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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

17 November 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : William W. Wells
Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT : [Redacted] Report

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Intelligence Information Special Report

COUNTRY Bulgaria-Poland

DATE OF INFO. 3 August 1977

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SUBJECT

Bulgarian Request in Connection with Exercise
"SOYUZ [ALLIANCE]-78" for Polish Information
on Exercise "ZAPAD [WEST]-77"

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SUMMARY:

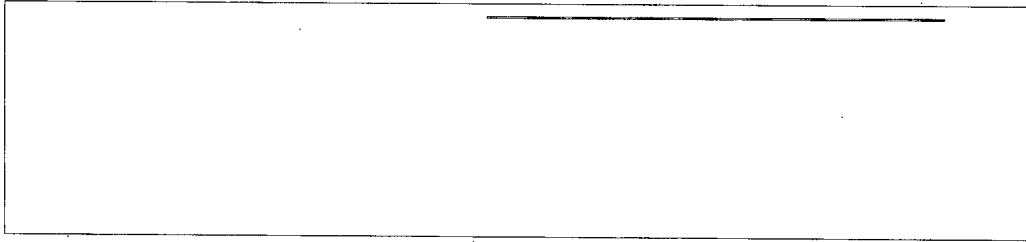
This report is a translation of a letter in Russian classified TOP SECRET from Colonel-General SEMERDZHIYEV, Chief of the General Staff of the Bulgarian People's Army, to General of Arms F. SIWICKI, Chief of the General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, requesting Polish information about Exercise "ZAPAD [WEST]-77." The letter states that a similar exercise, "SOYUZ [ALLIANCE]-78," will be conducted on the Southwest Axis in February 1978.

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Staff of the Bulgarian People's Army
To the Chief of the General Staff of
The Polish Armed Forces, General of Arms
Comrade F. SIWICKI

Esteemed Comrade General:

In February 1978, an operational-strategic command-staff exercise will be conducted on the Southwestern Axis under the codename SOYUZ [ALLIANCE]-78. Since the conditions for conducting the exercise will be similar to those under which the exercise ZAPAD [WEST]-77 was conducted, I request of you, esteemed Comrade General, that, during the session of the Military Council of the Combined Armed Forces in Sofia this October, we be given, through General of Arms MOLCHIK or General of Brigade SHKLYARSKIY, more detailed information on the method of conduct and the problems that arose during the exercise. I hope that our request will be honored and express our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude in advance.

Respectfully,

CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE
BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY
Colonel General SEMERDZHIYEV

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