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POLAND: Party Reaction to Solidarity Letter

*The Polish party and Solidarity appear headed for a showdown over the union's open letter supporting free trade union activity in the USSR and Eastern Europe.* [REDACTED]

A source [REDACTED] has indicated that the party Politburo will meet today to devise a strategy to force Solidarity to withdraw its support for the letter. The source, who probably reflects the views of the leadership, believes that Poland cannot be seen by its allies as a center of subversion and that the issuance of the letter brings Poland to its most serious crisis to date. [REDACTED]

The source speculated that the party might direct Prime Minister Jaruzelski to demand publicly--as early as today--that the union repudiate its letter or face the possibility of being declared an illegal organization. The government also might threaten to "act against" extremists in Solidarity. [REDACTED]

Solidarity is unlikely to renounce the letter. Polish workers yesterday publicly answered the criticism of their Soviet counterparts and invited them to come to Poland to learn about Solidarity first hand. The regime may have some success in getting union moderates to minimize the importance of the letter, but even Solidarity chief Walesa would not be prepared to go far enough in public to satisfy the Soviets. [REDACTED]

The regime would then be faced with the dilemma of having to make good on some of its threats. Any legal steps against the union or so-called extremists would provoke a strong response from Solidarity. [REDACTED]

Soviet Attacks on Solidarity

Moscow has hinted that the second session of Solidarity's congress set for later this month should not be held. A TASS article yesterday from Warsaw claimed that Solidarity is preparing to use the new session to

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take over power. According to the article, preparations for the second session will be accompanied by new strikes by printers and by attempts to abolish what remains of collectivized agriculture in Poland. [REDACTED]

Although the article raised some serious new charges against Solidarity, including the allegation that the union is "brainwashing" Polish youth, it makes no personal attacks on Walesa. It refers to "extremist leaders" rather than the union as a whole. [REDACTED]

Poland's East European allies have joined Moscow's pressure campaign. Czechoslovak and Bulgarian "workers" have sent letters to their Polish counterparts criticizing Solidarity's congress for "slandering socialism" and rejecting its support of free trade unions elsewhere. The Hungarian party daily on Sunday issued its strongest criticism of Solidarity since late July. [REDACTED]

#### Soviet Military Precautions

Soviet military authorities in Poland apparently are expecting another tense period: [REDACTED]

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