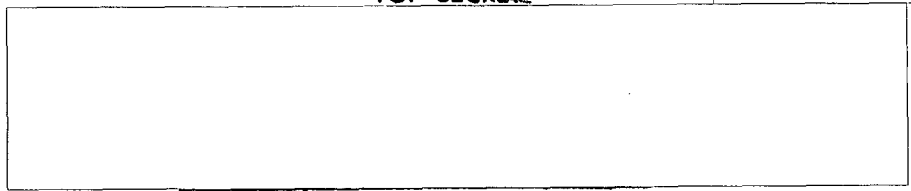


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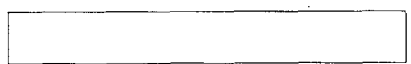
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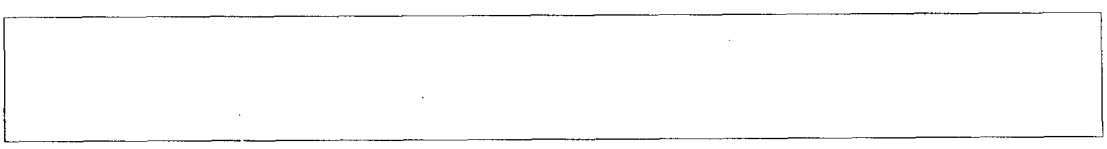
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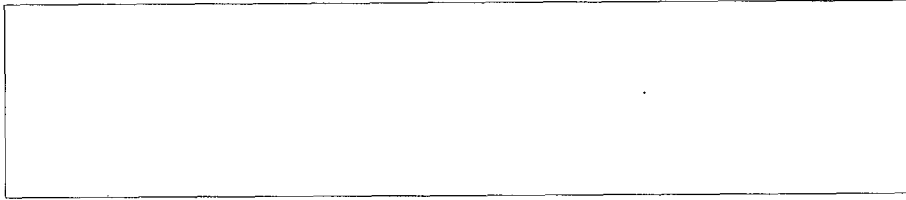
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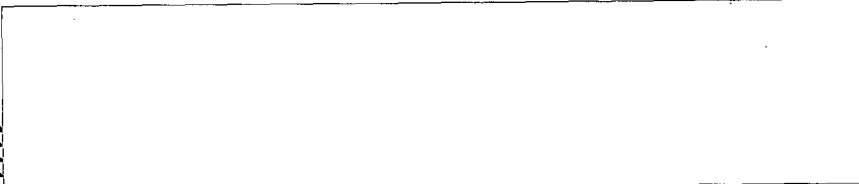
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# Intelligence Information Special Report

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SUBJECT

Themes and Time Schedule of Polish and Warsaw Pact  
Military Training Exercises in 1976

SOURCE Documentary.

SUMMARY:

This report is a translation of a Polish document entitled "Plan of the Most Important Training Activities" which is an attachment to an unspecified, but presumably highly classified, Polish military report. Part I of the attachment lists the themes of Polish Armed Forces training exercises. Part II is a time schedule for exercises to be conducted during 1976 by: A) the Polish Armed Forces and B) Warsaw Pact Forces with Polish participation. The schedule gives the responsible command, a brief description, the participating units, approximate dates, and in several instances general locations for 28 major training activities.

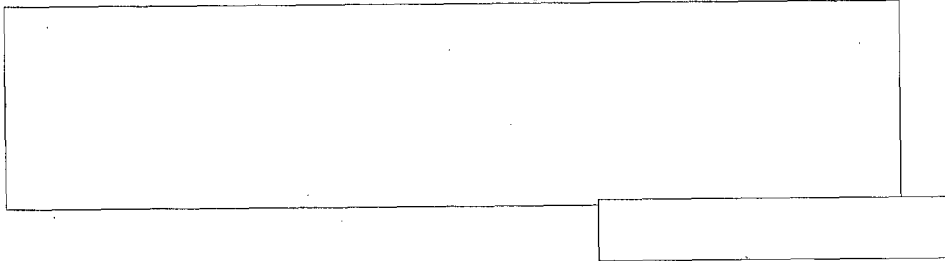
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Attachment No. 1

PLAN OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAINING ACTIVITIES

I. Training Themes

1. Central Institutions of the Ministry of National Defense: Expansion of the armed forces and of the state defense potential under conditions of a fluctuating increase in the threat and the outbreak of war at a time when signs of a relaxation of tension are beginning to appear, and support of combat operations of external and internal Front troops carried out using conventional and subsequently nuclear weapons.

