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POLAND: Increased Preparedness

Warsaw Pact military activity in and around Poland remained at a high level over the weekend. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we still have no evidence that a general mobilization has begun in the western USSR.

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The postponement of Jaruzelski's major address to the Polish parliament, originally scheduled for today but postponed until Friday, would be consistent with such a move or could merely indicate that the regime is still seriously divided on what its next steps should be. Jaruzelski also may have postponed his speech after learning that Soviet President Brezhnev would be attending the Czechoslovak party congress. He may have felt it necessary to get a better reading on Soviet intentions and attitudes. [REDACTED]

We believe that the moderates in the Polish leadership would approve of martial law at this time, when tensions are declining, only under an explicit threat from Moscow that either the Poles do something or the Soviets will take matters into their own hands. [REDACTED]

If the Polish regime proceeds with martial law, we would expect them to seek some kind of prior understanding with Solidarity which, from the union's point of

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view, would have to include promises that there would be no arrests or precipitous actions against the union. Barring such an understanding, Solidarity would most likely react to martial law with a general strike that would quickly develop into another major confrontation.

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Moscow Maintains Media Pressure

Soviet media over the weekend continued to describe the situation in Poland in dire terms and to criticize the Kania regime for failing to take effective counteractions.

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*Pravda* yesterday claimed that the foundations of socialism in Poland are still in "grave jeopardy" and that events there show the importance of "interaction" by the socialist countries to oppose "imperialist" efforts to undermine the socialist community.

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*Izvestia* on Saturday reported that "creeping counter-revolution" has now reached its full height in Poland and has so far not met with "perceptible resistance." The article noted that hopes expressed in September--when party leader Kania took office--for a "speedy correction" of mistakes have not come true and implicitly criticized the Polish Government for allowing new concessions to be "wrestled" away from it in last week's agreement with Solidarity.

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Only Brezhnev To Attend Czech Party Congress

The failure of other Warsaw Pact party leaders to join Brezhnev in Prague for the start today of the Czechoslovak party congress indicates that there will be no Pact summit on Poland unless these leaders arrive later in the week. This pattern of attendance is a break with precedent. At East European party congresses that Brezhnev has attended since the 1960s, all Pact party leaders except Romanian President Ceausescu have also been present. [REDACTED]

Brezhnev probably will address the congress tomorrow and, according to a Czechoslovak party official, will stay until the end of the congress on Thursday or Friday. The Soviet leader met with Czechoslovak General Secretary Husak yesterday and might hold bilateral meetings later in the week with the heads of the other Pact delegations. [REDACTED]