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COUNTRY USSR/POLAND	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR
SUBJECT OPINIONS ON SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS HELD BY SOVIET MILITARY OFFICERS WITH SERVICE IN POLAND	
DATE OF INFORMATION NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1957	REFERENCES
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) OPINION	
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) RELIABLE SOVIET SOURCE	

THIS INFORMATION IS PRESENTED AS POSSIBLY BEING REPRESENTATIVE OF THINKING ON SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS BY HIGHER LEVEL SOVIET MILITARY OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING OR HAVING SERVED RECENTLY IN SOVIET FORCES IN POLAND. SOURCE CONCLUDES FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH INFORMANTS THAT POLAND'S RELATIONS WITH THE USSR ARE NOT NORMAL AND THAT THE SITUATION IN POLAND AND IN THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY (PZPR) HAS THE SOVIETS WORRIED. HE BELIEVES THAT KHRUSHCHEV PROBABLY MET GOMULKA IN ORDER TO REGULARIZE THE EXISTING MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND POSSIBLY TO GIVE HLM APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS. THESE CONCLUSIONS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CITED BY INFORMANTS.

1. DURING THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF THE [SINO-SOVIET] COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES IN MOSCOW [IN NOVEMBER 1957], THE POLISH DELEGATION OBJECTED TO THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LEADING ROLE OF THE CPSU AMONG COMMUNIST PARTIES IN THE "PEOPLES DEMOCRACIES" APPARENTLY BECAUSE THIS VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONALISM AND

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EQUALITY OF FRATERNAL PARTIES.

2. THE SITUATION IN THE PZPR AS A RESULT OF ITS FILLING UP WITH PETTY-BOURGEOIS ELEMENTS WITH RIGHTIST TENDENCIES IS SO SERIOUS THAT THE CC/CPSU HAS BECOME WORRIED.

3. THE GROWTH OF POLISH NATIONALISM IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS REACHED SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT HATRED TOWARD THE USSR IS DEVELOPING IN POLAND. ONE CAN OBSERVE EVERY TYPE OF ATTACK AND LITTLE UNFRIENDLY ACTS AGAINST SOVIET TROOPS STATIONED IN POLAND; E.G., UNFRIENDLY ATTACKS IN THE PRESS. AN UNBEARABLY STRICT CUSTOMS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SOVIET OFFICERS ENTERING POLAND. ALL THIS HAS CREATED DISSATISFACTION ON THE PART OF SOVIET OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS STATIONED IN POLAND.

4. MORE THAN ONCE MARSHAL ROKOSSOVSKIY RISKED HIS LIFE TO STRENGTHEN THE POLISH ARMY, BUT THEN HE WAS BANISHED FROM POLAND. HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTRY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EVERY TYPE OF ATTACK AGAINST HIM BY A SEGMENT OF THE POLISH POPULATION.

5. THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF POLAND DO NOT REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF THE "PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES". SHE SOLD COAL TO WEST GERMANY AT THE SAME TIME AS THE USSR HAD TO EXPORT COAL TO THE GDR. SIMILAR INSTANCES OCCURRED IN A SERIES OF OTHER ECONOMIC MATTERS.

6. SOVIET TROOPS STATIONED IN POLAND FIND THEMSELVES IN A SITUATION WHEREIN THEY CANNOT LEAVE THEIR MILITARY GARRISONS. IN ORDER TO DRIVE ON ANY ROAD, IT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE POLISH AUTHORITIES.

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7. THE LOCAL POLISH AUTHORITIES LOOK FOR LOSSES INFLICTED BY SOVIET TROOPS ON POLES IN ORDER TO ANNOUNCE SEARCHES. ONE OFFICER FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE COMBINED STAFF OF THE WARSAW PACT COMMAND STATED THAT THE STAFF WAS OCCUPIED WITH INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS BY POLAND AGAINST SOVIET FORCES LOCATED IN POLAND. THE POLES HAD BEEN COLLECTING COMPLAINTS FOR A LONG TIME, BUT THEY DID NOT PRESENT THEM TO THE SOVIETS UNTIL ROKOSSOVSKIY WAS REMOVED.

8. THE SOVIETS DO NOT LIKE POLAND'S FLIRTATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES - ENGLAND, WEST GERMANY, AND THE U.S.A.

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