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1. [redacted] there are between 50,000 and 80,000 Jews living in Poland. It is difficult to give a closer approximation because many Jews changed their names and religion during the war. At present, the greatest number of Jews, approximately 25,000, live in Wroclaw, while before the war Lodz and Warsaw had the greatest concentration of Jewish people. The Silesian towns of Dzierzonow and Walbrzych have the next largest concentration of Jews. 25X1
2. After Stalin's death, the more courageous Jewish people in Poland began to make arrangements to emigrate to Palestine, and since January 1954, several groups of Jews, numbering 5 to 8 to a group, have been permitted to emigrate to Palesting via Vienna-Rome. The Polish government, however, is reluctant to permit them to emigrate because so many of them occupy high positions in the government, industry, and foreign service, and it is difficult to replace them with competent personnel. Furthermore, non-communist Jews are considered to be much more loyal to the government than the non-communist Poles. This loyalty is allegedly engendered by their very weak minority position in Poland.

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