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POLAND: Solidarity to Present Demands

*Solidarity will press key political demands during talks with the government on Thursday. Moscow has focused its criticism on reformist tendencies within the Polish party.* [REDACTED]

Solidarity has prepared an ambitious list of demands that will be difficult for the government to meet even halfway. Aside from the familiar issues of a farmers' union and punishment of those responsible for the incident at Bydgoszcz, the union wants:

- Changes in judicial statutes to give the judiciary a degree of independence.
- Revisions of the penal code to limit the role of the police.
- Regular union television and radio programs and a degree of autonomy in producing them. [REDACTED]

Speaking on national television yesterday, Solidarity leader Walesa indicated there is room for compromise in the union's position. He also virtually dismissed Prime Minister Jaruzelski's proposed strike ban as an "empty appeal" and called on the government to make instead a gesture of good will. [REDACTED]

The government may put forward its economic austerity proposals as negotiating counters but probably will still press for modification of the union demands. Continuing disagreement by the two sides on television coverage threatens to delay the talks. [REDACTED]

Pravda Critical of Polish Party

Moscow yesterday issued its most direct public criticism of the Polish Communist Party thus far, revealing its acute concern that the party's growing use of democratic practices threatens to alter its orthodox nature. [REDACTED]

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Calling party unity the "most important" problem facing Poland, *Pravda* accused "some people" of using intra-party discussions to advocate "ideological pluralism," and urged the removal of those who are not "politically mature." Moscow is concerned that young radical party members will use the party's freer rules to oust conservative members of the apparatus and become an influential force within the party. [REDACTED]

Moscow's efforts to influence the selection of Polish party officials and delegates to the party congress may have little effect on the radicals, but will help strengthen the resolve of party moderates to resist reformism. [REDACTED]

