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POLAND: Walesa's Outlook

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the former Solidarity leader, while circumspect about his present situation, is not interested in joining the government-sponsored unions. He is committed, however, to establishing a "nonpolitical" successor to Solidarity. Walesa wants to avoid pressures for action by taking his family on a six-week retreat. He is considering trying to give a speech at the Gdansk shipyard on 16 December, the anniversary of the building of Solidarity's monument to workers killed in the 1970 riots. [REDACTED]

Comment: Walesa presumably wants a long period of stocktaking--including time to consult with some of the advisers who are still interned--before deciding on a course of action. He may change his mind about trying to organize a new union after he better understands that the regime will not allow him to be active outside narrow limits. An alternative course may be to become a member of a Church-sponsored group created to study the problems of workers, although this would fall far short of his current aspirations to revitalize the spirit of Solidarity. [REDACTED]

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