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SUMMARY OF POLISH SITUATION



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1. (S/D) This report is the second in a series of imagery-derived intelligence summaries on Polish strike activity and possible reactions to the strike by Polish and Soviet military forces. In general, conditions in Poland appeared to be returning to normal; however, unusual activity, including some mobilization of civilian trucks, was observed in the military districts in western USSR. Since [redacted] coverage of Group of Soviet Forces Germany (GSFG), Soviet Groups of Forces in Czechoslovakia (CGF), and of the Baltic, Belorussian, and Carpathian Military Districts (MDs) in the western USSR has been inadequate to derive information needed to make an accurate assessment of possible Soviet mobilization.

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STRIKE ACTIVITY

2. (S/D) The shipyards and the urban area around Gdansk, which were the focal point of all strike activity, appeared to be returning to normal. Between [redacted] Gdynia, Szczecin, Wroclaw, and Krakow (cities where strike or strike-related activity had been seen or reported) were imaged (Figure 1). By [redacted] conditions appeared to be normal.

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POLISH SECURITY/MILITARY REACTION

3. (S/D) Imagery collected over military installations in Poland between [redacted] [redacted] indicated that the key Polish army units, which had previously been at a higher than normal state of readiness, were probably returning to normal.

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4. (S/D) The Gdansk Regiment of the 7th Sea-landing Division, in garrison on [redacted] was seen in bivouac approximately 3 nautical miles (nm) east of Swinoujscie on [redacted]. In addition to the Gdansk Regiment, elements of a tank battalion, an amphibious engineer battalion, and at least 60 personnel tents were present. This activity was probably related to the large Warsaw Pact exercise, Comrades-in-Arms-80, which was ongoing in early September in East Germany.

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5. (S/D) Sources indicated that Polish communications equipment was at the [redacted] [redacted] was believed to have been one of the Polish border crossing points for troops participating in the Comrades-in-Arms-80 exercise. On imagery of [redacted] approximately 70 signal van trucks were missing from the 4th Signal Regiment at Bydgoszcz and may have been the equipment reported at Angermunde.

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6. (S/D) In Szczecin, tanks and armored personnel carriers parked in possible alert positions on [redacted] [redacted] had returned to their normal parking positions by [redacted]. The 8th Mechanized Infantry Division at Kolobrzeg, where an unusually high level of activity was seen on [redacted] had returned to normal by [redacted].

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SOVIET NORTHERN GROUP OF FORCES (NGF)

7. (S/D) The high level of communications activity previously reported at Legnica had diminished by [redacted] however, an R-410 TWIN PLATE set (normally seen with Front and above-level units) and several cargo trucks in convoy (Figure 2) were observed at Legnica Army Barracks 201 [redacted]. In addition, a PARK DRIVE mobile satellite communications station (normally seen with Army and above-level units) was seen at Legnica Headquarters SOV NGF 204 ([redacted] on [redacted].

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8. (S/D) Major elements of a tank battalion were observed offloading from flatcars at a siding northwest of Swietoszow on [redacted]. Swietoszow houses major maneuver elements of a Soviet tank division. The significance of this activity (i.e., an additional battalion or a returning battalion) could not be determined. Military activity at other NGF installations in Poland was normal as of [redacted].

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OTHER GROUPS OF SOVIET FORCES EASTERN EUROPE

9. (S/D) Open-source news reported that a high level of activity was continuing in East Germany, probably because of the Comrades-in-Arms-80 exercise. Only one image was collected since [redacted]. No unusual activity was observed in the Soviet 28th Corps in Czechoslovakia on [redacted] the last date on which the corps was imaged.

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FIGURE 1. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AND UNITS OUT OF GARRISON, EASTERN EUROPE AND WESTERN USSR

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WESTERN USSR

10. (S/D) Significant Ground Force Activity involving five divisions was observed in the three MDs in the western USSR between [redacted] However, incomplete coverage of these MDs prevents an accurate assessment of the status of Soviet forces.

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11. (S/D) A higher than normal level of activity was observed in the Baltic MD. Particularly active was the 11th Guards Army area (Kaliningrad, Gusev, and Sovetsk). Most of the 40th Guards Tank Division (GTD) at Sovetsk and Gusev was seen in local training areas on [redacted] Extensive vehicular activity and out of garrison movement within the 1st GTD at Kaliningrad and Kornevo and at the 1st Guard Motorized Rifle Division (GMRD) at Kaliningrad, Gvardeysk, and Dolgorukovo was observed on [redacted] A radio relay unit (possible KGB/UPS) normally seen at Bagrationovsk, less than 1 nm north of the Polish border, had moved to a local field training area by [redacted] No unusual activity was observed at the transloading yards at Kaliningrad, Mamonovo, or Chernyakhovst.

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12. (S/D) In the Belorussian MD, major elements of the 46th GTD, housed at Slonim, and the motor transport battalion (MTBN), housed at Barandovich, were out of garrison on [redacted] Some units were seen loading onto flatcars while others were in a nearby bivouac area. Two tank battalions for this division were loading onto flatcars at Slonim Railyard and elements of one motorized rifle regiment (MRR) were loading at Lesnaya Railyard. The remainder of the MRR was bivouacked approximately 6 nm south of Slonim. The MTBN from Baranovich was also bivouacked in this area. Approximately 70 civilian trucks had augmented the MTBN. There was no unusual activity at the Brest transloading yards, the 50th GMRD at Brest, the second-generation tank division at Grodno, the 8th GTD and diversionary unit at Marina Gorka, or at the 120th GMRD at Minsk.

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13. (S/D) In the Carpathian MD, a high level of activity was observed in the 128th Motorized Rifle Division at Uzhgorod and Mukachevo on [redacted] An MRR was bivouacked in the training area at Mukachevo; the divisional artillery regiment was bivouacked in the local training area at Perechia; and the tank regiment at Uzhgorod was preparing to leave its garrison. Activity in the two MRRs housed at Beregovo and Uzhgorod appeared normal. Unusual activity was sighted in the signal regiment (probable KGB/UPS) in Kodyma on [redacted] A PARK DRIVE mobile satellite communications station and an R-410 troposcatter radio relay set were set up within the garrison. Also, a higher than normal level of vehicle activity were seen in the probable KGB/UPS signal battalion at Skole on [redacted] Activity within the 15th GMRD at Vladimir Volynsky, the 30th GTD and heavy lift regiment at Novograd Volynsky, and the diversionary unit at Izyaslav appeared normal.

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(S/D) All applicable satellite imagery acquired between [redacted] was used in the preparation of this report. 25X1

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