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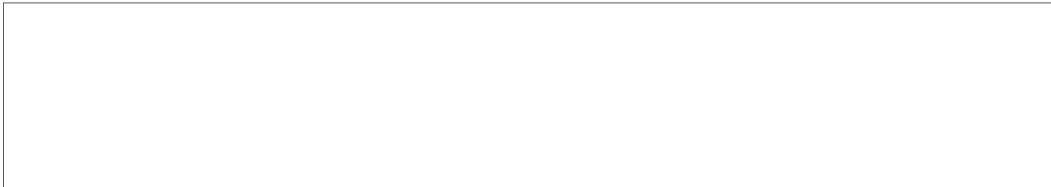
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## PREFACE

This Interagency Intelligence Memorandum was prepared under the aegis of the National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces with the collaboration and concurrence of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency. The memorandum assesses Warsaw Pact ground and air force manpower in Central Europe (East Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia). It was produced in support of the US effort to negotiate a mutual and balanced force reduction (MBFR) agreement and to establish the US position on the size of the Pact forces in the reduction area.

The figures in the memorandum represent the estimated numerical strength, as of 1 January 1980, of all Warsaw Pact personnel that the United States and NATO currently define as military servicemen subject to MBFR negotiation: that is, "all active-duty uniformed military servicemen, except naval personnel, in the area of reductions." The rounded figures depict the US estimate of the number of military personnel assigned to the roster of Pact units in Central Europe at the beginning of 1980 and are not intended to represent the number of personnel authorized or available for duty on one particular day.

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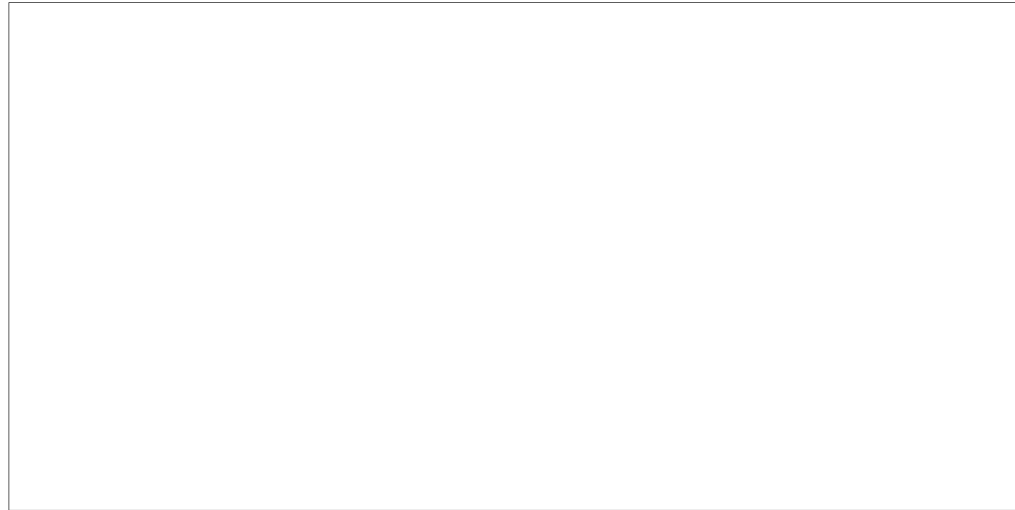
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**Table I**  
**SUMMARY**

**A. WARSAW PACT MANPOWER IN THE MBFR REDUCTION AREA,  
DIVIDED BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR FORCES.**

(All East European national air defense personnel are counted as air manpower,  
and all Pact helicopter personnel in units supporting ground forces are counted as  
ground manpower.)

	Ground	Air	Total
Soviet	479,000	57,000	536,000
GDR	115,500	38,500	154,000
Poland	227,500	91,500	319,000
Czechoslovakia	150,000	53,000	203,000
Total Warsaw Pact	972,000	240,000	1,212,000



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**Table II**  
**SOVIET FORCES, MBFR REDUCTION AREA**

**A. SUMMARY OF SOVIET FORCES**

<u>Forces</u>	<u>Manning</u>
Ground Forces	479,000
Air Forces	57,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>536,000</i>

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**Table III**  
**EAST GERMAN FORCES**

**A. SUMMARY OF EAST GERMAN FORCES**

<u>Forces</u>	<u>Manning</u>
Ground Forces	115,500
Air/Air Defense Forces	<u>38,500</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>154,000</i>

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**Table IV**  
**POLISH FORCES**

**A. SUMMARY OF POLISH FORCES**

<u>Forces</u>	<u>Manning</u>
Ground Forces	227,500
Air Forces	42,500
Air Defense Forces <sup>a</sup>	49,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>319,000</i>

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Table V  
CZECHOSLOVAK FORCES

A. SUMMARY OF CZECHOSLOVAK FORCES

<u>Forces</u>	<u>Manning</u>
Ground Forces	150,000
Air Forces	28,000
Air Defense Forces <sup>a</sup>	25,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>203,000</i>

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## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

AAA—Antiaircraft artillery	Mech—mechanized
Acft—aircraft	Med—medical
Acq—acquisition	Misc—miscellaneous
Ad—air defense	MND—Ministry of National Defense
Admin—administrative	MP—military police
AF—air force	
Afld—airfield	NADC—national air defense command
Arty—artillery	NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organization
	NGF—Northern Group of Forces
Bde—brigade	No.—northern
Bmb—bomber	
Bn—battalion	PAF—Polish Air Force
	Plt—platoon
CAF—Czechoslovak Air Force	POL—petrol (gasoline), oil, and lubricants
CGF—Central Group of Forces	PRTB—mobile technical repair base
Cmd—command	(from the Russian <i>podvizhnaya remontnaya</i>
Co—company	<i>tekhnicheskaya baza</i> )
Comms—communications	
Const—construction	Recce—reconnaissance
CSSR—Czechoslovak Socialist Republic	R&D—research and development
	Rgt—regiment
Det—detachment	RR—railroad
Div—division	
	SA—shock army
ECM—electronic countermeasures	SAF—Soviet Air Force
Engr—engineer	SAM—surface-to-air missile
	Sig—signals
Ftr—fighter	SIGINT—signals intelligence
	So.—southern
GCI—ground-controlled intercept	Spt—support
GDR—German Democratic Republic	Sqdn—squadron
GSFG—Group of Soviet Forces, Germany	SSM—surface-to-surface missile
GTA—guards tank army	
	TAA—tactical air army
Hel—helicopter	TAF—tactical air force
Hq—headquarters	Tech—technical
	TEL—transporter-erector-launcher
Ind—independent	Tgt—target
Insp—inspector	Tng—training
Intel—intelligence	Trans—transport, transportation
Maint—maintenance	U/I—unidentified
MBFR—mutual and balanced force reduction	
MD—military district	WSW—Warsaw

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## DEFINITION OF ROUNDING RULES

All personnel figures in this memorandum have been subjected to the following rounding rules except for those estimates of ground maneuver divisions and air combat regiments—estimates in which there is the highest confidence:

<u>Estimated figures in range</u>	<u>Rounded to nearest</u>
1 through 49	5
50 through 249	25
250 through 999	50
1,000 through 4,999	100
5,000 through 9,999	250
10,000 and greater	500



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