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MEMORANDUM	FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
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	Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT	: Official Record and Other Documents of the Twelfth Session of the Warsaw Pact
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Official Record and Other Documents of the Twelfth Session of the Warsaw Pact Committee of Defense Ministers

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Summary:

The following report is a translation from Russian of three TOP SECRET and SECRET documents pertaining to the 12th session of the Warsaw Pact Committee of Defense Ministers held in Warsaw in early December 1979. The Official Record of the session enumerates the items on its agenda and summarizes the decision adopted by the Committee with respect to each item. Of principal interest is the decision to approve, over Romanian dissent, the draft statute governing the wartime organization and activities of the Warsaw Pact's Combined Armed Forces. Other major decisions deal with measures to be taken in the Combined Armed Forces in response to Brezhnev's peace initiatives of October 1979, the establishment in Warsaw Pact countries of a unified warning system relating to nuclear strikes, the allocation of industrial plant capacity in Warsaw Pact countries for the wartime rehabilitation of weapons and combat equipment, and the Soviet-drafted statute on coordinating Warsaw Pact actions in providing military-technical assistance to developing countries. The final document in this report represents the proposed agenda for the 13th session of the Committee to be held at the end of this year in Bucharest.

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6 December 1979

Warsaw

The Twelfth Session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact member states was held on 4-6 December 1979.

The following members of the Committee of Defense Ministers participated in the session:

- -- Minister of National Defense of the People's Republic of Bulgaria General of the Army D. DZHUROV;
- -- Minister of Defense of the Hungarian People's Republic General of the Army L. CZINEGE;
- -- Minister for National Defense of the German Democratic Republic General of the Army H. HOFFMANN;
- -- Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic General of the Army W. JARUZELSKI;
- -- Minister of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania Colonel General I. COMAN;
- -- Minister of Defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Marshal of the Soviet Union D.F. USTINOV;
- -- Minister of National Defense of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic General of the Army M. DZUR;

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- -- Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States Marshal of the Soviet Union V.G. KULIKOV:
- -- Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces/First Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States General of the Army A.I. GRIBKOV.

The session of the Committee of Defense Ministers was chaired by Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic General of the Army W. JARUZELSKI.

The Committee of Defense Ministers examined the following items:

1. Steps taken in the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states in connection with the new peace initiatives set forth in Comrade L.I. BREZHNEV's speech in Berlin on 6 October 1979.

Report of Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces Marshal of the Soviet Union V.G. KULIKOV.

2. The draft "Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime."

Report of Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces Marshal of the Soviet Union V.G. KULIKOV.

3. The establishment of a unified system of warning the Warsaw Pact member states about nuclear strikes.

Report of the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the USSR, Colonel General of Engineer Troops V.K. PIKALOV.

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4. The allocation of industrial and maintenance facilities of the Warsaw Pact member states for the rehabilitation of weapons and combat equipment in the course of an operation in a theater of military operations.

Reports of the representative of the Ministry for National Defense of the German Democratic Republic, Colonel General W. FLEISSNER, and of the representative of the Ministry of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Colonel General V. IONEL.

5. The draft "Statute on the Coordination of Actions Taken by Warsaw Pact Member States in Implementing Military-Technical Cooperation with Developing Countries."

Briefing by the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the USSR, Colonel General N.A. ZOTOV

6. Progress of the preparations and measures to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Pact Organization.

Briefing by the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces, General of the Army A.I. GRIBKOV.

7. The agenda and time for convening the thirteenth session of the Committee of Defense Ministers.

Briefing by the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces, General of the Army A.I. GRIBKOV.

The following spoke on the first item: Comrades D. DZHUROV, L. CZINEGE, H. HOFFMANN, W. JARUZELSKI, I. COMAN, D.F. USTINOV, M. DZUR, A.I. GRIBKOV. Comrade D. DZHUROV spoke again and Comrade V.G. KULIKOV made the concluding remarks.

