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If true, this could have implications for U.S. sanctions.

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TELNO 678 OF 14TH JULY

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THE POLISH POLITICAL SITUATION

1. THE NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR, RESIDENT IN VIENNA, WHO IS AN OLD FRIEND, HAS JUST PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS AND HAD LONG TALKS WITH JABLONSKI, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, AND CZYREK. CZYREK SPOKE ALONG PREDICTABLE LINES ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES THE REGIME WERE FACING, DOING THEIR BEST TO OVERCOME, AND THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF THE WEST.
2. JABLONSKI WAS MORE INTERESTING. HE SAID THAT OVER HALF THE DETAINEES WOULD BE RELEASED ON JULY 22. IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO MR JUDD WHETHER THIS MEANT HALF THOSE DETAINED BEFORE DECEMBER 13 (WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT 1000) OR HALF OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THOSE NOW IN DETENTION (I.E. ABOUT 2000).
3. JABLONSKI SAID THAT THE IDEA WAS TO BRING MARTIAL LAW TO AN END IN THE AUTUMN. BUT THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON HOW THINGS WENT AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES.

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4. HE ALSO CONFIRMED FROM THE POLISH SIDE THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF THE POPE COMING HERE IN AUGUST BUT REFERRED TO A TIME HALF WAY THROUGH THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AS A POSSIBILITY FOR THE VISIT (IE ABOUT MARCH/APRIL OF NEXT YEAR).

5. MR JUDD SAID THAT FROM THE EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE ON THE FACE OF AN ACCOMPANYING VICE MINISTER FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE JUDGED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES TO BE SOMETHING OF AN INDISCRETION, THOUGH PERHAPS A CALCULATED ONE.

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