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SITUATION REPORT

POLAND

The Polish regime has averted, at least for the time being, a showdown with farmers who are demanding permission to register a union.

The Polish Supreme Court was to rule on the issue yesterday but postponed the case, saying more time is necessary to obtain documentation. It gave no new date for a ruling.

The regime will probably use the time for additional talks with the farmers and their Solidarity advisers on the structure and scope of a new organization. The regime will also try to reduce pressure for the new union by promising more help for agriculture and by trying to reinvigorate the existing officially recognized farmers organization.

The farmers, however, are cynical about the existing organization and suspicious of the regime's intentions; support for the independent organization probably will intensify.

Walesa Meets Czyrek

At their recent meeting Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and Foreign Minister Czyrek probably focused mainly on Czyrek's recent talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders, with Czyrek advising Walesa that although recent trends are encouraging, the situation remains unstable and Moscow is still demanding restraint. The regime and Solidarity had held an unpublicized meeting on 7 December, two days after the Warsaw Pact summit, when they reportedly agreed to take all possible steps to avoid confrontation. This meeting is part of the regime's continuing efforts to encourage moderation from Solidarity.

While in Moscow, Czyrek reportedly briefed Brezhnev and Gromyko on the "substantial" progress made by the Polish leadership since the Warsaw Pact summit. The

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Soviets expressed satisfaction with recent developments and repeated their "confidence" that the Poles would overcome their problems. [REDACTED]

Public statements on the visit also suggest that it was not confrontational. Moscow, however, presumably made it clear that the Poles must continue to show they can maintain calm and preserve the role of the party. [REDACTED]

Polish Vice Premier Jagielski and Planning Commissioner Kisiel concluded talks with their Soviet counterparts in Moscow yesterday but apparently did not reach a final agreement on a trade pact for 1981 or the coordinated economic plan for 1981-85. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Polish-Soviet economic commission had earlier agreed on a plan for trade relations next year but it still has to be approved at the political level in Moscow and in Warsaw. [REDACTED]

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