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Political Conditions

1. Ruling Groups

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[Redacted] the system functioned exactly like a military organization. Everything was done through channels. Any information to be passed on to the lowest unit of an organization was sent down through the various intermediary units and any move initiated by the lowest units had to receive the approval of the top echelon through channels. This chain of command, although operating splendidly, [Redacted] is

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50X1 a deterrent in affecting any great changes in Poland. [redacted] absolutely no changes. However, unusually high tension was widespread in all departments and throughout all government agencies. No one knew exactly what to say or what might happen after the death of Stalin. Fear, it seemed, gripped most of the officials.

50X1 Every organization in Poland is subordinate to the Communist Party, i.e. PZPR (Polish United Workers' Party), not functionally but politically. No moves are made [redacted] by any government agency regardless of its level without the knowledge and approval of that Party. A member of the PZPR Executive works with the mass organizations such as the ZMP (Association of Polish Youths), LK (Women's League), LPZ (League of Soldiers' Friends), and the CRZZ (Central Council of Trade Unions). The Party, in maintaining contact with the various mass organizations, alleged that it does not dictate any policy or issue any directives but merely gives guidance. [redacted] despite the PZPR official pronouncements regarding its function as an advisor, everyone knows that it is really the top agency, the controlling force.

50X1 After Stalin's death the press devoted much space to the fact that people requested admission into the Party. [redacted] the situation was entirely different, however.

50X1 [redacted] Of the 350 officials in the Ministry of Power [redacted] not [redacted] even one [redacted] had asked to be admitted into the Party. The 80 or 90 men [redacted] were already Party members before Stalin's death.

50X1 A powerful whip wielded by the various agencies in Poland, from the ministries down to the lowest level, is the so-called Paragraph 32 of the Code [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] This Paragraph may be used and is used to keep employees in line. According to the provisions of Paragraph 32, an employer who for any reason whatsoever wants to get rid of an employee can easily do so. Some of the provisions of that Paragraph constituting grounds for dismissal are disloyalty, laziness, uncooperativeness, tardiness, and hundreds of other unimportant causes. The application of this Paragraph can cause quite a bit of discomfort and hardship to an employee. The employer can very easily discharge an employee. As a result the employee loses his right to the housing furnished by this or that ministry. It does not mean, however, that he will lose his housing facilities completely, but it does mean that he may be moved out into the outskirts and receive comparatively bad living quarters. In addition to that, when applying for a job somewhere else he will find it difficult to get employment because the information concerning his past will be transferred to the new employer.

Because of the check and double check from top to bottom and vice versa any suggestion of a change in the government would be readily known.

50X1 [redacted] Boleslaw BIERUT did not lose any power as a result of the governmental reorganization following the October 1952 elections. Although his title had been changed from that of President of the Polish Peoples' Republic to that of Chairman of the Council of Ministers, i.e. Prime Minister, he did not surrender any power; if anything, he became stronger. He is still the First Secretary of the PZPR. Incidentally, his name of BIERUT was, according to rumors, derived by combining the first syllable of two other Polish names -- Bie of Biernacki, his mother's name; and the rut of Rutkowski, his real family name.

50X1 The [redacted] the following men [redacted] comprising the elite of the ruling group in Poland: ZAWADZKI (Chairman of the Council of State), Edward OCHAB, JEDRYCHOWSKI, SZYR, SKRZESZEWSKI, BERMAN, and Tadeusz GEDE. It is self-evident [redacted] that BIERUT and ROKOSSOWSKI head this group.

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50X1 It appears that JEDRYCHOWSKI and GEDE are steadily growing in power.

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50X1 Hilary MINC of the State Economic Planning Commission appears to be on the downgrade. The [redacted] deputy, SZYR, holds the reins in that office. For instance, all correspondence sent from the Ministry of Power to the State Economic Planning Commission was, for the past year or so, addressed to SZYR and not to MINC.

