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SUBJECT : [Redacted] Report

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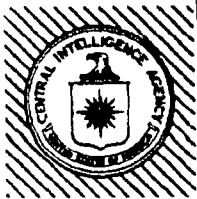
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Intelligence Information Special Report

COUNTRY Warsaw Pact

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SUBJECT

Warsaw Pact Exercise "CENTER",
Far Eastern Theater of Operations,
Installation "ALBATROSS"

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Summary:

This report is a translation of Polish document extracts. The first item covers a Warsaw Pact exercise codenamed "CENTER" conducted in the GDR under the direction of USSR Defense Minister USTINOV in November 1978. The exercise scenario included:

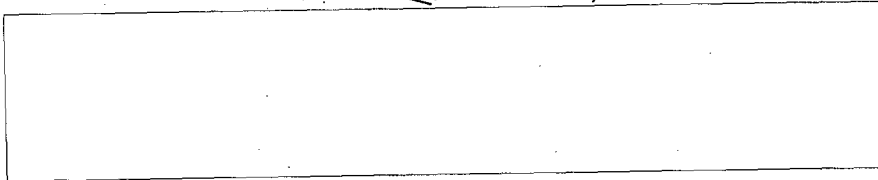
1. China joining "West" side on D-day + 26. ✓
2. Nuclear strikes on D+28. ✓
3. Polish forces moving into Denmark and Soviet forces into Norway.
4. Polish losses reaching 65-70 percent by D+50.
5. "East" forces advancing close to the Spanish border on D+51.
6. "West" strength at 56 divisions in first strategic echelon in West Germany and 44 divisions in second echelon.

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[Miscellaneous Intelligence]

1. At the end of November 1978 Soviet Defense Minister USTINOV conducted a strategic exercise under the cryptonym "CENTR" ["CENTER"] on the territory of the German Democratic Republic. The following is the verbal report of Major General ANTOS in which he confidentially informed General JARUZELSKI that:

At the start of the war the enemy made a penetration up to 200-300 km. On the 20th day of the war "East" forces shifted to strategic operations in the theater. Nuclear strikes took place on the 28th day of the war.

Phase I--warning strikes executed by the "West" in a belt up to 100 km in depth--only against military installations;

Phase II, 4 hours later--first mass nuclear strike by the "East."

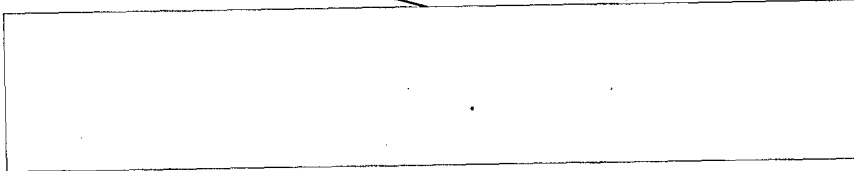
The latter strike was executed in two salvos: the first salvo was the initial salvo and 4 hours later, the second salvo.

On the 51st day an offensive operation was developed in France and the forces advanced to within 100 km of the Spanish border.

The Polish front: One army (of six divisions) seized Jutland, after which the troops were lifted to Norway where they met with the Soviet front attacking from the North.

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"West's" first strategic echelon on the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany consisted of 56 divisions, of which 12 were armored. The second echelon consisted of 44 divisions; these were French forces, as well as those which were lifted from the USA and Great Britain.

China entered the war on the 26th day on the side of the "West."

Troops of the Polish Armed Forces landed in Lolland and Langeland and only afterward on Sjaelland from the Southwest.

By the 50th day of the war the losses of the Polish front reached 65-70 percent.

The subordination of Warsaw Pact forces to the commanders in chief of the [military] theaters took place at the moment the state of "threat of war" was introduced.

The subordination of the National Air Defense Forces took place already before the outbreak of war.

The national reserves of material means were placed at the disposal of the Commander in Chief of the Combined Armed Forces in the Theater of Military Operations.

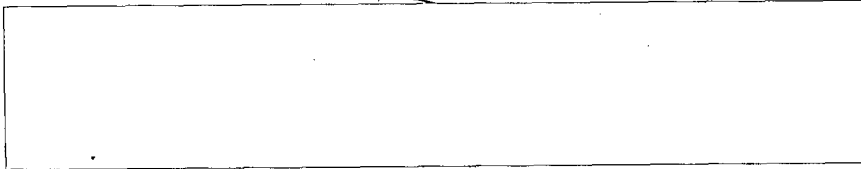
The front did not include an air army, only air force elements such as, for instance, missile forces. The air staff was located in the area of the front command post.

2. The USSR Ministry of Defense coupled the introduction of a new system of command of the USSR Armed Forces with the appointment of General of the Army PETROV to the position of Commander in Chief of the Far Eastern Theater of Military Operations.

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3. The "ALBATROS" ["ALBATROSS"] installation is being expanded at its present site. The local population (mainly forest workers) will not be resettled but will be encouraged to cooperate in protecting the installation in return for payment.

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