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SUBJECT
1. Personnel Shifts within the Polish Party and Government Hierarchy
2. Kliszko's Responsibility for Deploying Troops During December 1970 Rioting

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1. During the 6 - 11 December 1971 Polish Party Congress, a Polish official [redacted] commented that 66 percent of the members of the Central Committee have been shifted to new jobs. An atmosphere of great uncertainty had prevailed since Party leader Edward G i e r e k had been making all the decisions on his own, and no one had advance warning of where they stood. There have also been massive shifts in leading government functionary positions, upwards of 90 percent being affected. There has been no question of a purge in the sense of arrests. Other positions were being found for these persons, generally less important ones.

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2. The same official commented that former Politburo member and Secretary Zenon K l i s z k o had become an alcoholic some time ago. At the time of the December 1970 rioting in Poland, Kliszko had been home alone drinking and when the news reached him, he ordered troops in without consulting anyone. After the fact, he claimed to have done so to preclude Soviet intervention. The official added that Soviet military forces had been placed on alert when the troubles started.

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3. Field Dissemination: None.

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