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[redacted] MINC fell into disfavor after issuing the report in the fall of 1952 -- on the extent of the capital investments and the much-too-rapid tempo of collectivization of the village. Despite the reasonableness of his theory, the government condemned his statements as not being in line with the planned policy. For several months after making the pronouncements MINC was supposed to be ill. Rumors had it that he was ousted, that he was imprisoned, et cetera. However, he is back at the job but no longer is he the guiding light in the State Economic Planning Commission. The state recognizes his abilities and considers him as an outstanding economist but is retaining him only as an advisor.

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[redacted] whereas GOMULKA was a somewhat fearless, self-assertive person who remained adamant in his decisions, MINC is tractable and willing to carry out the state and Party directives even though he personally objects to them. He is permitted to remain as the nominal head of the State Economic Planning Commission but without any voice in policy making. Moreover, if someone could be found who possesses MINC's know-how, MINC without doubt would be thrown out.

2. Controls

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[redacted] the Soviets would come occasionally but only in an advisory capacity -- and at the invitation of the Minister. [redacted] the older ministries had permanent Soviet advisors; however, [redacted] The Soviets try to be extremely discreet in those matters, realizing that they are not welcome in Poland.

As a rule, also, Soviet experts are present at the various sessions of the PKPG (State Economic Planning Commission) to help set up projects and plans in Poland; however, these experts are there at the invitation of one of the departments or ministries. Every director really welcomes the proposals, advice, and suggestions of the Soviets at the drafting table, not so much because he values their expert aid but simply because a Soviet signature affixed to the proposals and plans can

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offer him a large measure of security and can easily absolve him from any guilt in the event something goes askew in the implementation of those plans. In a system wherein someone must take the ultimate blame, as is the case in Poland, it is desirable to have the Soviet experts to fall back on. 50X1

Then again, [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] every other Pole knows that the strong hand in Moscow moves its pawns in Poland to suit Moscow's whims.

50X1 [redacted] did not observe any change in tactics or propaganda in Poland after Stalin's death; the same old line is still preached: steadily increasing and continuous vigilance, preparedness against attack by the West. There are the ceaseless, close checks by the UB (Security Police).

50X1 On the point of constant vigilance, [redacted]

50X1 In May 1953 a 28-year-old ZMP member [redacted] had attended a political training course at the headquarters of the provincial committee of the PZPR in Warsaw. The Party speaker told the audience that they must constantly be on guard to ferret out Poland's enemies and to see to it that they are brought before the court of justice. The speaker said that the enemy works in many devious ways and that the citizenry of Poland should never let its guard down. The enemy lurks everywhere.



50X1 [redacted] Soviets were in [redacted] industries in large numbers and were firmly entrenched. [redacted]



3. Security



50X1 10,000 [redacted] plain clothes militia throughout Warsaw. [redacted] there are



50X1 [redacted] the pay was extremely low (amount not mentioned)



50X1 [redacted] there is no Pole now who does not have a personal identification card. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] the ID card was made of olive cloth material and that it was either lacquered or impregnated.

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[redacted] No cameras were ever allowed at the frontiers.

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[redacted] if a person were an excellent skier and knew the terrain he could very easily flee into Czechoslovakia without being detected.

4. Resistance

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[redacted] the personnel chief from some unnamed bureau in Gdansk intended to go to Bialystok in June 1953 to settle some official matters; however, he decided against that trip because he had heard that gangs hiding out in the woods near Bialystok had been attacking travellers.

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[redacted] hospital [redacted] in Katowice. [redacted] about one half of the beds in that 30-bed ward were occupied by miners; there was a tremendous number of mine accidents. These accidents, however, are never published -- no one ever dares to discuss them. [redacted] the miners complain very much about the lack of safety measures in the mines and the poor equipment that they must use. [redacted] young army boys are sent to the mines mainly to set a pace. These young boys work hard and very fast; they raise the norms and thereby make it difficult for older miners to maintain the pace and fulfill their norms. This speed-up results in less and less concern for the miners' welfare. [redacted] miners are very disgruntled about the situation.

