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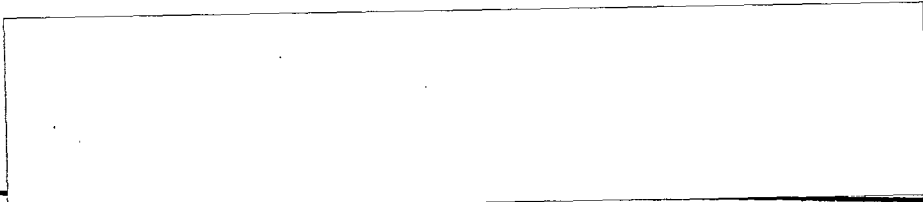
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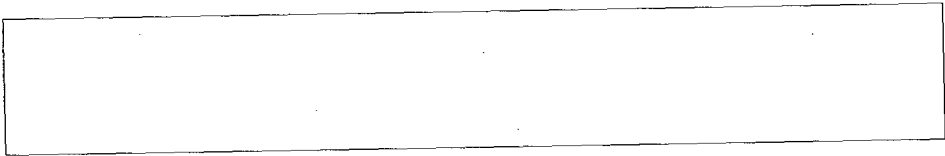
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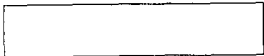
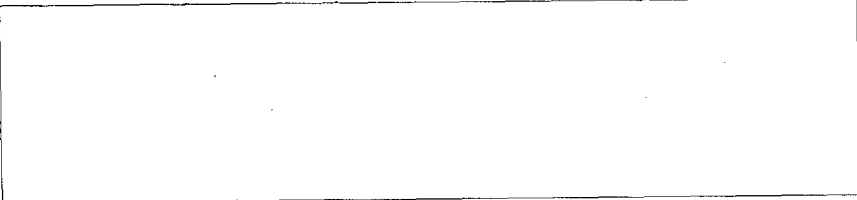


1. War Plans for the Polish Armed Forces (PAF) are kept in a limited number of places, and access is limited to a strict need-to-know basis. The War Plans for the entire PAF are kept in the Operational Plans Department of the Operations Directorate of the Polish General Staff. This is the only complete copy of the National War Plans, and only a handful of people in the General Staff (including the Minister of National Defense) are authorized complete access to the full set of plans. All other access is limited to those subsets for which a duty-related need-to-know can be established. The National War Plans cannot be implemented without the direct authorization of at least one of the following: the Minister of National Defense, the Chief of the General Staff, the Deputy Chief of the General Staff for Operations, or the Chief of the Operations Directorate of the General Staff.

2. Subsets of the War Plans which deal with the Branches of Services (Naval Forces, Air Forces & National Air Defense Forces) are kept in their respective Staff Operations departments. Access is controlled on the same basis as at the national level, with only a handful of people in each Branch of Service having total access to the

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War Plans for that Service. Implementation of the War Plans for each Service requires the authorization of at least one of the following: the Commander in Chief of the Service, the Chief of Staff of the Service, the Deputy of Staff for the Service, or the Chief of the Operations Department of the Service Staff. These officers would only authorize the implementation of War Plans for their Service if they received a legitimate signal to implement War Plans through the appropriate alerting system.

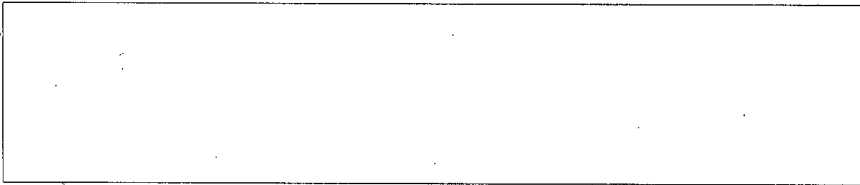
3. Subsets of the War Plans for the wartime Military Districts (MDs) and armies are kept in the Operations Departments of the respective MD Staffs. Access is handled exactly as it is for the national War Plans and Service War Plans. Implementation of the War Plans in each MD is handled in exactly the same manner, and by the equivalent officers as in the Service HQs. When the signal to implement War Plans is received in the MDs, those elements of the MD Staffs which are designated to form the army staffs immediately assume responsibility for the implementation of the War Plans for the armies, including the dissemination of the War Plans for their subordinate divisions and independent units. Those elements of the peacetime MD Staffs which are charged with forming the nucleus of the wartime MD Staffs are responsible for implementing War Plans for the wartime MDs.