2. Front Headquarters: Operational expansion of the Front troops under conditions of a fluctuating increase in the threat and transition to an offensive operation from an unplanned line, and conduct of this operation on a northern strategic axis in coordination with the Combined Baltic Fleet.

3. Pomeranian Military District: Army Headquarters--operational deployment of the army troops, entry of the army into battle from an unplanned line under conditions of conducting a border battle through a cover force and launching an offensive operation on an independent operational axis in coordination with a combined assault landing force and the Navy (an army consisting of allied divisions of the Polish Armed Forces, the Soviet Army, and the National People's Army of the German Democratic Republic).

District Headquarters--mobilizational deployment of the district troops; support of the relocation of their own and allied troops; restoration of the command system which has been disrupted by mass enemy air strikes and of coordination with the 2nd National Air Defense Corps; and elimination

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together with Ministry of Internal Affairs Forces of airborne assault landing forces on the Vistula and Oder River lines.

4. Silesian Military District: Army Headquarters-- operational deployment of the army troops, entry of the army into battle on the planned operational axis from an adjacent operations zone and conduct of an offensive operation on the main strike axis of the Front; encirclement and defeat of the enemy troop formation with simultaneous support of commitment to battle of the second echelon of the operational Front.

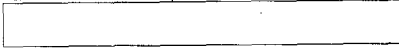
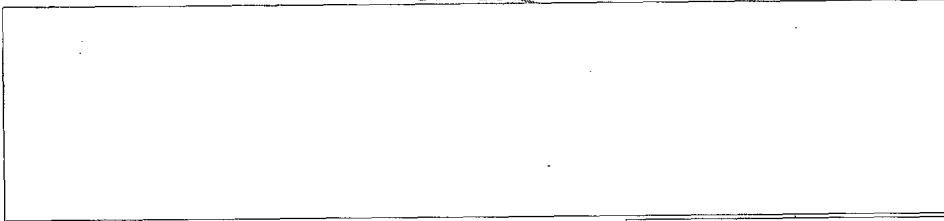
District Headquarters--mobilizational deployment of the district troops, support of the relocation of their own and allied troops to changed departure areas, conduct in coordination with Ministry of Internal Affairs troops of an anti-diversionary defense in the upper and lower Silesian Regions, and restoration of the transportation system along the Oder River line which has been disrupted by mass enemy air strikes.

5. Warsaw Military District: Army Headquarters-- operational deployment of the army troops with a relocation of the army to an unplanned departure area, entry into battle and conduct of an offensive operation; occupation of the sea coast and transition to its defense.

District Headquarters--mobilizational deployment of the district troops; support of the relocation of their own and allied troops under conditions of destruction of Vistula River crossings, and restoration of the troop command system which has been disrupted by mass enemy air strikes.

6. National Air Defense Forces: The organization and conduct of combat operations in the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact nations (without the participation

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of Air Army fighter aviation), to include providing cover for the regrouping (rebased) of national and allied operational troops under conditions of a broad enemy use of jamming of the operation of radioelectronic detection and guidance equipment.

7. Air Forces: Operational deployment of the army troops, their participation in the theater air operation, and conduct of combat activities in a Front offensive operation, with the employment by the forces of an extensive maneuver in order to concentrate the effort on operational axes far removed from themselves.

8. The Navy: The operational deployment of troops, conduct of combat operations at sea as part of the Combined Baltic Fleet, with simultaneous support of the coastal flank of the ground forces, and coastal area transportation routes and the defense of the ports from the seaside.

