Sincerely,



Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

P.S. I am sending this letter via Jack Scanlan, since I want to make sure that I am not crossing wires with EUR with my queries. Obviously, whatever we work out would have to have the full cooperation of EUR, M and A.

Enclosures:

- (1) Questions
- (2) Relevant portions of agreement

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO CZECHOSLOVAK-U.S.  
FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Article 9 of the Agreement provides for the release of Czechoslovak crowns which have been in frozen bank accounts. Kcs 7,161,557 (roughly \$700,000) is in what the CSSR terms a US Army account, and Kcs 887,691 in a special embassy account. (The latter apparently are receipts for showing US films here in the immediate post-war period.) The Agreement itself states that the crowns can be used for the official operations of the embassy.

The following questions occur to us at this point:

--Will these be treated as Treasury funds, usable by any agency? Or do they "belong" to a specific agency?

--The Agreement was approved by Congress. Does that mean, by any chance, that we can use the crowns outside the regular appropriation process?

--If so, can they be used for any Embassy purpose as the Agreement says, or does a single agency (Army) have claim?

--If they can be used outside the appropriation process, can we use some of the money for morale purposes, e.g. badly needed recreational facilities?

Article 10 provides for installment payments of \$2,869,868, \$1,000,000 and \$1,000,000 to the USG for surplus military property sales agreed to in 1946. These payments will be in dollars. The Agreement provides that this money may be used to buy real property in Czechoslovakia.

--Can we go ahead and buy property (presuming the local authorities actually offer us something) without further Congressional action, over and above money appropriated to FBO?

Article 10 also provides that interest due on the surplus property debt will be paid in installments. The interest amounts are denominated in dollars, but for a period of years may be drawn only in local currency. They also may be used for official purposes.

--Is this a miscellaneous receipt of the Treasury, or does some agency have claim to it?

--Can the funds be used outside of regular appropriation channels (that is, in addition to regularly allotted funds)?

--If so, can the funds be used for morale purposes, e.g. recreation facilities?

ARTICLE 9

(1) Within 30 days after the settlement date, the Czechoslovak Government shall release to the Government of the United States:

(A) The crown account of the United States Army with Zivnostenska Banka, National Enterprise, in the amount of 7,161,557 crowns; and

(B) The special crown account of the Embassy of the United States at Prague with the Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka, A.S., the so-called film account, in the amount of 887,691 crowns.

(2) The sums mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be used in Czechoslovakia for official purposes, including purchase of real property, payment of housing rents, payroll, local transportation expenses, and other operating costs of the U.S. Embassy. While the sums or parts thereof referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article remain on deposit, they shall accrue interest at the current rate appropriate to the account.

#### ARTICLE 10

The Czechoslovak Government shall pay to the Government of the United States in full settlement of its obligations resulting from the Credit Agreement on the Purchase of Surplus Property of the United States Army, dated May 28, 1946, with respect to both the principal and the interest, the following sums:

(1) An initial payment of \$2,869,868.10 shall be made in accordance with Article 6 (2) and Annex B of this



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Agreement. The remaining \$2,000,000 shall be paid in two equal installments on July 1 of each succeeding year. The Government of the United States can at its election spend up to the amount of the payments for the purchase during a three-year period following the settlement date of real property in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic for the use of its Embassy in accordance with Czechoslovak legislation.

(2) On the settlement date, the sum of \$750,000 shall be deposited into an account of the Government of the United States in a bank in Czechoslovakia. An additional \$750,000 shall be deposited into this account July 1 of the year following the year in which the settlement date occurred. The balance of all interest due shall be deposited into this account on July 1 of the next year. The Embassy of the United States will be permitted to draw from this account crowns at the rate current at the time of withdrawal.

The balance in this account on June 30 of the second year following the year in which the settlement date occurred will be transferred to the Government of the United States on that date. The balance from the final interest payment will be transferred to the Government of the United States on June 30 of the fourth year following the year in which the settlement date occurred.

February 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: P&C - Mr. Hoffmann  
THRU: DCM - Mr. Wenick  
FROM: The Ambassador *KS*  
SUBJECT: FORMAT OF PRESS RELEASES AND OFFICIAL TEXTS

Now that we have appropriate paper with a logo for press releases, it would be well to give additional attention to format, wording and appearance, when material is prepared for distribution.

1. Titles should normally be set in type which contrasts with the text (all caps at the very least), should be centered, should be kept as short as possible, and should contain no awkward or unnatural line breaks (in particular, a name should not be split on two lines).

2. If the release contains material which was delivered originally in Czech, the Czech text should of course be given first, and the English included as a translation.

3. If my name should appear, I prefer Jack F. Matlock to other forms.

4. Particularly if the release relates to me personally, I expect the courtesy of being allowed to review the text and format before it is put into final and reproduced.

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March 2, 1982

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TO: POLEC  
THRU: DCM - Mr. Wenick  
FROM: The Ambassador  
SUBJECT: DRAFTING STYLE

Since I dislike a nagging approach to management (though my behavior may occasionally seem to belie this), I do not invariably send back a message with a comment on a trivial point or disagreement on a secondary or tertiary issue. However, I still am not satisfied with the quality of our spot reporting, and it may be helpful to discuss my approach at some length with reference to specific recent messages (all of February 25). This is not to suggest that these messages--or for that matter our reports ingeneral--are bad. They are good and useful. My basic point is that they could do better.

