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Security Agency, 'Proposed Polish Military Measures
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Summary:

Hugel alerts the recipients of the memorandum that confidential sources reveal increased militarization in Poland to enforce the party line and are one step closer to martial law.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Director, National Security Agency

FROM : Max Hugel
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Proposed Polish Military Measures in
Connection with the Current Political
Situation in Poland

1. [REDACTED] Comment: The following information is from an extremely sensitive source and, therefore, recipients should hold this report very closely.]

2. A reliable source who has excellent access in the Polish Ministry of Defense reported that on 7 June at an extraordinary meeting of the Military Council of the Polish Ministry of National Defense it was decided to include troops to support the harder line of the Party and Government as announced by Premier Jaruzelski. In the event of the warning of a strike [by Solidarnosc] a state of "increased combat readiness" will be introduced in the Polish Armed Forces. A general strike in the Bydgoszcz area will mean the introduction of the state of "the threat of war" [which also may be translated as "military threat" or "readiness for the threat of war"] in the armed forces.

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3. The letter of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is acknowledged as a serious warning, but also as a last chance for the Party and Government to independently gain control over the current crisis situation. In the event of further destabilization, the Polish political leadership is resolved to introduce Martial Law. Appropriate preparations are already underway in the Polish General Staff for the implementation of Martial Law.

4. As of 9 June, Marshal Kulikov, Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact, was still in Poland.

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