The following spoke on the second item: Comrades D. DZHUROV, L. CZINEGE, H. HOFFMANN, W. JARUZELSKI, I. COMAN, D.F. USTINOV, M. DZUR, A.I. GRIBKOV. Comrades D. DZHUROV, H. HOFFMANN, L. CZINEGE, I. COMAN, and W. JARUZELSKI spoke again and V.G. KULIKOV made the concluding remarks.

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The following spoke on the third item: Comrades Kh. RADONOV, I. OLAH, F. STRELETZ, F. SIWICKI, I. COMAN, S.F. AKHROMEYEV, M. BLAHNIK.

The following spoke on the fourth item: Comrades B. TODOROV, I. OLAH, Z. NOWAK, N.N. ALEKSEYEV, F. HANZAL, I.A. FABRIKOV.

The following spoke on the fifth item: Comrades D. DZHUROV, L. CZINEGE, F. STRELETZ, W. JARUZELSKI, I. COMAN, D.F. USTINOV, M. DZUR.

In the course of discussing the reports and exchanging opinions on the aforementioned items, the Committee of Defense Ministers adopted the following decisions:

The First Item

The Committee of Defense Ministers, having examined the item "Steps Taken in the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States in Connection with the New Peace Initiatives Set Forth in Comrade L.I. BREZHNEV's Speech in Berlin on 6 October 1979," observes that the Soviet Union's initiatives which were coordinated with all the Warsaw Pact member states are a major new step toward resolving the problem of military detente and disarmament and are directed toward creating genuine conditions for strengthening peace and security in Europe and the entire world. They have been received with approval in the fraternal countries of the socialist commonwealth and by the peoples of other countries.

However, in a number of NATO countries, together with the recognition of the positive character of the Soviet initiatives, farfetched arguments are as usual being sought in order to minimize their significance so as to implement dangerous plans for locating new American medium-range missile/nuclear weapons in Western Europe.

The adoption of a decision to locate such weapons in a number of countries in Western Europe would change the military-political atmosphere and the strategic situation on the European continent as a whole, which might require further

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discussion of the situation which has arisen and the adoption of necessary measures.

The Committee of Defense Ministers:

- 1. Unanimously supports in full the new peace initiatives set forth in Comrade L.I. BREZHNEV's speech in Berlin on 6 October 1979.
 - 2. Instructs the national and Combined commands:
- a) in the troops and navies to explain the Soviet Union's peace initiatives which have been coordinated with the Warsaw Pact member states and their tremendous importance for the further development of confidence among states and peoples, and for the preservation and strengthening of peace.

To implement measures for mobilizing personnel to completely accomplish existing tasks and to maintain a high level of vigilance and effectiveness of combat training, [as well as measures] for further strengthening the military cooperation and combat effectiveness of the armies of the Warsaw Pact member states.

- b) to improve the mutual exchange of information pertaining to the evaluation of the military-political situation in the European theaters of military operations between the general (main) staffs of the allied armies and the Staff of the Combined Armed Forces in the interests of enhancing vigilance and of detecting in good time the preparations to locate new American nuclear means in Western Europe and other aggressive designs of NATO;
- c) to ensure extensive participation of the leadership of the allied armies in propaganda for the peace initiatives among the personnel of the national armed forces.

To place special emphasis in this work on the fact that the realization of the coordinated steps and measures of the Warsaw Pact member states which are directed toward strengthening peace must of necessity be combined with maintaining a high level of combat readiness of the Armed Forces and with improving the state

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of technical equipping of the troops and navies. To bear in mind that the peace initiatives must not give rise to complacency and pacifism but, on the contrary, must sharpen the class consciousness of the allied armies' personnel regarding irreconcilability to imperialism and its militaristic plans and actions.

The Second Item

The Committee of Defense Ministers, having heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces on the draft "Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime," observes that the draft Statute has been drawn up in strict accordance with the principles of the Warsaw Pact and with the decision of the Warsaw Pact member states adopted at the 1978 Moscow meeting of the Political Consultative Committee.

