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TELNO 874 OF 13TH DECEMBER 1981

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FROM MELHUIH.

OUR TEL 873 POLAND : INTERNAL SITUATION.

1. WARSAW RADIO HAS CARRIED AT REGULAR INTERVALS SINCE 0600
JARUZELSKI'S SPEECH TO THE NATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY COUNCIL TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY.
THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
AND THEN BY SOME CHOPIN PIANO MUSIC, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU IN
LONDON AND THE BBC HAS CARRIED A GOOD SUMMARY.

2. THREE SEPARATE TEAMS FROM DEFENCE SECTION HAVE BEEN TOURING
WARSAW AND ITS OUTSKIRTS THIS MORNING LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE OF WHAT
THE POLISH AUTHORITIES MAY NEXT BE PLANNING. THEY HAD NO GREAT
DIFFICULTY MOVING AROUND. WHEN STOPPED AT ROAD BLOCKS THEY PRODUCED
IDENTITY CARDS AND WERE WAVED THROUGH. THEY HAVE BROUGHT BACK NO
CLEAR-CUT PICTURE. THERE ARE NOW MANY SOLDIERS IN POSITION ON MAIN
STREETS IN WARSAW, MOSTLY TO THE SOUTH AND WITH A HEAVY
CONCENTRATION AROUND A PARTICULAR HOUSING ESTATE WHICH IS KNOWN TO

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3. IT LOOKS AS IF THE AUTHORITIES ARE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR ABILITY TO SEAL WARSAW OFF IF NECESSARY. THIS COULD BE USEFUL TO THEM BOTH TO MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY'S CURRENT INABILITY TO COMMUNICATE AND TO PREVENT ANY MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY OR OTHER ACTIVISTS INTO WARSAW. BUT THIS MUST BE A TENTATIVE CONCLUSION. THE PATCHY AND HAPHAZARD ARRANGEMENTS BEAR THE HALLMARK OF POLISH INEFOICIENCY.

4. WE STILL HAVE NO NEWS FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THE NEXT IMPORTANT, AND PERHAPS CRUCIAL, DEVELOPMENT MUST BE SOLIDARITY'S REACTION TO LAST NIGHT'S EVENTS. I DO NOT SEE HOW THIS CAN BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN SHARP AND NASTY.

5. I HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO THE MFA ALONG WITH OTHER AMBASSADORS AT 10.15.

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