Basic Characteristics of Effective Spot Reporting:

In my view, a first-class spot report will always exhibit the following qualities:

- prompt
- concise
- interpretive
- easy to read at a glance, with main points highlighted
- technically and factually correct
- relevant to real concerns or interests

Although the importance of each of these qualities is self-evident, the first may require some elucidation. Though promptness is not an exclusive virtue, and some events do not really need to be reported instantly, it is a useful habit,

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even when the news would be assuseful a few days later as the same day. First of all it is noticed by readers whether a post habitually lags a few days or gets right in. The impression derived from the former is a laid-back attitude and from the latter a vigorous on-top-of-events approach. To be most effective in the bureaucracy (on a wide range of issues) it is much better to have the second than the first reputation.

A second reason is perhaps more subtle, but I consider it even more important. That is, spot reports, particularly those out of the media, should absorb only a small portion of our time--if we use our time wisely. Either officers have the habit of quickly scanning the media, immediately deciding what should be reported and getting out the message--all within the first couple of hours of the working day--or there will be little time available for those activities which should absorb the bulk of our time and attention: personal contacts and preparation of more analytical pieces or policy recommendations. In short, we must follow the media, but since this could--at least in theory--be done elsewhere, it must not be allowed to distract us from our main task, which is developing an on-the-spot feel for developments and conveying this to our consumers. The best way to discipline oneself to do this is to allocate a short, fixed period for press analysis, do it rapidly, get it out of the way, then go on to more important things.

Now let's look at the three cables attached from the standpoint of the criteria listed above.

Prague 834: CPCZ LASHES OUT AT CPI

- Promptness: One day late for no apparent reason.
- Conciseness: Not bad, but summary is too long and extensive quotes not really necessary.
- Interpretive: Yes, but some important points are not mentioned.
- Ease of reading: Mediocre at best. Principal points could be easily highlighted by ticks.
- Technical and factual precision: Good.
- Relevance: Yes.

If we reflect on what most readers would want to be told about this article, I believe we would conclude the following:

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- Czechoslovak media have made a major attack on the CPI.
- Whereas up to now they have criticized the CPI obliquely, by quoting others, they have now done so in their own name.
- Since they seem to be out in front of the Soviets at the moment, it would appear that they have assumed the hatchet-man role on behalf of the Soviets,
- If the Soviet media continue to mute their direct polemics, this may be part of a soft-guy/hard-guy Soviet strategy for bringing pressure to bear on the CPI leadership.

Some of this is in the summary and some not. The summary, however, contains considerable detail that does not bear on these main points and therefore are more appropriate for the main text.

If I had been reporting the story, my summary would have read something like this:

BEGIN SUMMARY. The Czechoslovak regime has stepped up attacks on the Italian CP with major, vituperative articles today in both Czech and Slovak party newspapers. While criticism of the CPI has been a staple of the Czechoslovak media since the latter's condemnation of martial law in Poland, up to now this criticism has taken the form of quoting attacks made by others. Today's attacks thus represent an escalation of the pressure on Berlinguer. Inasmuch as we understand that the Soviet press has been muting anti-CPI polemics of late, this action by the CPCZ raises the question of whether the Soviets might not be preparing to introduce a soft-guy/tough-guy element into the pressure campaign against the CPI. One thing is certain: the local campaign has Soviet approval.  
END SUMMARY.

In my opinion, this is all that 80% of our readers need or want to know about this. The other 20% will be interested in the names of the papers involved, the precise charges, etc., and their needs should be satisfied in the body of the cable. But since most of this hypothetical 20% will already have FBIS, we can cut most of the direct quotes and simply summarize the main points made using indented "ticks" for quick and easy reading.

Prague 816: Czechoslovak Commentary On Economic Sanctions Against Poland

Promptness: Week after broadcast is hardly outstanding, since we get FBIS telegraphically and usually quite promptly.

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Conciseness: Not grossly deficient, but there is more detail than necessary since most recipients will have FBIS.

Interpretive quality: Yes, but major points in comment are not covered in the summary, and some interesting aspects are omitted.

Ease of Reading: Reader cannot get main points from summary; otherwise average.

Technical correctness: BEGIN SUMMARY or SUMMARY omitted at beginning of para 1. Shouldn't there be an econ tag since subject is economic sanctions? Otherwise OK.

Relevance: Yes. Only question on this score is whether subject should not have been included in Prague 817.

This broadcast was certainly worth calling to Washington's attention, but since it was obviously intended to bolster the propaganda theme that current US policy constitutes interference in Polish internal affairs, I wonder why it wasn't discussed in that context in Prague 817, which, after all, is supposed to review Czechoslovak media output for the period Feb. 18-24. This, however is a matter of borderline judgment, and the subject is of sufficient interest in itself that I have no objection to a separate cable. I think, however, that the cable would have been more useful if the summary included more analytical judgments.

If I had written the summary, it would have been something like the following:

**SUMMARY** In an effort to substantiate its claim that current U.S. policy constitutes interference in Polish internal affairs, a detailed "analysis" by Bratislava radio of U.S. and NATO sanctions attempts to prove that the goal of U.S. policy is to "starve Poland" and cause a spillover effect in other CEMA countries. As usual, the broadcast ignores Western humanitarian food aid. Its claim that the shortfall from the West will be made up by aid from "socialist" countries is unlikely to seem convincing to audiences here, who are more likely to be impressed by the degree of Poland's dependence on agricultural imports from the U.S. than by claims that these supplies can be provided by Poland's allies. It also brings to mind the fact that Czechoslovakia has avoided ~~decisions~~ ~~bringing~~ ~~to~~ ~~mind~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~Czechoslovakia~~ ~~has~~ ~~avoided~~ ~~decisions~~ ~~bringing~~ ~~to~~ ~~mind~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~Czechoslovakia~~ ~~has~~ ~~avoided~~. VOA might usefully exploit these themes in broadcasts to the area. END SUMMARY.