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[redacted] The poor quality production and the increased number of rejects are the result of the general speed-up and the endeavor to fulfill norms for premiums; they cannot be attributed to sabotage. There may be a case here and there of sabotage, or intentional poor workmanship, but [redacted] these incidents are rare.

Plans must be fulfilled, and in their fulfillment quality suffers; the haphazard nature of production is due to the urgency of meeting the time and norm requirements. Even despite the shortage of necessary materials, the product will go on the market. [redacted] no one takes any interest in his work.

5. Status of the Church

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[redacted] the churches were always crowded; they were much more crowded now than before the war. [redacted] the present attendance in the churches has increased about 30% over that in prewar Poland. [redacted] attributed [redacted] increased attendance to two factors: (a) the people regard the Church as a bulwark of opposition to the regime; and (b) it is natural for a person to seek solace in religion in times of stress. [redacted]

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50X1 [redacted] the position of the Church [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] the late Cardinal Sapieha's funeral in July 1951.
 50X1 Cardinal Sapieha's body was lying in state for three days and two
 50X1 nights in a church located near the Wawel in Krakow.

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 50X1 There was very little space devoted to the Cardinal's obituary in the
 Polish press. Announcement of the funeral was not broadcast; yet, the
 funeral attracted about 300,000 people, a figure which is equal to the
 total population of Krakow.

50X1 When the body was taken to the Wawel at 1600 hours on the third day,
 50X1 [redacted] the militia behaved very discreetly and [redacted]
 50X1 they tried hard to be as inconspicuous as possible. [redacted]
 50X1 marvelous order and discipline among the people throughout the entire
 50X1 funeral procession. [redacted] this orderly behavior of the people
 50X1 and the scarcity and inconspicuousness of the militia at this funeral
 50X1 [redacted] point out the difference between the behavior at this ceremony
 50X1 and [redacted] the May 1 or other similar state parades. During those
 50X1 state parades the militia was ubiquitous and the people were mauled,
 50X1 shoved, and treated like cattle; the masses were forced to be present
 50X1 at these affairs. The behavior at the funeral cortege, however, re-
 flected the solemnity and respect befitting a departed high church
 dignitary. What is more, attendance was not compulsory.

50X1 [redacted] Cardinal Sapieha's funeral, although a
 50X1 magnificent demonstration of the high regard of the Poles for the
 50X1 Cardinal, was at the same time one of the greatest anti-regime manifes-
 tations in postwar Poland.

50X1 [redacted] from a high Party official [redacted] Krakow is one bastion (of
 the Church) which will be difficult for the regime to wipe out.

50X1 [redacted] the present arrests of clergy in
 Poland will increase the people's opposition to the regime. [redacted]
 50X1 "What will the West do to help?" During periods of unrest, among them
 the present Church trial, the people -- vast numbers of them -- listen
 to foreign broadcasts in the hope of hearing some concrete words of
 encouragement from the West.

50X1 [redacted] "Priests-Patriots" in Poland.
 50X1 [redacted] only a few of the priests joined that organi-
 50X1 zation because they thought it was a truly patriotic one. Most of them
 50X1 joined because of political expediency, hoping thereby to help them-
 selves or the Church or both.

50X1 [redacted] Rev. Dr. SZYMECZKO [redacted] taught religion in the
 State Crafts School in Krakow from 1940-1945 [redacted]
 50X1 At that time Rev. Dr. SZYMECZKO was loved by all who knew him. He was
 well educated, intelligent, and extremely friendly. Strangely, this
 50X1 priest joined the "Priests-Patriots". [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] the priest
 50X1 seems to be struggling within himself, as though he realizes that he
 plunged in by mistake and now cannot extricate himself.

50X1 [redacted] the Poles will never agree to the subjugation of the
 50X1 Church. [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] armed opposition is out of the question.
 50X1 However, with proper timing the Americans could enter the scene and save
 the situation.

