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Summary:

Translated report discusses the growing influence of the Polish military in all facets of Polish society, and the freezing of personnel changes within the armed forces.

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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 : John H. Stein
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SUBJECT : Current Military/Political Situation in Poland

1. [] 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 it was decided at the last [19 October] Extraordinary Session of the Military Council that only the general tasks outlined at the 4th Plenum of the Central Committee would be considered. Proposals are currently being drafted to enable the military to penetrate all phases of life in Poland. As of 25 October, no decision had been made regarding the implementation of Martial Law; however, at the same time orders have been issued for preparation of activities under conditions of Martial Law.

3. As of 25 October, no personnel changes have taken place in the Ministry of National Defense. However, within the Ministry it seems to be almost certain that General of Arms Florian Siwicki will take over as Minister of National Defense. Specially drafted biographies of General of Arms Molczyk, Vice Minister of Defense,

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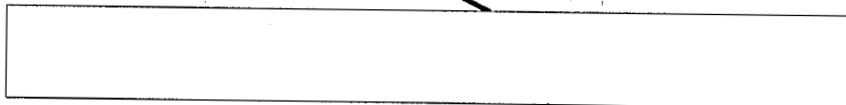
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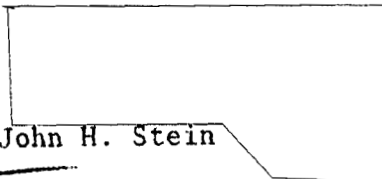
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and Division General Wlodzimierz Oliwa, Commander of the Warsaw Military District, have been transmitted to Moscow. It is believed that in the new Government Molczyk will be entrusted with some [unidentified] civilian ministry, while Oliwa will become Chief of the Main Political Directorate of the Ministry of Defense.



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