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About Czechs, without Czechs, in Nov. 1989



In a declassified [National Security Directive from Sept. 22, 1989](#), U.S. Pres. George H.W. Bush informed cabinet secretaries, the head of the CIA, the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the director of the U.S. Information Agency (Voice of America) about relations with the Soviet Union. Bush wrote in the secret document that, "Moscow must authoritatively renounce the 'Brezhnev Doctrine' and reaffirm the pledge ... to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state." Two months later, on Nov. 16, the New York Times quoted a senior U.S. official as saying that the USSR had "[assured the U.S. that it would not intervene militarily in Eastern Europe](#)." This no doubt emboldened those in Prague in the coming days who knew of the articulated Soviet policy. Non-intervention was subsequently welcomed by the vast majority of Czechs and Slovaks, but the underlying principle was once again the same: About them, without them.

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