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6. Status of Jews

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Immediately after the war in 1945 there was no antipathy toward the Jews, [redacted] the Poles were very sympathetic toward them and treated them as a group which deserved much consideration. They realized the extent of the suffering which the Jews experienced. However, in time this sympathy gradually began to change and now has grown to a point of bitter hatred toward the Jewry. [redacted] following

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reasons for this change of attitude of the Poles toward the Jews: (a) according to general Polish opinion there is no Jew in Poland who does not occupy some sort of government job regardless of his qualifications, be he stupid or unusually clever; and (b) all the Jews seem to fare well economically. They exhibit a tremendous amount of clannishness. Almost all of the Jews are in the Party; membership in the Party enables them to know the ins and outs of the Party operations, and they guide their behavior accordingly. [redacted]

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[redacted] Because of the close connection with the workings of the Party and government they know when to praise and when to condemn. They are in a position to take advantage of every opportunity.

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[redacted] if all the Jews were arrested in Poland, no Poles would now show any sympathy toward them. In fact the Poles would be very pleased. [redacted]

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There is no truth whatsoever to the rumors that the Jews are being discharged from offices in Poland, [redacted] in fact, their lot is improving daily in comparison with that of the Poles.

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The Jews did most of the talking at meetings and appeared to be the more ardent supporters of the regime, of the Party, and of the principles which are supposed to be advanced at those meetings. A great number of Jews are in the UB. [redacted]

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7. Recovered Territories

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[redacted] in the Pole is aware of the fact that the present borders in the West are not every permanent and that corrections will be made. The Poles realize that Poland does not have much to say in the matter of determining borders and that it is only a pawn of the world powers.

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The Polish regime is [redacted] making relatively few investments in the "Recovered Territories" in the West; perhaps the official opinion coincides with that of the Polish man in the street regarding the tenure of that territory.

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The regime is not making any improvements or carrying on any building in the East Prussian areas; the reason for that [redacted] is that that area is not profitable either agriculturally or industrially.

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Economic and Social Conditions

1. Living Conditions

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The higher officials of the government are driven to and from work. They have special medical dispensaries known as the "Omega", where they do not have to wait in line as the average Pole does at other dispensaries.

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[redacted] the members of the UB and the army officers still receive preferential treatment. They can shop in special, comparatively well-equipped stores where the prices are relatively lower and the goods are somewhat better.

Food poses quite a problem in Poland nowadays. [redacted]

[redacted] about 75% of the courses listed on a menu are unobtainable most of the time. The foods are tasteless and not nourishing because they contain no fat. [redacted] normal meal cost [redacted] 17 zlotys. It usually consisted of a bowl of watery soup, a very thin pork or veal cutlet, some boiled potatoes, and cabbage.

2. Medical Care

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Medicine has been completely socialized in Poland. Private treatment is still available but very rare [redacted] a doctor will make a private call only if he is a very good friend of the patient's. The doctors do not conduct private practice for two reasons: first, their state work consumes most of their time, and, second, the income derived from private practice is taxed very high.

Socialized medicine in Poland is not successful. The doctors are overworked; they have too many patients, and are occupied with an abnormal amount of bureaucratic formalities. The Source said he could not understand why it is that all the doctors are so unusually busy and yet the people are not able to receive the necessary medical attention. The number of patients is steadily increasing.

In case of illness a person must first go to his district doctor. There he may sit for three, four, or more hours before he is waited on. He may not even be waited on that day; it is quite normal for patients to spend two or more days before they are treated.

Then again, the patient will have difficulty in having his prescription filled at the pharmacy. The doctor may prescribe only medication contained on the list approved by the state; he may not prescribe foreign brand medications.

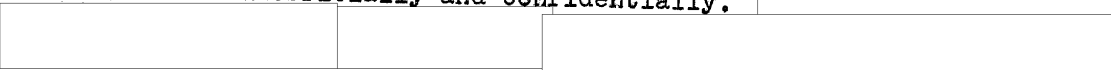
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Whenever a person goes to a pharmacy with a prescription, more often than not he will be given some substitute and will be told that the prescribed medication is unavailable at the time. Prescriptions are difficult to fill because, as a rule, a certain ingredient or two is always lacking. Quite often the doctors recommend medication from abroad because it is unavailable in Poland; such recommendations, however, are made unofficially and confidentially. [redacted]



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50X1 All hospitals are overcrowded. The average person must wait his turn
 50X1 to be admitted [redacted] Generally, seriously injured persons
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 50X1 space, they are often discharged from the hospital before they are
 50X1 completely cured. [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] the health services [redacted]
 50X1 described [redacted] as macabre.

