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POLAND: An Appeal From Walesa

Lech Walesa has written another letter to Premier Jaruzelski and [REDACTED] asked permission to address a rally in Gdansk on 16 December. Shortly after his release in November, Walesa told a Church official he wanted to give such a speech. Meanwhile, Zbigniew Bujak, a moderate underground leader, reportedly has said the underground structure will not disband until the regime frees all Solidarity activists. He promised to reveal a new plan of action some time next year aimed at forcing changes in the system without "armed conspiracy." [REDACTED]

Comment: Walesa's desire to speak probably reflects in part his strong moral commitment to keeping alive the spirit of Solidarity. He also may believe he needs to preserve credibility with the workers and calculates his request shows action without too much risk. In addition, Walesa may want to impress upon the government that it will perpetuate his image as a martyr by not allowing him to speak. Jaruzelski, however, is not likely to allow such an important appearance. [REDACTED]

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