The Committee of Defense Ministers RESOLVES:

- 1. To approve the draft "Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime."
- 2. To instruct the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces to submit the draft "Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime" for ratification by the Warsaw Pact member states in 1980.

The Minister of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Colonel General I, COMAN, declared that he "does not agree with the decision on this item of the agenda, since the draft 'Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime' in the form presented at the present session needs to be improved in order to completely adhere to the principles of military-political cooperation envisaged in the Warsaw Pact concluded in 1955 and in the documents subsequently adopted by all Warsaw Pact member states,

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The viewpoint of the Minister of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania was stated at the session and was communicated earlier to the Combined Command in writing with specific proposals for each article."

Members of the Committee of Defense Ministers Comrades D. DZHUROV, L. CZINEGE, H. HOFFMANN, W. JARUZELSKI, D.F. USTINOV, M. DZUR, V.G. KULIKOV, and A.I. GRIBKOV categorically rejected the statement of Comrade I. COMAN, since it is not in accord with reality. The draft "Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime" was drawn up in strict accordance with the Pact of Friendship, Cooperation, and Mutual Assistance concluded in 1955 in Warsaw and with the decision of the Warsaw Pact member states adopted at the 23 November 1978 meeting of the Political Consultative Committee.

The Third Item

The Committee of Defense Ministers, having heard the report on "The Establishment of a Unified System of Warning the Warsaw Pact Member States about Nuclear Strikes," observes that in present-day conditions a solution of the problem concerning efficient collection, processing, and distribution of data on the employment of nuclear weapons by the enemy and its aftereffects is a complex and important task.

The measures which were carried out in the last two years in keeping with the plans of the Combined Command have assisted in working out some aspects of this problem in a practical way, particularly in the organization of cooperation among forces and means of fixing nuclear bursts, radiation reconnaissance, and collecting and processing data on the nuclear and radiation situation. At the same time, the absence of a unified automated system of warning the Warsaw Pact member states about the employment of nuclear weapons by the enemy and its aftereffects can substantially lower the effectiveness of warning the troops and population and controlling troops and Civil Defense forces and means in a complex situation.

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The Committee of Defense Ministers RESOLVES:

- 1. To request that the Ministry of Defense of the USSR together with the ministries of defense of the allied states and the Command of the Combined Armed Forces draw up during 1980:
- a) the operational-tactical requirements for a unified automated system of warning the Warsaw Pact member states and proposals for its practical development by the joint efforts of allied countries and to submit them for approval by the Committee of Defense Ministers, after which the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces is to make a report to the governments of the Warsaw Pact member states for their ratification;
- b) a unified coordination plan for the further development of mathematical and programming support [software] to establish and evaluate the aftereffects of the employment of nuclear weapons by the enemy;
- c) a provisional Statute on the procedure for warning the Warsaw Pact member states about nuclear strikes on the basis of existing forces and means, including those of Civil Defense, and, after approval by the Committee of Defense Ministers, to put it into effect in 1981.
- 2. On the basis of the unified tactical-technical requirements of the Technical Committee of the Combined Armed Forces, to continue improving those forces and means which are in service in the national armies for fixing nuclear bursts, radiation reconnaissance, and processing and distributing information about nuclear strikes.
- 3. In order to work out methods of efficient collection and collation of data and dissemination of information about enemy nuclear strikes and their aftereffects, the national and Combined commands are to provide for the conduct of special training practices and combined tactical-special exercises for the forces and means of the armies of the Warsaw Pact member states with the participation of Civil Defense organs.

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The Fourth Item

The Committee of Defense Ministers, having examined the item about the allocation of industrial and maintenance facilities of the Warsaw Pact member states for the rehabilitation of weapons and combat equipment in the course of an operation in a theater of military operations, points out its urgency and the need to draw up coordinated measures for improving interaction and developing cooperation among the allied countries and armies in this area.

