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SUBJECT: ~~TOP SECRET~~ POLAND - ENHANCED SOVIET READINESS1. ~~TOP SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOR LONDON, BONN, PARIS: YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT AT POLITICAL LEVEL TO SHARE INFORMATION IN PARAS 3 AND 4 BELOW REGARDING POSSIBLE SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR MILITARY ACTION IN POLAND. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO YOUR INTERLOCUTOR THAT WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT CONCLUDED FROM THIS INFORMATION THAT SOVIET INTERVENTION IS IMMINENT, BUT ARE SHARING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US TO ENABLE US TO MOVE QUICKLY SHOULD THE SITUATION CHANGE. YOU SHOULD

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

INDICATE THAT WE HAVE ALSO BRIEFED BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES HERE. WE WOULD VALUE INTERLOCUTORS' INTERPRETATIONS AS TO SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIETS ENHANCED READINESS.

3. INCREASED SOVIET READINESS: THERE ARE SIGNS OF INCREASE SOVIET READINESS TO MOVE SELECTED FORCES INTO POLAND AT SHORT NOTICE. SOME UNITS COULD BE READY FOR ACTION WITHIN THE NEXT 24 TO 48 HOURS. IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER ACTUAL INTERVENTION IS IMMINENT; THE SOVIETS MAY BE PLANNING TO ENHANCE SECURITY OF THEIR OWN INSTALLATIONS IN POLAND.

4. POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION: WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ANTICIPATING THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TO INTERVENE IF SOLIDARITY CARRIED OUT ITS THREAT OF A GENERAL STRIKE. SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT REDUCED THEIR WATCHFULNESS IN THE WAKE OF THE LATEST SOLIDARITY-GOVERNMENT ACCORD, WE ASSUME THE SOVIET MILITARY BELIEVES THE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN POLAND COULD WORSEN DRAMATICALLY WITHOUT MUCH NOTICE AND IS PREPARING ACCORDINGLY.

5. FOR MOSCOW: YOU SHOULD PASS ABOVE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER THROUGH FRG EMBASSY THERE.

6. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD INFORM YOUR INTERLOCUTOR THAT WE ARE PASSING INFO IN PARA 3 TO GENSCHER THROUGH FRG EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. HAIS

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