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In sum, my judgment would be that if the purpose of the cable is to alert VOA, the sample summary above would take care of that (with appropriate reference to the precise FBIS item), but if the purpose is to provide another example of the Czechoslovak propaganda approach to US policy on Poland, then it should have been covered in Prague 817. The cable at hand achieves neither of these objectives very effectively.

Prague 817: Czechoslovak Media on Poland: Feb. 18-24

1. Promptness: OK
2. Conciseness: OK in general, but could be improved by some more trimming of direct quotation and detail available elsewhere.
3. Interpretive quality: Mediocre, at best.
4. Readability: At least average, but important points are neither mentioned nor stressed.
5. Technical correctness: OK
6. Relevance: Clearly relevant

Here, as the above checklist indicates, my main problem is not with the style or format but with the quality of the analytical thought which lies behind it. Unfortunately, it strikes one as a cut-and-paste job: quotes organized by topic, without a clear analytical framework. It seems to me that we should be watching for the following in the local coverage of Poland:

1. How the situation is portrayed (i.e., getting better or beset with problems).
2. The role of the Party and the Polish military: to what extent is the military role minimized and the Party presented in a favorable light? Is there pressure for a Party purge? Is there implicit support for the "hard-liners"?
3. Attitude toward Jaruzelski (is he getting prominent, or not-so-prominent play; is he portrayed primarily as Party leader with his military title ignored; in short--is there any indication of dissatisfaction with him?)
4. Any differences in Czechoslovak and Soviet portrayals of the situation.

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Of lesser importance than the above, but worth attention, particularly if the line changes are:

5. Portrayal of U. S. policy (so long as it stays the same, of use mainly to encourage VOA to clarify and refute.)

6. Any new info on Czecho-Polish relations, including economic relations and assistance.

7. Portrayal of Polish leaders other than Jaruzelski. (Really part of point 2 above, since focus should be on whether Czechoslovaks are favoring one faction above another.)

8. Portrayal of Polish Church and Solidarity leadership. (This is inherently important, but is perhaps less sensitive than some of the questions mentioned earlier, merely because the CS attitude is well known and quite predictable.)

This is not meant to be a definitive list by any means, or a suggestion that any analysis must mechanically address each one. It rather is a suggestion of the sort of # questions that we should be asking, and which should lie behind our analysis.

One very important element in periodic wrap-ups such as this one is to give the reader a feel for what is new and what is routine. The routine can usually be dismissed with a brief note to that effect; new themes or emphases should be highlighted. For example, after reading the cable I still don't know whether the characterization of Walesa is new or not. Is this stronger than what they have said before or not?

I would have been inclined to draft the summary along the following lines:

SUMMARY: In covering events in Poland over the past week, the Czechoslovak media have:

--claimed sporadically that the situation is returning to normal, while carrying numerous reports of troubles which would lead most readers to the opposite conclusion;

--stepped up attacks on Walesa personally, alleging that he has "abandoned the interest of the working class...";

--continued to downplay the role of the military and to magnify that of the Party; /if that was the case/

--implicitly endorsed demands of hardliners for Party purge and harsh treatment of martial law violaters; /if this was the case/

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--continued to attack Western sanctions and statements at Madrid CSCE Conference as "interference in Polish internal affairs.  
END SUMMARY

This, of course also suggests the order in which the discussion might have proceeded. It seems to me that para 6 is of the greatest overall interest and probably should lead-off, unless the attack on Walesa is totally new. However, paragraph 6 is too long and is burdened by too many quotes. The material in para 5 and that in para 6 are really the opposite sides of the same coin and should be discussed together.

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In conclusion, I would reiterate that my critique is not meant to imply that these were not useful messages or that they don't basically do the job. But I believe they could have been more effective if more regard had been paid to the criteria mentioned above. I also believe that better messages do not require more time on spot reporting--indeed less time should be devoted to this. This requires only a clear idea of what we are looking for and the habit of tight drafting.

As I have mentioned before, Amembassy Berlin provides some outstanding examples of what I am driving at. This is not surprising, since Ambassador Okun and I have worked together off and on during most of our careers and share a common approach to reporting. I am attaching one cable (Berlin 856) which crossed my desk as I was drafting this. It is a model of sorts in showing how one can report what readers are interested in without burying it in a mass of detail which most readers have no time to wade through. Not every spot report can be so laconic, it is true, but more often than not media reports from posts like Prague can be. Another model I would recommend is Embassy Moscow, which continues to be remarkably prompt in submitting analyses. Naturally, they must go into more detail in the body than we normally need to, but notice how they always get in the same day something happens, and the summary highlights what the busy reader wants to know.

- Attachments: 1. Outgoing telegram Prague 0834
- 2. " " " 0816
- 3. " " " 0817
- 4. Incoming telegram from Amembassy Berlin 856

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

March 11, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: P&C (ACTION)  
POLEC (INFO)

THRU: DCM - Mr. Wenick

FROM: The Ambassador

SUBJECT: Informing Czech and Slovak Press Abroad of  
Embassy Activities

1. Please supply, ASAP, draft captions for the attached photos and a brief press release on the March 7 ceremony.
2. Please have list of publications and interested persons typed clean, and supply additions as they are received. Note which run photos and which do not.
3. Please confirm that earlier official text of March 7 remarks went out to these addressees.
4. For longer-term, please establish system for informing these organizations of significant Embassy activity of interest. (May wreath-layings in W. Bohemia will be next up-coming occasion.) I would like to review and clear all press releases in advance. We should also establish a file of material sent out, and a log, so that we will have a clear record of what has been sent, to whom, and when.
5. For POL - Make sure Embassy has entered subscriptions to principal publications. I have not seen Svedectví since my arrival. Please route it to me if we get it; if we don't get it, see that it is ordered.