3. Coal

50X1 [redacted] most of the Polish coal was
 50X1 being transported to the USSR. [redacted]
 50X1 the Polish coal industry produces about 70 million tons annually
 50X1 [redacted] The electrical power supply con-
 50X1 sumes only about 3% of it. Moreover, it uses a very low grade of coal,
 50X1 better known as sludge. The population uses very little coal. [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] bal to Czechoslovakia, Austr [redacted]
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Popular Attitudes

50X1 [redacted] comment regarding the types of Poles
 50X1 in Poland at the present time. [redacted] there are (1) the hypocrites
 50X1 and (2) the ignoramuses. The hypocrites [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] are those who are well aware of the situation in Poland
 50X1 and would like to see complete changes brought about but, because their
 50X1 hands are tied and they are helpless, play along with the situation.
 50X1 There are unfortunately a greater number of the second category who
 50X1 take as law everything that is said by the press, by the Party and by
 50X1 the regime. There were more of the second class in 1946, 1947 and
 50X1 1948. However, [redacted] more and more of these are falling
 50X1 into the hypocrite class. They read more but believe less.

50X1 [redacted] the reaction of the Poles at the "OTO AMERYKA"
 50X1 (This is America) exhibition in Warsaw last fall [redacted]
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50X1 [redacted] The faces of the visitors did not
 50X1 reflect the disgust intended to be evoked by the exhibitions depicting
 50X1 American brutality, lawlessness, dire straits of the unemployed, rule
 50X1 by Wall Street, et cetera. They appeared not to be impressed by the
 50X1 evils portrayed, but rather by the excellent possibilities that life
 50X1 offered in America. [redacted] following remarks at the
 50X1 exhibit displaying the articles that alleged American parachutists
 50X1 were supposed to have been caught with in northern Poland in the fall
 50X1 of 1952: "Just look at that clever little camera; isn't it amazing?"
 50X1 or "Look at that excellent cloth in that parachute", or "They certainly
 50X1 produce the best."

50X1 [redacted] President Eisenhower's speech of April
 50X1 16, 1953, [redacted] only fragments of that
 50X1 speech were reprinted in the Polish press from Pravda. [redacted]
 50X1 many people asked: "Why don't they print the entire speech in
 50X1 the newspaper?"

50X1 President Eisenhower's speech was discussed at mass meetings throughout
 50X1 Poland. The theme of the meetings [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] was that
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President Eisenhower was forced to utter those words under pressure of the growing "forces of peace".

50X1 The Polish regime is constantly sowing hatred toward the West, which in
50X1 practice is strictly a warlike policy. On the other hand, it preaches
peace. [redacted] it maintains consistency
in uttering inconsistencies.

50X1 [redacted] the average Pole does not place any faith in any
agreements contracted between the West and Moscow. Moscow's aim is
50X1 world domination, and any agreements contracted by her are not worth the
time and effort devoted to the drafting of those agreements. Moscow
should never be trusted [redacted]

50X1 The average Pole [redacted] did not place much importance
50X1 on President Eisenhower's speech because he is convinced that the West
cannot get together with Moscow -- that Moscow and the West are just
50X1 biding time.

[redacted] reaction of the Poles to President Eisen-
50X1 nower's reference to Poland's right of self-determination. [redacted]
50X1 the official reply was that Poland is already an independent
and free country; the people, on the other hand, were extremely delighted
50X1 to hear and read about the President's comments on that point.

