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**Cipher Telegram 2791-337/8, To the Commanding  
General of the Silesian Military District, copy to the  
Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed  
Forces**

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**Summary:**

The Soviet exercise control staff provides the Polish forces from the Silesian region with directions regarding the forthcoming military exercise. The Polish troops are ordered to maintain secrecy so as to avoid enemy intelligence gathering.

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To the Commanding General of the Silesian Military District,  
copy to the Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces.

Dear Cde. General!

The exercise leader, Marshal of the Soviet Union Cde. I. Yakubovsky, [in drafting documents] for preparations for the exercise to pay special attention to [maintaining] the secrecy of troop and staff operations.. and ensure surprise. It is proposed in particular that the following measures be incorporated: First. The assembly of the personnel and departure of the troops involved from areas they are located are to be done covertly and under the guise of leaving for an exercise. Provide for the ostentatious movement of troops in false directions. Imitate a routine way of life and activity at their points of previous deployment with the departure of staffs and troops. Second. Close the areas to foreigners where staffs and troops are located and their routes of advance. Organize notification of the appearance of foreigners and countermeasures to their intelligence activity. Third. During the advance of troops and staffs in areas where they halt for the day and [one word partly off the page] constantly exercise concealment from all forms of enemy intelligence in the exercise departure areas, and organize increased security and protection of control posts and strict pass control. Fourth. Chiefs of staffs of formations and units are to take personal control of the preparation, storage, and transport of documents connected with the exercise and to organize the daily verification of their presence. The documents are to be destroyed in the established manner after the exercise. On arrival at permanent garrisons at the conclusion of the exercise documents received from the exercise control staff are to be returned.

□ Regards,

Chief of the Exercise Control Staff

General-Lieutenant Kovalev