## II. TIME SCHEDULE

	Responsible Headquarters (Organizera)	Details of Activities	Participants
1.	2.	3.	4.
1.	Minister of National Defense	Operational-tactical exercise with the Polish Armed Forces, the Northern Group of Soviet Armed Forces, the National People's Army of the German Democratic Republic, and the Czechoslovak People's Army-Maneuvers.	
		War game on the expansion of the armed forces and the national defensive potential.	The Leadership Cadre of the Ministry of National Defense Central Institutions.
		Briefing for the purpose of summarizing activities of the armed forces during 1971-1975, and mapping out tasks for 1976-1980.	The Directing Cadre of the Polish Armed Forces
		Annual group training session and training briefing.	
2.	Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces	Multi-level command-staff exercise, with designated forces and means, on the conduct of combat operations in the southwestern sector of the Baltic Sea and the protection of coastal transportation routes.	Commands, staffs and designated forces and means of the Navy, the Pomeranian Military District, the 2nd National Air Defense Corps, and the Air Forces.
3.	Chief Inspector of Territorial Defense	War game in antidiversionary defense and the protection of important seacoast installations.	Interested Ministry of National Defense Central Institutions, Operational Groups from Headquarters of the Pomeranian Military District, the Navy and the 2nd National Air Defense Corps; Provincial Defense Committees and Provincial Military Staffs from coastal provinces, and designated organs from civilian agencies.
		Multi-level command-staff exercise on the organization and conduct of the integrated defense of the Silesian-Krakow region with the working participation of assigned military and non-military forces.	The Provincial Defense Committees and Provincial Military Staff Operational Groups from the provinces of Krakow, Katowice, Opole, Czestochowa and Bielsko-Biala; "Wartime" Operational Groups of the Silesian and Warsaw Military Districts, the 3rd National Air Defense Corps, and designated organs from civilian agencies.
		The organizing work for preparing and making practical use of civil defense formations.	A territorial defense regiment, one unit each from Institutional Self Defense and Territorial Self Defense, and seven rescue units proposed for militarization, Warsaw Military District.
4.	Chief Inspector of Training	War game on the organization and conduct of an offensive operation.	Operational groups from <u>Front</u> and army commands and staffs (Silesian and Warsaw Military Districts).
5.	Chief Quartermaster of the Polish Armed Forces	Command-staff exercise on rear support of a <u>Front</u> offensive operation.	Commands and staffs (sub-commands) of principal <u>Front</u> rear units.
6.	Chief Technical Inspector	Command and staff exercise on the development and management of an integrated field equipment repair system.	Headquarters staff army equipment repair bases.
7.	Pomeranian Military District Commander	Divisional exercise, with troops, on the conduct of protracted offensive operations during the initial phase of hostilities.	8th Mechanized Division with troops assigned from the 20th Armored Division, and 14th Anti-tank Artillery Regiment, Howitzer artillery battalion (mobilizational), Army Antiaircraft Control Center, 10th radiotechnical battalion, 55th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, 5th Combat Engineer Brigade, 12th Pontoon Regiment, 2nd Chemical Regiment, Army Mobile Command Base, together with transport and service units.

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A. Activities to be Carried Out by the Ministry of National Defense  
 Central Institutions, the Military District Commands and the Soviet Armed Forces

Months												Remarks
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
								First Ten Days				Forces and means partici- pating in the maneuvers will be determined by agreement between the staffs concerned.
			Second Ten Days									
	Third Ten Days											
									Third Ten Days			
				Third Ten Days								
			First Ten Days									
									First Ten Days			
										X		These activities are to be observed by delegations from civil defense agencies of Warsaw Pact nations (3 to 5 people from each nation).
	Third Ten Days											
		Third Ten Days										
		Third Ten Days										
	Second Ten Days											



1.	2.	3.	4.
		<p>Divisional exercise, with assigned troops, on the conduct of amphibious landing operations and an attack on hastily organized enemy defenses.</p>	<p>15th Mechanized Division and 7th Assault Landing Division, with assigned troops, including an artillery battalion and an howitzer artillery battalion (mobilizational), Army Antiaircraft Control Center, 10th Radiotechnical Battalion, 75th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, 3rd and 9th Pontoon Regiments, 4th Chemical Regiment, and Territorial Defense subunits (mobilizational).</p>
		<p>Joint battalion exercise on the conduct of integrated combat operations.</p>	<p>A motorized infantry battalion (tank battalion) each from the Pomeranian Military District and the Northern Group of Soviet Forces, with a howitzer battery, antiaircraft artillery battery and a combat engineer platoon.</p>
8.	Silesian Military District Commander	<p>Joint divisional troop exercise on the commitment of a division to battle from a departure area in the interior, developing an attack involving forced crossings of water obstacles, and changing over to defense.</p>	<p>From the Polish Armed Forces: 4th Mechanized Division and 5th Gun Artillery Brigade, 84th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, the staff and a pontoon battalion of the 6th Pontoon Regiment, the staff and a special treatment battalion of the 1st Chemical Regiment, the Operational Group of the Army Antiaircraft Defense Control Center, forces and means of the 6th Support Regiment, 10th Signal Regiment and 14th Radar Regiment; from the Northern Group of Soviet Forces: Operational Group of the staff of a tank division, and one tank regiment (motorized regiment).</p>
		<p>Divisional troop exercises on the mobilization and regrouping of the division over a large distance, its commitment to battle and developing an attack which includes forcing water obstacles and going over to the defense.</p>	<p>2nd Mechanized Division and 66th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment, staff and a pontoon battalion of the 1st Combat Engineer Brigade, staff and a special battalion of the 1st Chemical Regiment, Operational Group of the Army Antiaircraft Defense Control Center, Army Quartermaster Command Post, Command of the Army Field Base and forces and means of the 6th Support Regiment, 10th Signal Regiment, 14th Radar Regiment.</p>
9.	Warsaw Military District Commander	<p>Divisional troop exercise on: a) The mobilization and regrouping of the division, its commitment to battle from a departure area in the interior, developing an attack and changing over to defense; b) Carrying out a troop landing assault, establishing a beachhead across a water obstacle and delaying the reaction from enemy reserves.</p>	<p>3rd Mechanized Division, 6th Airborne Division, 23rd Gun Artillery Battalion, 80th Antitank Artillery Battalion, special treatment battalion of the 3rd Chemical Regiment, minelaying battalion of the 2nd Combat Engineer Brigade.</p>
10.	Commander of the National Air Defense Forces	<p>A corps exercise, with troops, combined with combat firing on a range in the USSR.</p>	<p>2nd National Air Defense Corps.</p>
		<p>Range firing in the USSR</p>	<p>2nd National Air Defense Corps: two "NEVA" missile artillery battalions, three "VOLKHOV" missile artillery firing battalions.  1st Artillery Division: two "DVINA" missile artillery firing battalions; 4th Artillery Brigade: one "NEVA" missile artillery firing battalion.</p>