50X1 [redacted] how the Polish soldiers would behave if war broke
out. [redacted] the soldiers' behavior would depend upon a given situation.
50X1 If there were all-Polish units which did not have any Soviet troops
immediately behind them, not one Polish soldier would fire on the Western
50X1 armies, especially on the American army. However, if the Polish army
is interspersed with Soviet soldiers, [redacted] the soldiers
50X1 would have no other recourse but to fire on the Western armies in order
to "save their own hides". [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] if a war did break out, it can be taken for granted that the Polish
units would be in the front lines, with the Russian officers and ele-
50X1 ments of the MVD closely behind them.

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50X1 The Polish boy nowadays enters the army unwillingly. The civilians
have no confidence in or respect for the army. They are all aware of
the fact that the officers in the Polish army are political agents, be
50X1 they Soviet or Polish officers. The Poles do not consider their army
as Polish. [redacted] the Polish soldier stems from the
peasantry or from the labor class; he knows that his family does not
50X1 fare well economically, that he is fighting for the USSR, and that the
USSR is responsible for the terrible fate of the Poles at present.

50X1 If and when the opportune moment arises, [redacted] the Polish
soldier will definitely attack the armies of the USSR. There is no love
50X1 for the Soviets in Poland.

50X1 [redacted] in Krakow in February 1945 when the Germans were evacu-
ating and the Red Army was entering that city [redacted] the Poles
50X1 felt sad -- very sad, strange as it may seem -- to see the Germans
leave. Under the Germans the Polish society remained a well-knit
entity; one could talk freely in his group against the Germans and
know that he would not be denounced. Under the German occupation the
50X1 Poles did not have to exercise too much caution because they knew their
enemies, the denouncers. The arrival of the Russians -- bitter, life-
long enemies of Poland -- was to usher in a period of cruel enslavement
and a police state system under which one's enemies would not be known.

When elements of the Polish army were entering Krakow from the east,
close on the heels of the Soviets, the people showed no enthusiasm
50X1 whatsoever. The people were aware that those Polish soldiers repre-
sented not Poland but the USSR.

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50X1 [redacted] Poland does not border a free, pro-
 American country. Were that the case, Poland would have been free and
 50X1 independent immediately after the war or soon thereafter. As it is, the
 Poles are steadily losing hope of liberation.
 50X1 [redacted] in discussing the chances of the USSR and the United States
 in the next war, felt that time was playing on the side of the USSR.
 50X1 [redacted] the intelligentsia [redacted] were of
 the opinion that the USSR would strike as soon as it was certain that
 50X1 it had perfected the atomic or hydrogen bomb and could catch the United
 States off guard. The USSR is working feverishly and sacrificing ten
 50X1 million or more people in an attempt to develop these atomic weapons.
 Although the USSR will have a smaller stockpile of these weapons and
 although these weapons will have been more crudely made than those of
 the United States, the USSR will make a surprise attack on the United
 50X1 States -- and in the next war the first move may be the decisive one.

Comments concerning Statements made by former Polish MIG Pilot,
 Lieutenant Jarecki, and Printed in the New York Herald Tribune, Paris
 Edition, on September 1, 1953.

50X1 On November 3, 1953, [redacted] Lieutenant
 50X1 Jarecki's statements [redacted] appeared in the above-mentioned newspaper
 under the heading of "A Formula for Polish Liberation".
 50X1 [redacted]
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1. ESTABLISH FREE ARMIES FOR EVERY SATELLITE COUNTRY

50X1 [redacted] the establishment of a Polish army within the framework of
 the United Nations [redacted] completely proper and even necessary. This move
 50X1 would find a very favorable reaction among the Poles as a whole, espe-
 cially among those living under the Soviet regime. Moreover, it would
 solve the problem of finding employment for many people who, as
 skilled workers, do not have the opportunity of getting a job very
 easily in the West. Furthermore, it can be taken for granted that the
 number of escapees from Poland would increase as a result of this move.

"However, this action of creating a Polish army should be linked with
 the organization of the future United States of Europe; then, every
 Pole would be convinced that this army will speed up the building of
 a new, really good life within the framework of those states.