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March 15, 1982

Ms. Fran Sievers  
Town Raisin' Chairman  
Emblem Business and Professional  
Women's Club  
103 Lincoln Drive  
Mayfield, Kentucky 42066

Dear Ms. Sievers:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, in which you informed us of your Town Raisin' Campaign and your "Court of Nations" project.

I am very pleased to advise you that in a separate package we are sending you a Czechoslovak national flag for your display.

Your clubs community involvement is truly commendable and all of us at the American Embassy in Prague wish you success in your efforts to improve your town's economic situation.

Thank you for letting us be a part of Mayfield's Town Raisin'.

Sincerely yours,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador



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United States Department of State

Assistant Secretary of State  
for Administration

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2-AJMA

Washington, D. C. 20520

March 22, 1982

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your letter of February 10 and your comments concerning our motor vehicle program.

The problems of our world-wide motor fleet are serious and the objectives of cost effectiveness to the American taxpayer must be prime considerations. It is also true, however, that we cannot realistically fulfill essential transportation services solely on the basis of decisions predicated on bottom line costs. The existence of sometimes contradictory objectives and practices can make the management of the fleet even more difficult.

Most of the concepts you discuss have and continue to be considerations in our attempts to resolve existing problems. There are, of course, significant pros and cons affecting all aspects of the proposed alternatives. We are aware of the escalation of maintenance costs being incurred as the fleet ages, due in part to our inability to effect timely replacements. Efforts to link the centralized replacement budget with those budgets containing the maintenance and operating costs to enable improved, more cost effective replacement decisions, have been unsuccessful to date. The Brussel's lease, even if viewed as successful (and the jury is still out), can only be considered cost effective on the basis of circumstances existing at the time--the perceived and existing level of need, assumed effectiveness of prevailing resource

The Honorable  
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American Ambassador,  
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management, and high maintenance costs and high fuel consumption because of an aging fleet. I am also concerned about the longer term effects if we do not control the cost or availability of leased vehicles.

We also took note of the "Budget and Program Newsletter" concerning GSA and motor vehicle operations. Our GSA contacts advised us that it is unlikely that any such program would be undertaken. Neither the will nor the capability presently exists for such an undertaking. Although I share your apprehensions as to the GSA performance in many areas, and certainly feel little compulsion to become a defender of GSA, many of the problems you describe are due to under funding, not GSA.

For example, considerable latitude exists for the GSA established replacement standard for us to deviate from "the magic age/mileage figures" in recognition of the operating conditions you cite. To do so, however, requires the ability to fund replacement purchases and the adverse budget decisions made in recent years have made this an impossibility

At this time I do not believe it desirable to resort to expanded involvement of commissary associations, purchase of employee POV's, or profit incentives potentially available through local currency situations. The inspectors are already deeply concerned about effectiveness and in some cases the propriety of certain community associations. What we really need is a clearer differentiation of "official" and "other" transportation requirements; then meet official needs through appropriate organizational means and fulfill the other requirements as independent and separate activities through some of the methods you discussed. Obviously, the crux of the problem may well entail differing perceptions as to what constitutes official and essential transportation requirements.

On a more positive note, we do have some studies in progress to improve vehicle data collection which is essential to making sound decisions as to replacement strategies and evaluation of other motor fleet alternatives. We will also continue our efforts to obtain additional replacement monies and to better address individual post circumstances through closer coordination of available acquisition funds and vehicle operating and maintenance funds.

I welcome your ideas and you can be sure we are continuing to search for better solutions to our automobile needs.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Tracy



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

February 10, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Honorable Thomas M. Tracy  
Assistant Secretary of Administration  
Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Tom:

When I arrived at post, I found a fairly typical motor pool - eight vehicles, of which only one, the COM vehicle, was in decent shape. The rest of the fleet has been literally beaten to death by the roads here. Yet they must serve for years more before they achieve the magic age/mileage figures mandated by GSA for replacement.

The result of this application of domestic standards to overseas operations is high down-time, high maintenance expenses (\$16,700 in FY 1981), and virtual elimination of resale value. Instead of meeting the Congressional intent of minimizing costs, we are maximizing them in comparison to what could be. For here, as in many countries, we could sell vehicles at a profit if they were in decent shape. And turning the fleet over every year or two would eliminate most maintenance expenses.

I now find that the situation might get even worse. The January first issue of "Budget and Program Newsletter" says that there is a proposal in Congress for GSA to take over motor vehicle operations entirely! One has visions of Ambassadors riding around in Art Metal desks with wheels!

But perhaps we can turn this proposal to our advantage. A strong and coordinated initiative by the foreign affairs community, pointing out that foreign service (all agencies, not just State) conditions are so different from domestic as to warrant completely separate treatment, might just work. Then we could choose the most cost effective method for each post, whether it be profit-making rapid turnover at Prague or leasing in Brussels.

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If that should fail, there is another method which could achieve the same result at many posts, working through commissary associations. According to the latest GSO Newsletter, vehicles donated to the Government are not covered by the GSA regulations. Could not our commissary association donate the use of vehicles for a year or two, with sale at a profit and new acquisition and donation thereafter? The Government would of course pay all operating expenses, but maintenance on new vehicles should be low. Profits from posts like Prague could be used to support such a program at posts where sale at a profit is not possible. Obviously, the biggest problem here would be locating seed money for the initial purchases.