The Committee of Defense Ministers RESOLVES:

1. The general (main) staffs together with the deputy defense ministers for armament are to draw up proposals for the further improvement of cooperation among allied armies in accomplishing the tasks of rehabilitating weapons and combat equipment in the course of an operation in a theater of military operations, for principles to coordinate maintenance and rehabilitation work in a theater of military operations in support of the Combined Armed Forces, and for forms of cooperation between military organs, on one hand, and industry and other branches of the national economy of the allied countries, on the other.

To take into account in the proposals:

- -- the amounts of weapons and combat equipment expected to be put out of commission in the course of an operation and the requirements for their rehabilitation;
- -- a high enough increase in existing industrial plant capacity and the allocation of industrial enterprises to do repair work;
- -- provision of the maintenance organs and allocated industrial enterprises with technical documentation, equipment, accessory items, materials, and skilled personnel.

To forward the proposals of the general (main) staffs to the Staff of the Combined Armed Forces by 1 April 1981.

2. On the basis of the proposals of the general (main) staffs, the Staff and Technical Committee of the Combined Armed Forces are to draw up measures for rehabilitating weapons and

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combat equipment in the course of an operation in a theater of military operations, for carrying out needed preparatory work in the theaters and, after they have been approved, to forward them as recommendations to the allied armies.

3. To perform the work indicated in points 1 and 2 of the present decision in accordance with the "Plans of Combined Measures for Developing the Weapons and Equipment of the Warsaw Pact Member States" in close cooperation with the CEMA Permanent Commission for the Defense Industry, using the forms of cooperation which have taken shape among our countries and armies.

The Fifth Item

The Committee of Defense Ministers, having heard the briefing of the representative of the USSR Ministry of Defense, Colonel General N.A. ZOTOV, on the draft "Statute on the Coordination of Actions Taken by Warsaw Pact Member States in Implementing Military-Technical Cooperation with Developing Countries," takes cognizance of it and RESOLVES:

to approve the aforementioned draft "Statute" and recommend that it be submitted for ratification by the governments of the Warsaw Pact member states.

The Sixth Item

The Committee of Defense Ministers, having heard the briefing by the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces, General of the Army A.I. GRIBKOV, on "The Progress of Preparations and Measures to Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Warsaw Pact Organization," takes cognizance of it and approves the measures set forth in it in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Pact Organization.

The Seventh Item

The next (thirteenth) session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact member states is to be chaired by

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the Minister of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania in November-December 1980 in Bucharest,

At the session the following items will be considered:

1. An analysis of the state of the NATO infrastructure and the need to further improve the preparation of the territories of Warsaw Pact countries from the operational standpoint.

Report of the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States.

2. An exchange of experience in training military personnel in military and civilian educational institutions.

Reports of representatives of the Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic.

3. Progress in fulfilling the decision of the 8th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers concerning the automation of troop control and the directions of further work in this area.

Reports of representatives of the Ministry of Defense of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Ministry of National Defense of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

4. Fulfillment of the decision of the 12th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers concerning "The Establishment of a Unified System of Warning the Warsaw Pact Member States about Nuclear Strikes."

Report of a representative of the Ministry of Defense of the USSR.

5. The agenda for the 14th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers and tentative items for examination at subsequent sessions.

Briefing by the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States.

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The text of a radio, television, and press release on the results of the 12th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact member states has been unanimously adopted.

The session of the Committee of Defense Ministers was held in a businesslike atmosphere and in a spirit of mutual understanding.

