

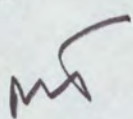
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TO IMMEDIATE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE,

TELEGRAM NUMBER 012 OF 8TH JANUARY 1982, ..

INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, WARSAW, BRUSSELS,

INFO SAVING ALL OTHER NATO POSTS, DUBLIN, UKREP BRUSSELS, UKMIS  
NEW YORK, UKMIS GENEVA, MOSCOW.WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF SOLIDARITY DETAINEES. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF U S LETTER.

BEGINS:

THE U S GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE ISSUE OF ACCEPTING SOLIDARITY DETAINEES, SHOULD THEY BE DEPORTED BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT OR SHOULD THEY CHOOSE VOLUNTARY EXILE, WILL REQUIRE A COORDINATED WESTERN POSITION.

OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS THAT WE AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES DO NOT PLAY INTO THE POLISH REGIME'S DESIGNS BY STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO (A) DIVIDING THE LEADERSHIP GROUP WITHIN SOLIDARITY OR (B) UNDERMINING THE CREDIBILITY OF ANY SOLIDARITY LEADER OR GROUP WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP BY REINFORCING THE IMAGE OF HIS OR THEIR HAVING TOO CLOSE AN ASSOCIATION WITH WESTERN INTERESTS. ANY STATEMENT, WHETHER EXPRESSING A WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE SOLIDARITY DETAINEES OR CRITICIZING THE JARUZELSKI REGIME FOR EXPATRIATING ITS CITIZENS, WOULD BE EXPLOITABLE BY THE REGIME AS EVIDENCE OF A SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR WESTERN INTEREST IN THE FATE OF SOME INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP. MOREOVER, ANY NECESSARILY GENERAL STATEMENT BY WESTERN SPOKESMEN ON THIS SUBJECT COULD BE LINKED BY THE REGIME WITHIN POLAND TO WHATEVER GROUP IT WISHED TO DISCREDIT, BY SELECTING THAT GROUP FOR DEPORTATION OR VOLUNTARY EXILE.

OUR PRELIMINARY THINKING IS THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOT ALLEVIATE JARUZELSKI'S EMBARRASSMENT OVER THE DETENTION OF SOLIDARITY LEADERS AND SHOULD SO ACT AS TO PRESERVE THEIR CONTINUED RESIDENCE IN POLAND:

- (A) WE SHOULD NOT FACILITATE A DEPORTATION OF THESE PERSONS BY INDICATING IN ADVANCE OF THE ACT ITSELF THAT REFUGE WOULD BE PROVIDED:
- (B) SHOULD THE POLISH GOVERNMENT NEVERTHELESS CHOOSE TO DEPORT THEM OR FORCE THEM INTO "VOLUNTARY EXILE", WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THEM — AND TO RESPECT THEIR INDIVIDUAL WISHES AS TO COUNTRY OF RESETTLEMENT — BUT WE SHOULD NOT ADVERTISE THIS PUBLICLY:



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(C) WE SHOULD INCREASE THE ONUS OF ANY EXPATRIATION OF THESE PERSONS, ONCE IT HAS OCCURRED, BY DEPICTING THEIR DEPARTURE AS FORCED DEPORTATION (VOLUNTARY EXILE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A PRISON SENTENCE CONSTITUTES DEPORTATION); BUT WE SHOULD DO SO WITHOUT ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT INHIBITING OUR SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF OTHER POLITICAL DEPORTEES, OR OF SUCH OTHER FORCED EXPATRIATES AS, FOR EXAMPLE, SOLZHENITZYM.

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WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF SOLIDARITY DETAINEES.

1. MIFT SETS OUT THE TERMS OF A US CIRCULAR LETTER ADDRESSED TO ALL DELEGATIONS HERE TODAY.

2. THIS HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AT POLITICAL COMMITTEE LEVEL. THERE IS NO INDICATION AT PRESENT THAT THE AMERICANS INTEND TO RAISE IT AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON 11 JANUARY. THOUGH THEIR DELEGATION SAY THAT WASHINGTON WERE ANXIOUS THAT OTHER ALLIES SHOULD KNOW THEIR VIEWS BEFORE THAT MEETING. THE MOST PROBABLE OCCASION FOR A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IS THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 0930Z ON 12 JANUARY. IF YOU HAVE ANY INITIAL COMMENTS AND REACTIONS WE COULD DEPLOY THEM THEN.

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WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF SOLIDARITY DETAINEES: TELECON MANNING/FELL

1. WE CONFIRM THAT THE US LETTER CAUSES US NO DIFFICULTIES.
2. LIKE THE AMERICANS WE WISH TO DO NOTHING TO EASE JARUZELSKI'S EMBARRASSMENT OVER THE DETENTION OF SOLIDARITY'S LEADERS, NOR ANYTHING THAT WOULD HELP HIM UNDERMINE THE COHESION OR CREDIBILITY OF SOLIDARITY.
2. BUT IF SOLIDARITY LEADERS ARE FORCED INTO EXILE AND ASK FOR REFUGE IN THE UK, SUBJECT TO NORMAL PROCESSING PROCEDURES WE WOULD ACCEPT THEM HERE. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT INDICATING SUCH A WILLINGNESS NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE PROPAGANDA CAPITAL THE POLES AND RUSSIANS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY TRY TO MAKE OUT OF IT.

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