Purchase of the resulting soft currency would perhaps be a problem in excess and near-excess countries, but if such purchases can be made from employees departing post, why not for the good of the Government?

There is another possible method for getting around the problems created by GSA, use of POVs for at least some part of motor pool operations. Employees could be assisted in purchasing a vehicle proper for the post, perhaps through salary advances. Then official use would be reimbursed on a mileage basis. Since tours at posts where frequent vehicle replacement is desirable are generally two years, average fleet age would be kept close to one year. Some study would of course be required to determine if such a program would be cost effective and fully workable, but given the very high maintenance costs now experienced at posts like Prague I have a feeling that 22.5¢ per mile would be a bargain.

I know it will not be easy, but if we can find some method for easing the problems created by the GSA vehicle program we should not only be able to improve the effectiveness of our motor pools but reduce cost to the American taxpayer. The above-mentioned ideas have surfaced here and I pass them to you as a contribution to the effort to improve the quality and effectiveness of our motor pools abroad. If it would be helpful for you for us to make any of the suggestions officially or to provide concrete examples of the wastefulness of the current system, just let me know.

With warm regards,



Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador





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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CERTIFICATE

I certify that Mrs. Theresa BENTON, Number 17, 1104 North Parkway, Jackson, Tennessee 38 301, will be visiting me in April 1982, and as my houseguest is entitled to exemption from the requirement to exchange money.

*Jack F. Matlock, Jr.*  
Jack F. Matlock, Jr.

Ambassador

Prague, March 24, 1982.

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March 29, 1982

JUDr. Jindrich Tucek  
Chief, Diplomatic Protocol  
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Prague

Dear Dr. Tucek:

I want to thank you for your kind assistance in arranging a special visit for Ambassador and Mrs. George Kennan to the "Baroque in Bohemia" Exhibit on March 13.

The Kennans were delighted with the tour and asked me to pass on their gratitude to those who made the visit possible and assisted in it. To their thanks, I would like to add my own.

Sincerely yours,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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Mr. Ambassador:

EUR may have already contacted  
PA regarding your speaking  
engagements, but we can put  
something in OI if you have  
anything further.

*EEY is coordinating  
my speeches with PA,  
so that should take care  
of it. (In any event, I  
can't take on any  
more!) -*

*John*



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 30, 1982

Dear Ambassador Matlock:

As one looks at the morning's headlines--El Salvador, security assistance, nuclear freeze, the Atlantic Alliance, and a host of economic issues--it is clear that increased public understanding and support are essential if we are to pursue our policies successfully.

The Secretary and the Department's other principal officers are keenly aware of this and are doing their part in the Department's public affairs effort. But additional authoritative voices are needed. I am asking you to allow time for public affairs programming during your periodic Washington consultations. Most of our programming would be outside Washington in areas of particular relevance to you.

The Deputy Secretary has instructed the regional bureaus and IO to consider public affairs programming a regular part of your Washington schedule. To develop an effective program, we need all possible advance notice of your return. That is probably best done by cable slugged for PA and the Director General. We will then do our best to outline a program for you before you leave post, enabling you to plan your schedule more completely.

I hope we can count on you for the help we need.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

*Dean E. Fischer*

Dean E. Fischer  
Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs and  
Department Spokesman

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Jack F. Matlock, Jr.,  
American Ambassador,  
American Embassy,  
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Edward Hurwitz, Esquire  
Deputy Director for Exchanges  
Office of Soviet Union Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ed:

Profuse apologies for sitting so long on your EER review statement. I guess Prague's slower pace has its effect. Nevertheless, I believe we are well under the wire to have it in place before the boards meet.

Let's hope it has the intended effect. Meanwhile, let me say once again how much I appreciate personally your coming out to lend a hand. You were truly a life saver.

Regards to all our hard-working friends back there. If you happen to plan a trip to Europe, don't forget us. We'd be delighted to see you.

Sincerely,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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April 1, 1982

AmConGen (PRG)  
APO NY 09757

Professor William E. Harkins  
Department of Slavic Languages  
Columbia University  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Bill:

After having spent nine months quite unexpectedly in Moscow last year, we finally arrived in Prague last November and are now well settled. The pressure of my official duties in Moscow deprived me of most of the time I had planned to spend on the dissertation, but my presence there did permit me to consult with Soviet specialists on a number of obscure points.

In any event, I have completed another installment of my draft text, which I forward herewith. My schedule in Prague is such that I believe that I can move ahead to completion of the initial text by the end of the year. (I have first-draft translations of all the passages, but must complete the analytical sections and type in final.)

If you, or any members of the Department, plan a trip to Prague in the next year or so, please let me know in advance if there is any way I can assist. We have ample space for guests, and we would be delighted for you to stay with us while you are here, if that should be convenient.

The enclosed manuscript, and the earlier section, can be sent to me at the APO address above when comments are complete. I enclose a self-addressed envelope and a check for \$10.00 to cover postage.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

Enclosures: As noted.

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

6. dubna, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Pan  
Viktor Prokůpek  
vedoucí provozovny  
Olšanské papírny, n.p.  
Velké Losiny

Vážený pane Prokůpek,

Děkuji Vám velice za Váš dopis z 26.3.82 se vzorky  
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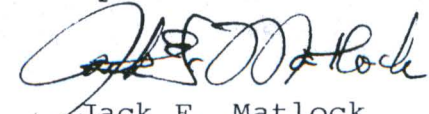
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doby zhotoveny, mohl bych si je vyzvednout při návštěvě  
u Vás.

