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SUBJECT: AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THREATS TO POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULATE STAFF IN U.S.

TEXT FOLLOWS OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AIDE-MEMOIRE HANDED ME THIS AFTERNOON, MARCH 3, BY POLISH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPASOWSKI.

BEGIN TEXT. IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT GROWTH OF THREATS TO THE SECURITY OF THE DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR, AND OTHER OFFICES OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (PPR) IN THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS OF THEIR PERSONNEL.

(1) IN OCTOBER, 1975, THE TERRORISTIC ORGANIZATION "FREE POLAND" INTENSIFIED ITS ACTIVITY OF MAILING PROVOCATIVE LETTERS AND THREATS AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF POLISH OFFICES.

ON OCTOBER 7, 1975, THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MADE A DEMARCHE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, INSISTING THAT A STOP BE PUT TO THIS TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THE POLISH SIDE ALSO RAISED THE MATTER OF "FREE POLAND" DURING THE VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY A. HARTMAN TO WARSAW IN OCTOBER, 1975. IT WAS THEN POINTED OUT THAT THIS MATTER THREATENS OUR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS.

FOLLOWING A SHORT INTERVAL, "FREE POLAND" HAS, HOWEVER, RENEWED ITS ACTIVITY AGAINST POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES.

(2) ON JANUARY 16, 1976, AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING OF THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK. THIS BOMB ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY AN ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF "JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE". ON THE SAME DAY, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAVE THE EMBASSY OF THE USA IN WARSAW A PROTEST AS WELL AS A DEMAND THAT IT BE ASSURED OF THE FULL SECURITY OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES AND OF THEIR PERSONNEL. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT WE EXPECTED THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE

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APPROPRIATE STEPS SO THAT POLISH OFFICES MIGHT FUNCTION WITHOUT DISTURBANCE AND THAT THOSE GUILTY OF THESE ACTS SHOULD BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERICAN LAW. THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK PROTESTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK.

(3) ON JANUARY 14, 1975 (SIC SHOULD READ: 1976), AN ANONYMOUS CALLER INFORMED THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN CHICAGO BY TELEPHONE THAT THE "FREE POLAND" ORGANIZATION WAS PLANNING TO KIDNAP ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICES OF THE PPR IN THE UNITED STATES.

(4) IN JANUARY, 1976, THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN CHICAGO RECEIVED A LETTER CONTAINING A "BLACK LIST" OF SIX EMPLOYEES OF THAT OFFICE WHO WERE ALLEGED TO BE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS.

(5) IN JANUARY, 1976, THE CONSUL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS OF THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK WAS DETAINED BY THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE PORT OF NEWARK AS HE WAS LEAVING A POLISH SHIP. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO SUBJECT HIM TO A PERSONAL SEARCH AND TO CARRY OUT A SEARCH OF HIS AUTOMOBILE.

(6) ON FEBRUARY 23, 1976, THE PERIODICAL "US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE SLANDERING THE PERSONNEL OF POLISH OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ARTICLE QUOTES THE STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

(7) ON FEBRUARY 27, 1976, THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPER "DAILY NEWS" PUBLISHED A SLANDEROUS NEWS STORY, IN WHICH THE NAMES OF TWO POLISH DIPLOMATS WERE GIVEN AS ALLEGEDLY THOSE OF PEOPLE CONDUCTING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY, REFERENCE BY THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE TO THE MURDER OF THE AMERICAN CITIZEN WELCH CREATED AN OBVIOUS THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE POLISH DIPLOMATS.

(8) IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE HAS BEEN A SERIES OF BURGLARIES OF POLISH OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE OF LOT AND ORBIS, AS WELL AS BURGLARIES OF THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF POLISH WORKERS. THE AUTOMOBILES OF THE PPR CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND STOLEN.

YOU KNOW THAT THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ALSO

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INTERVENED LAST YEAR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSAULT ON THE COUNSELOR AND CONSUL GENERAL OF THE PPR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, JOZEF ANCUZURA, BY A DELEWARE STATE TROOPER. THE FACTS CITED ABOVE SHOW THAT POLISH OFFICES AND THEIR PERSONNEL FIND THEMSELVES INCREASINGLY THREATENED, REPEATED ACTS OF TERROR, ATTEMPTS TO TERRIFY, SLANDER, AND THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE NORMAL COURSE OF WORK CANNOT FAIL TO AWAKEN DEEP CONCER. SUCH A SITUATION CONTRADICTS THE STATE OF POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. DESPITE NUMEROUS INTERVENTIONS BY THE POLISH SIDE, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CREATE A NORMAL SITUATION FOR POLISH OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF SUCH A SITUATION. YOU KNOW THAT AMERICAN OFFICES IN POLAND ENJOY EVERY CONDITION FOR THEIR SECURITY AND FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING THEIR ACTIVITIES WITHOUT DISTURBANCE. THE POSITION PRESENTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF EASTER EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMARCHE MADE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMBASSY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND MUST AROUSE FURTHER CONCER. THE POLISH SIDE EXPECTS THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF POLISH OFFICES AND THEIR PERSONNEL AND WILL TAKE ACTION TO PERMIT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. END TEXT. DAVIES

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