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5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
						First Ten Days						
	Time schedule to be agreed upon between staffs of the Pomeranian Military District and the Northern Group of Soviet Forces										Exercise is commanded by a Pomeranian Military District Commander of a motorized regiment (tank regiment).	
	Second Ten Days											
		Third Ten Days										
								Third Ten Days				
				Third Ten Days								
				24-29								In the framework of corps exercises, with troops.
			12-17									

1.	2.	3.	4.
			3rd Artillery Division: one "VOLKHOV" missile artillery firing battalion and one "DVINA" missile artillery firing battalion.
			26th Artillery Brigade: two "NEVA" missile firing battalions.
			24 pilots.
11.	Commander of the Air Forces	Multi-level Air Army exercise with assigned troops on the execution of massive strikes against enemy reserves.	Command and staff of the Air Army in their experimental organizational structure, and 4th Fighter-Aviation Division; 2nd and 3rd Assault Reconnaissance Aviation Divisions with their designated forces, 3rd Fighter-Bomber Regiment, 7th Operational Reconnaissance Aviation Brigade.
		Divisional troop exercise on air support for ground forces.	2nd Assault Reconnaissance Aviation Division.
		Range firing in the USSR.	12 pilots.
12.	Naval Commander	Troop exercise on mobilization and the defense of a zone of responsibility under conditions of radioelectronic warfare.	8th Coastal Defense Flotilla.
		Range firing in the USSR.	Destroyer "Warazawa", six small minesweepers, and auxiliary surface vessels.
13.	Chief of the Missile and Artillery Forces	Exercise on command over missile troops and artillery, carried out as part of a group training program for the leadership cadre of the Missile and Artillery Forces of the Warsaw Pact nations.	Operational groups, in reduced complements, from the Missile and Artillery Forces, the Silesian Military District and the 3rd Artillery Brigade, and divisional artillery from the 4th Mechanized Division.
14.	Chief of Air Defense Forces	Exercise on the combat functions of a reconnaissance system and the command of antiaircraft defense forces.	Front and Army Antiaircraft Defense Control Centers, Tactical Large Units' Antiaircraft Control Point, and command posts of antiaircraft missile and artillery units.
15.	Chief of Chemical Troops	Skeletal exercise with designated troops on performing reconnaissance and special treatment.	4th Chemical Regiment.
16.	Chiefs of Central Institutions of the Ministry of National Defense together with Commanders of the Military Districts and of Branches of the Armed Forces	Annual group training session and training briefings.	Leadership cadre of the central institutions of MON and of the military districts and branches of the armed forces.
17.	Chief of the Central Institutions of the Ministry of National Defense, Commanders of Military Districts and of Branches of the Armed Forces	Internal advanced training.	In accordance with instructions of the



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5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
					21-26							
								20-25				
				17-22								In the framework of corps exercises, with troops.
					Second Ten Days							According to guidelines of the Chief Inspector of Training.
	Second Ten Days											On the basis of the exercise of the 4th Mechanized Division of the Silesian*
					7-14							
				Third Ten Days								
					X							
				X								
					Second Ten Days							Simultaneously with the Air Forces exercise.
	Second Ten Days											On the basis of the divisional exercise of the 8th Mechanized Division -**
										First Ten Days		
:Chief of General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces NO. 21/Operational Training of 5 November 1974.												

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\*\*Pomeranian Military District.