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General of the Army

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AGENDA

of the 12th Session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact Member States, 3-6 December 1979 in Warsaw

(Central European Time)

Chairman - the Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic

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Till 1200	Arrival of members of the Committee of Defense Ministers and delegations from allied armies in Warsaw
1400-on	As planned by the Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic
1700-on	Working meetings of the delegations and time as planned by the Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic
	First day of session - 4 December (Tuesday)
0800-0820 20 min.	Opening of session, approval of agenda and order of business
0820-0850 30 min.	Report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, Marshal of the Soviet Union V.G. KULIKOV. on "Steps Taken in the Combined Armed Forces in Connection with the New Peace Initiatives Set Forth in Comrade L.I. BREZHNEV's Speech in Berlin on 6 October 1979"

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0850-0950 1 hr.	Presentations of Committee members on the first item
0950-1010 20 min.	Break
1010-1140 1 hr. 30 min.	Continuation of presentations and adoption of decision on the first item
1140-1200 20 min.	Break
1200-1230 30 min.	Report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Armed Forces, Marshal of the Soviet Union V.G. KULIKOV, on "The Draft Statute on the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact Member States and Their Organs of Command for Wartime"
1230-1330 1 hr.	Presentations of Committee members on the second item
1330-1500 1 hr. 30 min.	Break for dinner
1500-1700 2 hrs.	Continuation of presentations and adoption of decision on the second item
1700-on	Working meetings of the delegations and time as planned by the Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic
	Second day of session - 5 December (Wednesday)
0800-0830 30 min.	Report of the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the USSR, Colonel General V.K. PIKALOV, on "The Establishment of a Unified System of Warning the Warsaw Pact Member States about Nuclear Strikes"

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0830-1000 1 hr. 30 min.	Presentations of Committee members on the third item
1000-1020 20 min.	Break
1020-1120 1 hr.	Continuation of presentations and adoption of decision on the third item
1120-1150 30 min.	Report of a representative of the Ministry of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania on "The Allocation of Industrial and Maintenance Facilities of the Warsaw Pact Member States for the Rehabilitation of Weapons and Combat Equipment in the Course of an Operation in a Theater of Military Operations"
1150-1220 30 min.	Report of a representative of the Ministry for National Defense of the German Democratic Republic on the same item
1220-1240 20 min.	Break
1240-1330 50 min.	Presentations of Committee members on the fourth item
1330-1500 1 hr. 30 min.	Break for dinner
1500-1630 1 hr. 30 min.	Continuation of presentations and adoption of decision on the fourth item
1630-1645 15 min.	Break

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1645-1700 15 min.	Briefing by the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the USSR, Colonel General N.A. ZOTOV, on "The Draft Statute on the Coordination of Actions Taken by Warsaw Pact Member States in Implementing Military-Technical Cooperation with Developing Countries"
1700-1830 1 hr. 30 min.	Presentations of Committee members and adoption of decision on the fifth item
1830-1850 20 min.	Break
1850-1900 10 min.	Briefing by the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces, General of the Army A.I. GRIBKOV, on the agenda for the 13th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers. Examination and approval of the agenda
1900-1920 20 min.	Coordination of the text of the press release on the work of the 12th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers
1920-on	Time as planned by members of the Committee of Defense Ministers
	Third day of session - 6 December (Thursday)
0900-0930 30 min.	Signing of Official Record of the 12th Session of the Committee of Defense Ministers
0930-0940 10 min.	Concluding remarks by the Chairman - the Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic, General of the Army W. JARUZELSKI
0940-0950* 10 min.	Presentation by the Chairman at the next, 13th, session of the Committee of Defense Ministers the Minister of National Defense of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Colonel General I, COMAN

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During the session it is planned to present for signing to the defense ministers of the allied countries the protocol regarding approval of the budget of the Combined Command for 1980.

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for the 13th Session of the Committee of Defense Ministers of the Warsaw Pact Member States (Bucharest, 1980)

1. An analysis of the state of the NATO infrastructure and the need to further improve the preparation of the territories of the Warsaw Pact countries from the operational standpoint.

Report of the Chief of Staff of the Combined Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact member states.

2. An exchange of experience in training military personnel in military and civilian educational institutions.

Reports of representatives of the Ministry of National Defense of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic.

3. Progress in fulfilling the decision of the 8th session of the Committee of Defense Ministers concerning the automation of troop control and the directions of further work in this area.

Reports of representatives of the Ministry of Defense of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Ministry of National Defense of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

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