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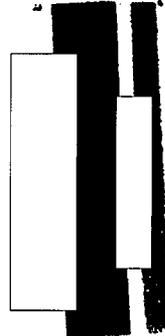
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State  
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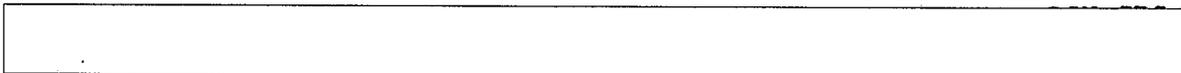
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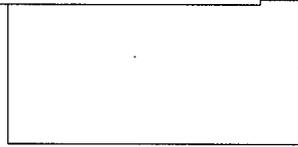
1. [ ] Comment: The following information is from an extremely sensitive source and, therefore, recipients should hold this report very closely.]
2. A reliable source who has excellent access in the Polish Ministry of Defense reported that as of 17 October the Polish military are on alert status in case matters at the Central Committee Plenum take an "unfavorable turn". In the event a liberal leadership is appointed, the military will not support it. If the character of the PZPR becomes social democratic, the military will not accept the PZPR in a role of leadership over the military.
3. On 15 October General of Arms Siwicki, Chief of the Polish General Staff, coordinated the text of his speech for the Plenum presentation with Jaruzelski. After he left the Prime Minister's residence, Siwicki fainted and was taken home and is under a doctor's care. The final version of Siwicki's speech was drafted without attacks against the Party. [ ] Comment: See FIRDB-312/03245-81, dated 13 October 1981, from the same source, which indicated that an earlier draft of Siwicki's speech contained attacks against the Party.]

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4. The Prime Minister will present to the Sejm his draft of an anti-crisis law, which in reality will be the law on Martial Law.

5. There is some information reaching the Ministry of Defense that an "uprising" is developing among junior officers [not further defined].



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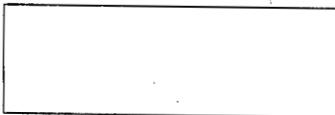
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