1.	2.	3.	4.
1.	Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Countries	Meeting of the Military Council of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact countries.	Members of the Military Council.
		Yearly training conference - critique of training results for 1976 and discussion of tasks for 1977.	Leadership cadre of the Ground Forces, National Air Defense Forces, Air Force, Navy and the army finance service of the Warsaw Pact countries.
		Tactical - special exercise of the engineer troops.	From the Polish Armed Forces: 3rd Pontoon Regiment.
2.	Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Countries	Conference of the leadership cadre of the general (main) staffs.	Leadership cadre of the general (main) staffs.
3.	Air Defense Commander of the Warsaw Pact Countries	Exercise of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact countries on repelling enemy air and winged missile strikes under conditions of radioelectronic warfare.	Air defense commands, staffs, and forces of: Bulgarian People's Army, Hungarian People's Republic, German Democratic Republic, Polish People's Republic, Romanian People's Republic, Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, 2nd and 8th Armies of the national air defense of the Soviet Army and Soviet military groups.
		Readiness inspection of the alert duty air defense forces and means of the Warsaw Pact countries.	Alert duty air defense forces and means of the Warsaw Pact countries.
4.	Commander of the GDR People's Navy	Operational-tactical exercise of the allied navies in the Baltic Sea on antisubmarine defense.	From the Polish Armed Forces: Operations Group of the staff and two submarines, two Naval Hunter Killer Groups (OZOPM-6), two torpedo cutters, four minesweeper tenders, a fighter-assault aviation squadron, two antisubmarine warfare helicopters of the Navy.
		Training in antisubmarine defense.	From the Polish Armed Forces: One submarine.
5.	Chief of the Chemical Troops of the Soviet Army	Tactical-special exercise on designating areas of nuclear attacks and conducting air and ground detection of contamination.	From the Polish Armed Forces: Operations Group of the Chemical Warfare Service, the Contamination Evaluation and Analysis Stations of the central and military district level, a flight of contamination reconnaissance helicopters.
6.	Commander of a Military District (large tactical unit) of the Czechoslovak People's Army	Tactical exercise with the firing of combat ammunition.	From the Polish Armed Forces: Operations Group of the divisional staff and a tank regiment and a rocket artillery battalion of the 11th Armored Division.
7.	Commanders of Naval Tactical and Operational Large Units	Combined training on the command of: - strike forces - antisubmarine defense - minesweeping forces and means.	Commands as well as forces and means of the allied fleets in accordance with supplementary instruction.
8.	Chiefs of Communications of the Allied Fleets	Combined training on communications in coordinated action of the allied fleets.	Signal centers of the allied fleets.
9.	Chief of Civil Defense of the Bulgarian People's Republic	Exercise on operational effectiveness of civil defense organs of a military district.	Forces and means - in accordance with separate instructions.
10.	Commander of the Motorized Regiments (tank regiments) of the Northern Group of Soviet Forces	Combined battalion exercise on the conduct of integrated combat operations.	From the Silesian Military District and the Northern Group of Soviet Forces one motorized infantry battalion (tank battalion) each with a howitzer battery, an antiaircraft artillery battalion, and a combat engineer platoon.

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B. Activities Carried Out by the Combined Armed Forces Command and the Allied Armies

5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
			X USSR						X CSSR			
									X			In the CSSR
					X							In the PPR and GDR
						X						In the PPR
						X						On the territory of the Warsaw Pact countries
			Twice a Year									On the territory of the Warsaw Pact countries
									X			
		X										
				X								
							X					In the CSSR
		X X X	X		X	X	X		X X			
Every Month												
			X									The activity will be observed by delegations of*
Dates - In accordance with agreement between staffs of the Silesian Military District and Northern Group of Soviet Forces												

1.	2.	3.	4.
11.	Staff of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact countries	Inspection of designated tactical large units and units.	From the Polish Armed Forces: A mechanized division and a radio-electronic warfare regiment.
<p><u>ADDENDA:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the military districts and branches of the armed forces, conduct under the direction of the chiefs of staff one specialized exercise of each of the arms of troops.</li> <li>2. Combined training efforts, carried out with an exchange of subunits between the military districts and the Northern Group of Soviet Forces, should be conducted in accordance with the directives of the Chief Inspector of Training and the Chief of the Main Political Directorate of the Polish Armed Forces, No. 33 (Confidential) of 7 August 1975.</li> <li>3. During 1 July to 30 August and from 15 September to 15 November limit to a minimum the transport of military forces by railroad, eliminate the transfer of military forces by this means of transport for distances below 100 kilometers with the exception of heavy tracked vehicles.</li> </ol>			

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5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
						X						In accordance with the Combined Armed Forces Inspector plan.