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present situation in Poland:

- a. One of the first advantages to be gained after Gomułka's election was the abolition of all political commissars on board ship and in the factories. The individuals who had held down these jobs have been given other work in various localities far from the sites of their previous activity. This move was received with great satisfaction by the Poles.
- b. Considering the fact that there are two Communist political factions at present in the Polish government - an orthodox pro-Russian one which is in the minority, and the nationalist faction headed by Gomułka, which enjoys a slight majority - Poland is in a very precarious position. The head of the government must therefore stay calm and must have the maximum collaboration and understanding of all the people because - although the recent agreement signed in Moscow provides that the Russians will not intervene with armed force into internal Polish affairs - it is a notorious fact that strong Soviet contingents are stationed all along the borders of Germany, Czechoslovakia and the USSR. The Poles know that Moscow keeps a vigilant eye on Warsaw and

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that should the Poles tend to take too audacious a stand, nothing could keep the Russians from repeating what happened in Hungary, and Poland would be irreparably jeopardized. By wisely avoiding this danger, it should not be difficult to reach gradually a position analogous to that attained by Yugoslavia. Everyone hopes that this will come about, but it is logical to assume that it will require a couple of years of smart politicking. For this reason the outbursts and exuberance of Polish youth are not approved of. Although just from an idealistic point of view, their activities today amount to playing the wrong card, which could be fatal and could ruin all the progress made to date.

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the suppression of Po Prestu is certainly more necessary than just.

- c. The election of Gomulka has, however, brought about some improvement, and a certain liberty of action has really come into being.

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- e. There have been practical improvements in the economic situation of the sailors, and other improvements are under study which would raise the standard of living of the population in general. Also under consideration is the application of an administrative system which would give the workers a share in the profits of the plants where they work, with a minimum wage guaranteed by the government.

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[redacted] part of Germany was waiting for the moment when they could liberate themselves from the Russians. The ultimate aim they hope to attain is the unification of the country.

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[redacted] Poland no longer builds ships for the Soviet Union. In recent years 48 ships of the SZCZECIN type have been built, but only two of them remained in Poland. [redacted]

[redacted] Russia frequently utilizes foreign shipyards, since their own are all fully occupied building warships.

[redacted] Russia has a very powerful air force and navy, but [redacted] although they have top-notch pilots, in general they make poor ship's officers and poor seamen.

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