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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : John N. McMahon
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SUBJECT : STATUTE on the Unified Air Defense System of
the Warsaw Pact Member States

1. The enclosed Intelligence Information Special Report is a translation from Russian of one of four SECRET statutes which establish the principal military organizations of the Warsaw Pact and govern their peacetime activities. The present statute outlines the overall organization of the unified air defense system, made up of air defense forces allocated from the Warsaw Pact member states, and delineates the functions and responsibilities of the Commander of the Air Defense Forces, which consist essentially in the direction and coordination of the combat employment, operational cooperation, and combat training of the air defense forces.

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STATUTE on the Unified Air Defense System of the Warsaw
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Summary:

The following report is a translation from Russian of a SECRET statute which establishes the organization of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact and governs the activities of its senior personnel. It outlines the overall organization of the unified air defense system, made up of air defense forces allocated from the Warsaw Pact member states, and delineates the functions and responsibilities of the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States, which consist essentially in the direction and coordination of the combat employment, operational cooperation, and combat training of the air defense forces.

End of Summary

COMMENT:

The four statutes establishing the military organizations of the Warsaw Pact were approved by the Political Consultative Committee on 17 March 1969.

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STATUTE

ON THE UNIFIED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM
OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES

(For Peacetime)

Section I

THE UNIFIED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM OF THE WARSAW PACT
MEMBER STATES

1. The Unified Air Defense System unites all of the air defense forces allocated by the governments of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, German Democratic Republic, Polish People's Republic, Socialist Republic of Romania, Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the air defense forces of the Soviet Union stationed on the territories of the Latvian, Lithuanian, Belorussian, Ukrainian, and the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republics for the combined accomplishment of combat tasks in support of all the Warsaw Pact member states.

In accordance with this, and together with the accomplishment of the task of covering their own territories, a portion of the air defense forces of each of the Warsaw Pact member states, as prescribed by the operations plan and the cooperation plans, are allocated to reinforce the air defense of the adjacent cooperating states.

2. The combat strength of the air defense forces which are allocated to the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact member states, is established by protocols which are signed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces and by the ministers of defense and approved by the respective governments of the Warsaw Pact member states.

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3. The uniting of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states for combined accomplishment of combat tasks in support of all the Warsaw Pact member states is based on the following principles:

- a. employment of forces in accordance with a unified combined plan;
- b. arming the forces with combat equipment which ensures reliable control and close cooperation in the combat actions of the troops;
- c. centralized control of the combined combat actions of the troops;
- d. close cooperation among the air defense forces and means of the Warsaw Pact member states;
- e. a unified system of radar detection, of warning of the air defense troops, of target indication to the surface-to-air missile means, and guidance of fighter aircraft;
- f. unity of requirements for combat readiness, and of combat and operational training of troops, staffs and commands;
- g. a unified communications system.

For repulsing the first strikes of air attack means of an aggressor all forces and means of Air Defense of the Country and the air defense of the ground forces and naval forces of the Warsaw Pact member states are employed.

4. Command of the unified air defense system is exercised by the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States/Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces.

He controls and coordinates the combined combat actions of the forces through the commanders of the air defense of the states from his central command post and, when necessary, from auxiliary command posts personally or through his deputy.

5. The ministers of defense of the Warsaw Pact member states exercise day-to-day control of air defense and the activities of the air defense forces of their countries.

The existence of a Commander of Air Defense of the Warsaw Pact Member States does not relieve the national command of responsibility for covering its own territories or for the status of the air defense forces either in peacetime or in wartime.

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6. The control organ of the Commander of Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States is the staff of the air defense forces of the state from which the Commander is appointed.

The indicated staff is called the Staff of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States. The Chief of Staff is the First Deputy Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States.

7. Attached to the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States, by agreement of the ministers of defense, there may be in the combat control organs representatives of the staffs of the air defense forces from each of the Warsaw Pact member states.

Attached to the staff of the air defense forces of each of the Warsaw Pact member states, by agreement of the ministers of defense, there may be representatives of the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States.

The commanders of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states may, when necessary, exchange representatives of the air defense staffs among themselves.

Section II

THE COMMANDER OF THE AIR DEFENSE FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES/DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE COMBINED ARMED FORCES

8. The Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States/Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces is appointed by the governments of the Warsaw Pact member states on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces.

The Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States/Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces is governed in his activity by the Statute on the Combined Armed Forces and the Combined Command of the Warsaw Pact Member States, by the present Statute, as well as by the orders of the

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Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces.

The Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Combined Armed Forces has a first deputy, who is appointed by the Minister of Defense (Armed Forces) of the country from which the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States is appointed. He is concerned with the routine matters of the air defense of the Warsaw Pact states, and in his work is guided by the Staff of the Air Defense Forces and organs in the Staff of the Combined Armed Forces.

9. The Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States/Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces is required:

- a. to direct and coordinate the combat actions of the combined air defense forces and means of the Warsaw Pact member states in accordance with a unified operations plan;
- b. to develop a plan for utilizing the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states with the participation of the commanders of the air defense forces of the states. The plan is signed by the ministers of defense, by the commanders of the air defense forces of these countries, by the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States, and by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, and is approved by the respective governments of the Warsaw Pact member states;
- c. to organize operational cooperation among the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states on the basis of the approved plan. The cooperation plans are signed by the Commander of Air Defense of the Warsaw Pact Member States and by the commanders of air defense of the respective countries, and are approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces and by the ministers of defense;
- d. to be thoroughly familiar with the status of the air defense forces and, jointly with the commands of the air defense forces of the states, to take steps to ensure their constant combat readiness;
- e. to develop recommendations on further developing the unified air defense system and on supplying the troops with combat equipment;
- f. to conduct combined operational exercises of the air defense forces of the states, as well as training methods courses and meetings with the command personnel of the air defense forces in accordance with the plan coordinated with the ministers of defense

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and approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces;

- g. to render, at the request of the commander of air defense of one or another Warsaw Pact member state, the necessary assistance in operational and combat training of staffs and troops for the purpose of ensuring a high level of, and unity of requirements for, the combat readiness and training of the air defense forces;
- h. to study and disseminate the experience of the combat employment and operation of the main types of weapons and equipment.

10. The Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States is responsible to the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces for the cooperation of the air defense forces and means of the Warsaw Pact member states and for their combat readiness.

11. The Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States/Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces has the authority:

- a. in executing the plan coordinated with the ministers of defense, to take part in monitoring the progress of the operational and combat training and the combat readiness of the air defense staffs and troops allocated to the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact member states;
- b. to communicate with the commanders of air defense of the Warsaw Pact member states on all matters ensuing from the responsibilities of the Commander of the Air Defense Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States;
- c. in the event of the threat of air attack or violation of the airspace, to issue orders to the commanders of air defense of the states on matters of the combat employment of the troops.

To give recommendations on matters of combat training and the mastering of new equipment by the air defense forces;

- d. to establish a procedure for reporting on the actions of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states in coordination with the commanders of the air defense forces of these states.

12. The commanders of the air defense forces of the Warsaw Pact member states submit proposals directed at developing the air defense of their countries and improving the unified air defense system of the Warsaw Pact member states.

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