4. According to Soviet officers, the storage and control of War Plans in the USSR is similar to that in Poland, except that certain independent corps staffs are also repositories of subsets of the War Plans. Implementation of War Plans in the USSR requires a similar authorization requirement as in Poland. (Comment: Source was not positive as to the total personnel eligible to give this authorization.) Thus, in the USSR, no War Plans or subsets thereof are stored below the corps-level in peacetime, whereas in Poland none are stored below the army/MD level. (Source Comment: The HQs of a Branch of Service is regarded in Poland as being roughly an equivalent to a military district echelon of command.)

5. In Poland the Chief Inspector for Training is the pre-designated Commander of the Polish Front, and the Chief of the Main Directorate of Combat Training is the pre-designated Chief of Staff of the Polish Front in wartime. The Staff of the Polish Front will be composed primarily of personnel from the Main Combat Training Directorate, with additional personnel assigned from the various directorates of the Polish General Staff. These personnel have a need-to-know duty-related access to those subsets of the War Plans which relate to the Polish

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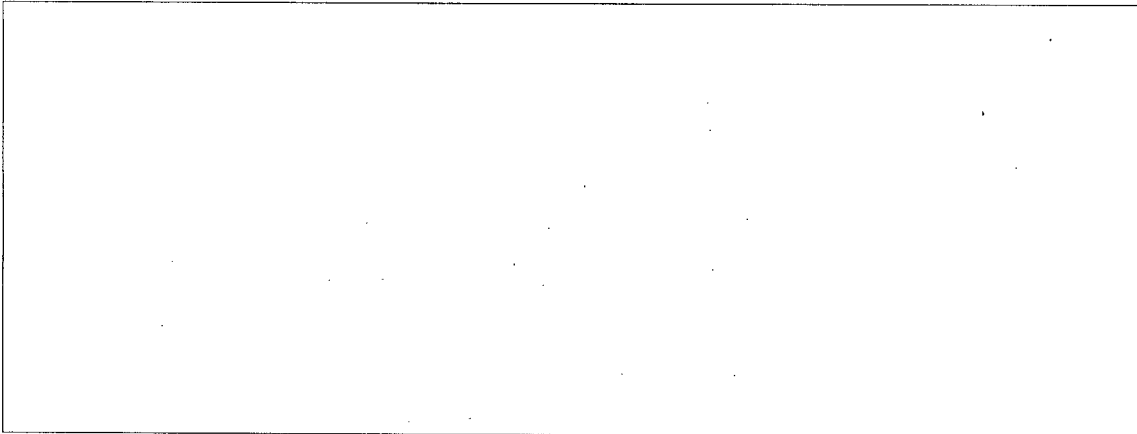
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Forces assigned to the Polish Front in wartime. They do not have the authority to implement War Plans, however, since implementation of War Plans for the Polish Front is part of the process of implementing the National War Plans.

6. The actual implementation of War Plans requires various times, depending on the echelon. It is difficult to define a precise time limit for the entire national level of the PAF. At this level it is assumed to take several hours with 6-8 hours taken as the rule. At the army/MD level 6 hours are allowed for the implementation of War Plans. Since various units throughout the PAF are maintained at different levels of preparedness, the time required for each unit to reach Full Combat Readiness and implement War Plans will vary considerably. In addition, the National Air Defense Forces operate on a different readiness system, and their times required to implement War Plans are determined primarily by technical requirements to change frequencies, turn on and test radars, bring missiles to firing readiness, etc. The basic guideline for the troops assigned to the Polish Front is that the first echelon of the Front should be ready to be committed to battle from its wartime assembly area within 54 hours of the signal to implement War Plans.



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