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POLAND: Divisions in Solidarity

[REDACTED] angry militants in Solidarity believe Lech Walesa betrayed the union by agreeing to be released before other internees were let go, and they suspect he made a deal with the regime. Leaflets attacking Walesa's loyalty to the movement are circulating in Gdansk. The union's underground Temporary Coordinating Commission, however, is supporting Walesa and saying it will await his lead before taking any action. Meanwhile, the regime yesterday announced the release of 327 political internees, about a third of those remaining. [REDACTED]

Comment: Splits in the underground union may be widening. Some militants, although frustrated and discredited by the failure of the call for strikes on 10 November, apparently want to continue open resistance. The moderates evidently have regained control of the underground leadership, however, and are trying to isolate the militants by reaffirming confidence in Walesa. The government's conciliatory gesture in releasing more internees seems intended to strengthen the position of union moderates. [REDACTED]

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