Děkuji Vám za pozornost a jsem s pozdravem

  
Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

23. dubna, 1982

Vaše Eminence:

Prosím, abyste přijal projev mé upřímné účasti nad ztrátou Vašeho bratra, Dr. Josefa Tomáška. Členové tohoto velvyslanectví jsou v duchu s Vámi a s Vaší rodinou v této době velkého zármutku pro Vás všechny.

V dokonalé úctě,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack F. Matlock".

Jack F. Matlock  
Americký velvyslanec

Jeho Eminence  
František Kardinál Tomášek  
Arcibiskup Pražský

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4. ledna 1982

Paní Irena Austová  
Starodejvická 5  
Praha 6 - Dejvice

Drahá paní Austová,

S hlubokou lítostí a překvapením jsem se dozvěděl o náhlé smrti Vašeho manžela ~~Jan~~ Vladislava. Byl jedním z nejuznávanějších a nejoblíbenějších zaměstnanců velvyslanectví a všichni ho budeme postrádat.

Jménem mým, mé paní a všech zaměstnanců velvyslanectví si dovoluji Vám i Vaší rodině projevít nejupřímnější soustrast ve Vašem zármutku. Pokud bychom Vám mohli jakýmkoli způsobem pomoci, neváhejte se na nás obrátit.

Upřímně,

BJ  
Jack F. Matlock  
americký velvyslanec

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23.dubna 1982.

Vase Eminence:

Prosim, abyste prijal projev me uprimne ucasti nad ztratou Vaseho bratra, Dr. Josefa Tomaska. clenove tohoto velvyslanectvi jsou v duchu s Vami a s Vasi rodinou v teto dobe velkeho zarmutku pro Vas vsechny.

V dokonale ucte:

Jack F. Matlock  
Americky velvyslanec

Jeho Eminence, Frantisek Kardinal Tomasek  
Arcibiskup Prazsky

Your Eminence:

Please accept my sincere condolences upon the death of your brother, Dr. Josef Tomasek. The thoughts of members of this Embassy are with you and your family at this time of great sorrow for you all.

Sincerely

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OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Praha, 3. května 1982

Vážený pan  
Dr. Eduard F o l t y n  
Primátor města Ostravy

O s t r a v a

Vážený pane primátore,

Dovolte mi použít této příležitosti k poděkování Vám a Vašim spolupracovníkům za výjimečně laskavé přijetí, kterého se mně a mému doprovodu dostalo v průběhu naší návštěvy v Ostravě minulý týden. Bylo velice poučné mít možnost diskutovat s Vámi o problémech a perspektivách Vašeho jedinečného města. Moje následující návštěvy Ostravsko-karvinských dolů a dolu Antonín Zápotocký jakož i návštěvy mnou a mým doprovodem vykonané ve Vědecko-výzkumném uhelném ústavu a na Ostravském hlavním nádraží nám poskytly hodnotná, i když bohužel příliš krátká, seznámení s nejvýznamnějšími sektory místního a krajského hospodářství.

Věřím, že Vy i Vaši kolegové nás budete informovat, kdy hodláte přijet do Prahy, abychom se s Vámi mohli znovu setkat a měli tak příležitost oplatit Vám alespoň částečně Vaši laskavou pohostinnost.

Váš

Jack F. Matlock  
velvyslanec  
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Praha, 3. května 1982

Vážený pan  
Bedřich M a j e r e k  
I. místopředseda Severo-  
moravského krajského ná-  
rodního výboru

O s t r a v a  
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Vážený pane Majerku,

Píši Vám, abych Vám poděkoval za laskavé přijetí, kterého se mi od Vás a Vašich spolupracovníků dostalo v průběhu mé návštěvy v Ostravě minulý týden. Díky našim rozhovorům s Vámi, s primátorem Foltynem a s představiteli Ostravsko-karvinských dolů jsme se mohli seznámit s problémy a s perspektivami Ostravy a severomoravského kraje a mně a členům mého doprovodu se dostalo informací přímo od pramene o činnosti významných průmyslových podniků. Byla to velice zajímavá a užitečná cesta.

Doufám, že Vy i Vaši spolupracovníci se na nás kdykoli obrátíte se žádostí o jakoukoli informaci či pomoc, kterou Vám budeme schopni poskytnout.

Váš

Jack F. Matlock  
velvyslanec  
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Praha, 3. května 1982

Vážený pan  
Ing. Zdeněk M a t u š e k, CSc.  
ředitel Vědecko-výzkumného  
uhelného ústavu

O s t r a v a - Radvanice

Vážený pane řediteli,

Píši Vám, abych Vám a Vašim spolupracovníkům vyjádřil můj vděk za laskavé přijetí, kterého se mně minulý týden v Ostravě dostalo. Vaše pečlivá informace o činnostech Vědecko-výzkumného uhelného ústavu byla velice zajímavá, zvláště následujícího dne, kdy jsme měli příležitost sfárat do dolu Antonín Zápotocký. Byl to de facto přímý kontakt s důlními podmínkami, který nám umožnil uvědomit si, že problémy bezpečnosti jsou něco více než jen abstraktní pojem.

Pan Wasyloko mne informoval, že se snaží zjistit stav rozpracovanosti Vaší žádosti o exportní licenci, o které jsme v průběhu našeho setkání hovořili a bude Vás neprodleně o výsledku informovat.

