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POLAND: An Appeal From Walesa

*Solidarity leader Walesa reportedly has written an appeal for an end to demonstrations similar to those that occurred earlier this month, but his plea may have limited influence.*

[REDACTED] recently told [REDACTED] that Walesa wrote the appeal last Sunday after hearing of the antigovernment demonstrations. [REDACTED] believes that the appeal will be heeded and will lead to a period of political calm in the coming months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also believes that the regime is determined to block a reemergence of Solidarity, even in a passive form. The Minister of Labor, who talks often with Walesa, recently told [REDACTED] that the authorities see no reason to negotiate with Solidarity and said that new trade union legislation would make it irrelevant. [REDACTED]

Comment: Church officials may have encouraged Walesa to draft his statement. Although Walesa's statement has not been released publicly, Glomp may include it in a special message addressed to the nation's youth due to be conveyed in sermons tomorrow. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is overly optimistic in believing that the appeal can prevent future demonstrations. The Solidarity leaders who escaped detention have often disagreed with Walesa, and some underground activists believe that the union will have to resort to more demonstrations to keep pressure on the authorities. The regime's apparent confidence that it need not negotiate with Solidarity also may radicalize some moderate union leaders who still hope that the union can be restored. [REDACTED]

In addition, more repression based partly on the belief that the union is on the ropes could lead to protests and violence. Walesa's appeal could, in fact, strengthen the resolve of conservatives in the regime to maintain a tough line. [REDACTED]

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