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POLAND: Reformist Pressures [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the level of other military activity is essentially unchanged. The political pace, however, is on the upswing. Party leader Kania yesterday faced heated criticism from reformers in the party rank and file. Prime Minister Jaruzelski today will assess the state of the nation in Parliament, but we have no confirmation of earlier reports that he will declare a state of emergency. Soviet President Brezhnev could comment further on the Polish situation at today's closing ceremonies of the Czechoslovak party congress. [REDACTED]

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Jaruzelski Looks Ahead

In his address to Parliament, Jaruzelski seems unlikely to declare a state of emergency or ask for special powers for himself. Moreover, in light of diminished

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internal tensions and a widespread belief in Poland that Moscow has given the Poles a breathing spell, such an action would take Parliament by surprise and probably would meet significant opposition. We also continue to doubt that the political leadership is ready to renege on its pledge to seek the resolution of problems through political means. [REDACTED]

Jaruzelski will probably outline his government's future economic policies, lay out the conditions for cooperating with Solidarity, and renew his request for a strike moratorium to rebuild Poland's economy. He might also address several controversial issues such as registration of an independent farmers' union and censorship, subjects under discussion by parliamentary commissions. There have been signs that the regime is prepared to accept a farmers' union, but is looking for a face-saving way to do so. [REDACTED]

Ferment in the Party

In his first public appearance in a week, Kania heard sharp criticism of the Politburo during a visit with party rank and file in Gdansk, the birthplace of Solidarity and a center of reformist pressure. A local party official accused the central leadership of ignoring voices from below and failing to implement promised reforms. He and other speakers demanded changes in the top leadership, in internal party procedures, and in the party's manner of governing Poland. In Kania's response to the criticism, he pledged to heed their pleas and virtually promised changes in the Politburo at the next Central Committee session, slated to be held late this month. He also stated emphatically that the Polish party must resolve the crisis "exclusively and with our own strength." [REDACTED]

Ferment at the party grassroots is leading to significant turnover of party officials in some regions. In many cases the new heads of basic party organizations also belong to Solidarity. The party has urged its members to join Solidarity--perhaps one-third of the party belongs to the union--but the leadership must be seriously concerned whether the primary loyalty of these individuals still lies within the party. Moscow shares these concerns.

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