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Jack F. Matlock  
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Praha, 3. května 1982

Vážený pan  
Zdeněk S t a r ý  
umělecký ředitel  
Státního divadla

O s t r a v a  
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Vážený pane řediteli,

Dovolte mi vyjádřit Vám mé poděkování i mého doprovodu za umožnění shlédnutí představení "Dům u tří děvčátek" minulého týdne v Ostravě. Vitalita, široký rozsah divadelního programu a profesionalita, s kterou uvedené představení bylo provedeno, na nás hluboce zapůsobily. Byl bych vděčen, kdybyste mohl popřát mým jménem panu Kobrovi, panu Matějkovi a panu Kordulovi hodně úspěchů v jejich dalších vystoupeních.

Věřím, že mi dáte vědět, až budete v Praze, abych i já měl možnost oplatit Vaši milou pohostinnost.

Váš

Jack F. Matlock  
velvyslanec  
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OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Praha, 3. května 1982

Vážený pan  
Ing. Vojtěch Klečatský  
podnikový ředitel OKR  
Důl Antonín Zápotocký

O s t r a v a  
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Vážený pane inženýre Klečatský,

Píši, abych poděkoval Vám, Ing. Pavelekovi i ostatním Vaším spolupracovníkům za to, že jste ve svém drahocenném čase dokázali najít prostor a provést nás dolem Antonín Zápotocký. Pan Lang, pan Wasylko, pan Kotouč a já jsme se velice poučili z fárání do dolu a ze zajímavých rozhovorů s Vámi. Bylo to mimořádně poučné vidět na vlastní oči podmínky bezpečnosti práce a ochrany zdraví v těžkém prostředí, ve kterém horníci v Ostravsko-karvinském revíru pracují než o nich pouze číst v tisku a akademických časopisech.

Dovolte mi znovu opakovat moji žádost, abyste Vy i Vaši spolupracovníci při cestách do Prahy se s námi spojili. Bylo by pro mne velkým potěšením oplatit Vaši milou pohostinnost. Rovněž neváhejte se obrátit na pana Langa nebo pana Wasylka pokud budete potřebovat jakoukoli statistiku nebo informaci o průmyslu těžby uhlí ve Spojených státech nebo informace o amerických firmách, které vyrábějí zařízení pro těžbu uhlí.

váš

*Jack F. Matlock*  
Jack F. Matlock  
velvyslanec

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Praha, 3. května 1982

Vážený pan  
Doc. Ing. Antonín K r u m n i k l , Dr.Sc.  
výrobní ředitel Generálního ředitelství  
Ostravsko-karvinských dolů

O s t r a v a  
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Vážený pane řediteli,

Píši Vám, abych vyjádřil náš vděk Vám, Ing. Ken-  
skému, p. Pavliskovi a Ing. Klečatskému a jeho spolu-  
pracovníkům za Vaše laskavé a velkolepé přijetí, kterého  
se nám v průběhu naší návštěvy v Ostravě minulý týden  
dostalo. Hluboce jsme ocenili fakt, že jste nám dokázal  
věnovat tolik času z Vašeho mimořádně náročného programu  
a sejít se s námi a umožnit nám tak rozsáhlou prohlídku  
dolu Antonín Zápotocký v Karviné. Pokud se nás týče,  
buďte ujištěn, že sfárání do dolu a naše rozhovory jsou  
pro nás neocenitelnou zkušeností, která nemůže být plně  
doceněna těmi, kteří pracují jen v kancelářích. Byla to  
výsada seznámit se zblízka s podmínkami a nesnázemi, o  
kterých jsme doposud pouze četli v tisku a které jsou  
spojeny s těžbou černého uhlí.

Jak jsem již řekl v průběhu našeho setkání, doufáme,  
že se s námi setkáte při Vašich příštích cestách do Prahy,  
abychom Vám mohli oplatit Vaši pohostinnost.

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Jack F. Matlock  
velvyslanec

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May 3, 1982

Mrs. Nadezda Janatkova  
American Embassy  
Prague

Dear Mrs. Janatkova:

As I told you this morning, I was shocked and saddened to learn of your husband's passing.

During your nearly 20 years with this Embassy, many members of the American community had the opportunity to meet George. His passing is a loss to all of us. I want you to know that you have our deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRAGUE

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

May 3, 1982

Dr. Jindřich Tuček  
Director  
Department of Diplomatic Protocol  
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Prague

Dear Dr. Tuček:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you and your staff, especially Mr. Jiří Novotný, for your assistance in arranging appointments for me in Ostrava on April 27-28. As someone who has been in Czechoslovakia for a relatively short time, I found the visit very informative and was greatly impressed by the courtesy and helpfulness of all the people with whom I met. The program, although exacting, was carefully and logically arranged, and I look forward to future trips in Czechoslovakia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JFM'.

Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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+ Finnish Amb.  
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PRAGUE

May 3, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Dr. Jindřich Tuček  
Director  
Department of Diplomatic Protocol  
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Prague

Dear Dr. Tuček:

I must convey to you my deep concern and indignation that on May 1, at a public function to which I was invited in my official capacity, the President of Czechoslovakia saw fit to calumniate my government in a formal address.

Entirely aside from the slanderous inaccuracy of the President's reference to United States policy, I must point out that public remarks directly offensive to an invited guest violate principles of behavior generally observed throughout the world.

In the future, I should prefer not to be invited to functions at which my country will be subjected to verbal abuse. Should this unfortunately occur when I am present, however, I shall be compelled to leave the gathering forthwith.