"In the event of war such an army would without the slightest doubt
 weaken the spirit of the armies of the satellite countries."

2. DESTROY THE PRESTIGE OF THE PRESENT SATELLITE GOVERNMENT

50X1 "It is difficult [redacted] to talk about the prestige of the 'Polish
 Government' in present Poland in view of the fact that everyone knows
 that it is a Soviet agency. However, the propaganda that Poland is
 completely subservient to Russia -- that it really is the 'eighteenth'
 Soviet republic -- should be so intensified in the other countries in
 which Poles reside as to make that fact perfectly obvious."

3. GUARANTEE FREEDOM TO ALL COMMUNIST ESCAPEES

"This point is certainly justified -- especially since 90% of the
 Party members are hypocrites; they are in the Party not because of
 conviction but because of expediency. There is no doubt that the escape
 of each Party member would reverberate a thousandfold and would evoke
 an avalanche of comments -- not to mention the fact that an escape of
 a Party member who occupied a high-ranking position in the government
 would be a nation-wide sensation in Poland.

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4. OFFER THOSE WHO DESERT AN ATTRACTIVE POLITICAL ASYLUM

"This is a very fine point. It is the general opinion in Poland that only highly skilled men -- and engineers at that -- have the best chance of making good after escaping from Poland. Other professional men, especially those from the field of humanities, do not have the same opportunities. Refugee medical doctors, for example, must first undergo nostrification of their degrees. This question is of especial importance with respect to degrees from academic schools.

"The idea of nostrification is an archaic remnant. It arose as a measure of defense against the influx of specialists from other countries and as a means of discouraging its people from studying in foreign countries; monetary considerations were also involved.

"There is no doubt that a Pole's stay in either Germany or France does not offer any special attraction. As far as Germany is concerned, the feeling of the Poles is rather hostile, especially taking recent history into account.

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The sole aim of every Pole is to get to the United States, a country in which he is certain that he will fare well. It is known, however, that it is not easy to get to the United States. It is also well known in Poland that thousands of Poles are waiting in Germany for the moment when they will emigrate to the United States, i.e. waiting for the permission to emigrate; before they can get that permission they must have plenty of ready cash both for transportation to the United States and for the carry-over period between their landing and their first pay envelope.

"In the light of the foregoing, a Pole's escape to the West is like a plunge into the deep; he does not know whether or not he will be able to swim to safety."

5. RADIO PROPAGANDA MUST STRESS DETAILS OF LIBERATION

"This point has its merits and ties in very closely with the preceding one. The radio should devote series of broadcasts to acquainting the Poles with the manner in which the human being is treated in the United States; it should contrast the treatment he receives in the States and the treatment he receives in the Communist countries. This theme is also a very fertile field for the general type of propaganda. The earning power, purchasing power, and the general working and living conditions of the American worker should be contrasted with that of the worker in Communist countries. Comparisons like the ones made by Mr. Dulles should be a subject of regular broadcasts."

6. AMERICANS SHOULD SEND AS MANY PACKAGES TO IRON CURTAIN PEOPLE AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN

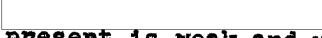
"This is a good point. The articles which manage to get through to Poland are unusually popular. The regime is aware of this popularity of the United States and is doing its utmost to offset it. Many satirical plays use the 'cheap junk' sent from the States as a theme; the press devotes many articles to the subject. Despite these efforts on the part of the regime, the 'cheap junk' is welcomed by everyone in Poland."

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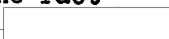
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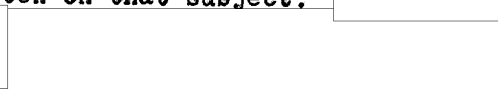


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50X1 1.  Hilary MINC's position in the government at present is weak and uncertain. This view, apparently shared by the average Pole, is based mainly on rumor.

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50X1 3.  the West knows very little about the inner operations of the satellite countries despite the fact that much has been and is being written on that subject. 

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