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NOTES

Czechoslovakia: Yesterday's suicide-by-fire in Prague's Wenceslaus Square was said to be in protest against political retrogression that has followed the occupation. The act obviously was committed for dramatic effect on the anniversary of the 1948 Communist coup in Czechoslovakia. Although this suicide is not likely to generate widespread public disturbances or precipitate a political crisis as did the Palach affair in mid-January, it might hurt Dubcek's efforts to curb the conservative extremists. Czechoslovak security forces probably will be alerted, but the population has been more or less inured to such incidents by over 30 self-immolation attempts. [REDACTED]

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Argentina: President Ongania has authorized the purchase of 12 Canberra light jet bombers from Britain. Delivery will begin in mid-1970. This purchase will be part of a modernization program being conducted by all three Argentine services. Argentina's acquisition of the Canberras is likely to cause air force chiefs in Brazil and Chile to press their governments for new aircraft. [REDACTED]

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