Very truly yours,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

cc: Dr. Zdeněk Kamiš  
Acting Head  
6th Department



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Department of Diplomatic Protocol  
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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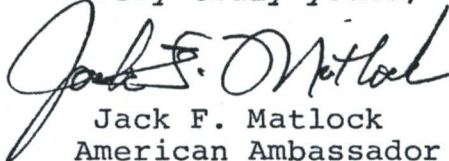
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American Ambassador

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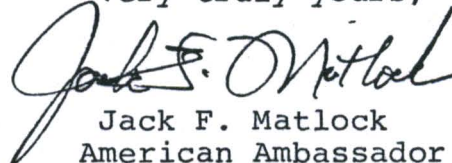
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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

cc: Dr. Zdeněk Kamiš  
Acting Head  
6th Department



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OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

May 10, 1982

Mr. Arthur I. Wortzel  
Vice President  
The THinc Consulting Group  
International, Inc.  
1629 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

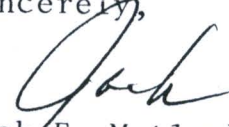
Dear Art:

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding U.S. visitors' visas for Mrs. Maskova and her husband, I am happy to inform you that Mr. and Mrs. Masek were issued U.S. visas on May 5. It is my understanding that they intend to depart Czechoslovakia for the United States in August, and to remain there for about five weeks.

Should I be able to be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*Warmest regards!*

Sincerely,

  
Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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May 18, 1982

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Mr. Sol Polansky  
Charge d'Affaires a.i.  
American Embassy  
Vienna

Dear Sol:

With reference to our recent exchange of letters and conversation at Baden regarding the interest of Randy Bell in the Prague Political/Economic Counselor position, I wanted to let you know that Him Connell has now decided to extend until the summer of 1984. PER on May 14 approved this extension.

I appreciate your bringing Randy's interest to my attention. He was a strong candidate, and if he should be interested in the vacancy which will occur in 1984, I would suggest that he get his bid in at the appropriate time.

With best regards to you and Kay,

Sincerely,

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Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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May 26, 1982

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

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Mr. Al King  
1982 U.S. Team Leader  
United States Parachute Association  
1440 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for having enclosed the magazine Parachutist.

We would welcome a visit to the Embassy from your group and you during your brief stay in Prague. It appears from your schedule that Monday morning, August 23, would be the most appropriate, and we have therefore scheduled your visit for 9:30 a.m. on that date. I hope to meet with you personally, unless last minute complications make this impossible.

You will be hearing separately from the Embassy's Defense Attache, Colonel (USAF) Robert Piper, who would like to host a reception in your group's honor on Saturday afternoon, August 21.

I suggest that you telephone my secretary while you are in Lucenec to confirm these arrangements. The Embassy's telephone number is Prague 536-641, and we are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

Good luck in the forthcoming competition at Lucenec. Embassy representatives will do their best to be there to cheer you on.

Sincerely,

Jack F. Matlock  
American Ambassador

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EMBASSY OF THE  
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OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

May 27, 1982

Dr. John P. Wakefield  
2820 E. 29th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Dear Dr. Wakefield:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 1982. You can be assured we have not forgotten the 2nd Infantry Division or your desire to erect a monument. I am enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded to the Czechoslovak organization responsible for such things. While we have not yet received a response, we will continue to follow up as appropriate.

The wreathlaying ceremonies on May 15 and 16 were both rewarding and emotional experiences. The size of the Czech crowds varied from 12 at Cheb to about 500 at Susice. I am enclosing photos for your information.

We are already planning next year's ceremonies which will be held May 7 and 8, 1983. It occurred to me that it would be appropriate to have some veterans who were with the units in Czechoslovakia participate in the ceremonies. In this regard, you and any member of your organization are cordially invited to attend next year's ceremonies. Unfortunately, we have no funds to offer, but we could provide housing in Prague for a few persons to limit the expense of the trip.

I solicit your help in two areas. First, as you know, the Czechs appreciate any kind of small gift that represents the USA. Would your organization be willing to provide some small token representing the 2nd Infantry Division which we can give to persons who attend the ceremonies? Second, can you help us obtain the mailing address of veteran's organizations of other divisions which participated in the liberation of Czechoslovakia? I want to extend to them the same invitation to next year's ceremonies.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in our activities here.

Sincerely,

Jack F. Matlock

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11 May 1982

USTREDNI VYBOR  
SVAZ PROTI FASISTICKYCH BOJOVIKU  
PRAHA 2, LIDOVY MILICI #22

Dear Sir:

I have received several letters from the President of the US Army Second Infantry Divison Association concerning their desire to erect a World War II monument.

Request the oppotunity to meet with a representative of your organization to discuss the proposed monument and existing monuments to American Forces for their efforts in World War II.

Let me assure you that the American Army veterans who served in Czechoslovakia will forever remember the friendliness of the Czechoslovak people.

Sincerely,

*Dennis G. Monroe*  
DENNIS G. MONROE  
LtColonel, USA  
Army Attache, Prague

TRANSLATION delivered 21 MAY 82

Enclosure 1 to



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. června 1982

Pan Jaroslav Kohout  
Jankovského 302  
Staňkov 345 61

Vážený pane Kohout:

Děkuji Vám za Váš dopis ze dne 11. května, kterým  
žádáte o kopii závěrečného aktu z Helsinek.  
Podle Vašeho přání Vám posíláme fotokopie  
doporučeně.

Doufám, že shledáte tento dokument zajímavým.

V dokonalé úctě,

Jack F. Matlock, Jr.  
Americký velvyslanec

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