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1. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPASOWSKI HAD ASKED ME TO
 CALL ON HIM JUNE 19 TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF POLISH
 OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL IN THE US (REF C).
 2. HE BEGAN BY REFERRING TO THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN US OF AIDE-
 MEMOIRE IN MARCH (REFS F AND G) AND SAID THAT, FOR THEIR PART,
 THE POLISH AUTHORITIES "WERE AND ARE FULLY SATISFIED WITH THE
 ANSWERS" THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN IN MARCH, "BUT," HE SAID,
 "THE HARASSMENT CONTINUES, WE HAD VERY CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THIS
 IN MAY AND AGAIN THIS MONTH. IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT
 THIS HAS HAPPENED; IT CREATES BAD CONDITIONS FOR
 THE WORK OF OUR OFFICES IN THE US, IT IS COMPLETELY OUT OF
 TUNE WITH THE SPIRIT OF OUR RELATIONS AND WITH WHAT WE HAVE
 ACHIEVED IN IMPROVING THEM. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WANT ONCE AGAIN
 TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE FACTS AND TO THE ACTIVITIES
 OF THE ORGANIZATION WHICH CALLS ITSELF 'FREE POLAND.' FOR
 ONE THING, THAT ORGANIZATION WAS REFERRED TO OUR
 AMBASSADOR, MR. TRAMPCZYNSKI, IN A VERY OFFENSIVE WAY
 AND IN VERY BAD TASTE, I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT THIS
 MAN HAS CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF

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OUR RELATIONS," I INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT HE CERTAINLY HAS.
 3. HERE SPASOWSKI HANDED ME A COPY OF PAGE 10 OF A TYPE-
 WRITTEN POLISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION (PRESUMABLY OF "FREE
 POLAND"), ENTITLED "COMMUNIQUES FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE,"
 DATED OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 1975, ACCUSING AMBASSADOR TRAMP CZYNSKI
 OF "TREASON TO THE POLISH PEOPLE" AND CONCLUDING THAT "AT
 THE APPROPRIATE TIME, WITOLD TRAMP CZYNSKI WILL BE INDICTED
 FOR TREASON BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC
 OF POLAND." THIS "COMMUNIQUE" IS SIGNED "FOR THE
 MILITARY ORGANIZATION OF FREE POLAND: ANATOL KAREWICZ,
 CHIEF FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS."
 4. SPASOWSKI SAID DRILY THAT, WHEN ONE WAS CONFRONTED WITH
 A DOCUMENT OF THIS SORT, SIGNED BY THE CHIEF OF A "MILITARY
 ORGANIZATION," ACCUSING SOMEONE OF "TREASON," ONE HAD A
 RIGHT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF
 THE DOCUMENT AND THE CONSEQUENCES. (EMBASSY COMMENT: IF
 IT IS A PSEUDONYM, THE NAME "KAREWICZ" IS PRESUMABLY BASED
 ON "KARA," WHICH MEANS "EXECUTION" OR "SENTENCE.")
 5. SPASOWSKI THEN SAID THAT THE PUBLICATION IN THE CONGRESS-
 IONAL RECORD OF THE "COMMUNIQUES" OF "FREE POLAND" WAS VERY
 DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO SENIOR POLISH OFFICIALS, WHO
 SIMPLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW PRESUMABLY RESPONSIBLE
 AMERICAN LEGISLATORS COULD SPONSOR OR PATRONIZE AN ORGANIZATION
 WHICH THREATENED THE LIVES OF DULY ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC
 PERSONNEL OF A STATE WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS
 OFFICIAL RELATIONS.
 6. IT IS JUST AS DIFFICULT SPASOWSKI WENT ON, TO EXPLAIN WHY
 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN A LETTER OF MARCH 8, 1976,
 SIGNED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD D.
 VINCE, ADDRESSED TO KONSTANTY HANFF, WOULD APPEAR TO
 RECOGNIZE "FREE POLAND" AS A VALID PARTNER FOR DIALOGUE.
 HERE, SPASOWSKI HANDED ME A COPY OF A PAGE FROM WHAT
 APPEARS TO BE THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE PUBLICATION
 REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3, THIS IS ENTITLED "REPORTS FROM
 THE BATTLEFIELD," AND DESIGNATED NO. 9, MAY, 1976, PAGE 10,
 AND CONTAINS A REPRODUCTION OF A LETTER ON DEPARTMENT LETTER-
 HEAD TO "DEAR MR. HANFF," SIGNED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT
 SECRETARY VINE.
 7. (COPIES OF THESE TWO DOCUMENTS ARE BEING SENT TO
 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE.)

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8, SPASOWSKI THEN HANDED ME AN AIDE-MEMOIRE (A TRANSLATION OF WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL) DEALING WITH THESE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SECURITY OF POLISH OFFICES AND PERSONNEL IN THE US AND ASKED THAT I TRANSMIT IT TO MY GOVERNMENT WITH THE REQUEST THAT EFFECTIVE MEASURES BE TAKEN TO PUT AN END TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS TERRORISTIC ORGANIZATION AND OTHERWISE TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN THE US AND THEIR NORMAL FUNDTIONING IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CUSTOM.

9, IN RESPONSE, I MADE TO SPASOWSKI THE POINTS SET FORTH IN REF B. I ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT CONTROL WHAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY SENATORS OR CONGRESSMEN FOR PUBLICATION IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I ALSO SAID THAT THE REGULATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE ANSWERING OF INQUIRIES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT WERE VERY SPECIFIC. I ASSUMED IT WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE HAD SIGNED THE LETTER TO HANFF OF MARCH 8. I SAID THAT, WHEN I HAD BEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT IN MAY, I HAD INQUIRED PARTICULARLY INTO WHAT WAS BEING DONE ABOUT HANFF'S ACTIVITIES. I HAD BEEN TOLD ESSENTIALLY WHAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TOLD AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI ON JUNE 3 (REF D); THAT WE HAVE NO LEGAL GROUND TO ACT AGAINST THE PBLICATIONS OF "FREE POLAND." I SAID I HAD FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THREATS AGAINST THE LIVES OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL WERE NOT ACTIONABLE UNDER OUR LAW, BUT THAT THAT APPEARED TO BE THE CASE. HERE, SPASOWSKI ASKED WHETHER HANFF WERE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD HE WAS NOT A CITIZEN, BUT A RESIDENT ALIEN.

10, FINALLY, I SAID THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A REPORT OF THE VICE MINISTER'S REPRESENTATION, TOGETHER WITH A TRANSLATION OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, AND WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND MEANS OF TAKING EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PUT A STOP TO THESE ACTIVIEITES.

11. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED WITH SECRETARY SIMON, ALTHOUGH IT IS HARDLY COINCIDENTAL THAT THIS REPRESENTATION WAS MADE ON THE EVE OF THIS VISIT TO POLAND, IT MAY BE RAISED INFORMALLY BY SPASOWSKI WITH ASSITANT SECRETARY HARTMAN. DAVIES

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