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**Report No. 10 from Generals Pavlovsky and Kovalov
to Brigadier General Florian Siwicki**

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Summary:

General Pavlovsky writes to the Commander of the Polish Second Army, Brigadier General Florian Siwicki. He lists preliminary steps in Operation Danube where the troops enter from Poland into Czechoslovakia.

Original Language:

Polish

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Translation - English

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□□□□□□Comrade Brigadier General Florian SIWICKI

□□□□Dear Comrade General!

□□1. On 20th August, in line with Operation 'Danube', provide all ranks with rest for no less than 4-5 hours during the day.

□□Issue the enlisted men with additional dry rations.

□□Issue ammunition by 18:00 hours on 20th August.

□□Starting in the morning of 20th August to brief all personnel.

□□Issue officers maps and street plans.

□□2. 'G' Hour - crossing the state frontier - 09:00 hours 21st August local time.

□□All forces to move out of staging areas so precisely that they arrive at the frontier of the CSSR□punctually at 'G' Hour.

□□Not to delay at the staging areas. To accomplish the mission as quickly as possible in order to □achieve the element of surprise. Movement from the staging areas is to be continuous and rapid and the □forces' actions are to be decisive.

□□To block and stop all vehicular traffic both in built-up areas and on the roads of the CSSR, □should they interfere with troop movements. Cars heading for the German Federal Republic and Austria □are not to be stopped.

□□Once we have crossed into the territory of the CSSR, the troops' attitude towards the civilian □population and the forces of the CPA should be friendly.

□□In the event that units of the CPA, the People's Militia and specific individuals should resist our □forces using armed force, they are to be disarmed at gun point.

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□□3. Please confirm your state of readiness by 17:00 hours 20th August.

□□During exercises, please report daily by 05:00, 15:00 and 18:00 hours.

□□□□□□General PAVLOVSKY

□□□□□□Lieutenant General KOVALOV

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□□□□□□GOC SECOND POLISH ARMY
□□□□□□Comrade Brigadier General Florian SIWICKI

□□W.e.f. today's date I have assumed command of Army Group 'North' in Operation
'Danube'.
□□Lieutenant General KOVALOV has assumed the post of Chief of Staff.

□□□□□□/-/ General PAVLOVSKY

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