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SITUATION REPORT: POLAND

We received no information overnight about new strikes and cannot confirm a Solidarity report, carried by the French AFP, that fifteen strikers were killed last week in Wroclaw when security forces stormed a railroad car factory. The party's central committee yesterday claimed that no new strikes broke out during the day. Its assessment said that one strike in a mine was ended by political means but that strikes continued in other mines, at the Katowice Steel Works and at the Warski shipyard in Szczecin. The official media have now confirmed that about 2900 miners are occupying two Silesian coal mines. Church sources reportedly believe the government strategy is to wait out these miners. The party's assessment did not discuss the level of production at those factories which are allegedly working. [REDACTED]

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Despite Archbishop Glemp's efforts at mediation, there is a good deal of mutual suspicion between Church and regime officials that will make the working out of compromises more difficult. There is reportedly much bitterness among some senior Church officials that so many moderate Catholics have been among those arrested. From the regime's side, Foreign Minister Czyrek recently criticized Church behavior as did the Polish Army's Main Political Administration, which felt that the Church was taking a decidedly pro-Solidarity stance. [REDACTED]

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Poland's military rulers continue their efforts to restrict contacts between Polish citizens and the U.S. embassy. The militia on Sunday interrogated a longtime contact of the embassy and warned him to stop his relations with embassy personnel. Even though the individual said he told the militia he was not going to change his ways, he conceded to an embassy officer that further contact should await the lifting of martial law. [REDACTED]

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Polish radio yesterday said that former ambassador to the US, Spasowski, has committed serious crimes against the fundamental interests of the state and that the Foreign Minister

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had asked the chief military prosecutor to institute criminal proceedings. [REDACTED]

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Reports from Poland continue to emphasize the disparity of the roles of the military and other security forces in administering martial law. Military officials reported that 200 workers were forcibly removed from the Port of Gdansk on 19 December despite a promise by them to the PZPR Provincial Committee First Secretary to vacate and return to work. They had asked for assurances of their personal safety and to be allowed to surrender to the military rather than the militia. [REDACTED]

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A Polish Colonel, probably stationed in Lomza Province in central Poland, complained on 20 December that rumors were rife because of the lack of official information. He reported that his province was quiet, but passed on rumors that at an unidentified location, a Polish Army platoon had refused to execute its mission. Most of the information about the general situation that he had received from the media and even at conferences was sketchy. The Colonel explained that his associates were circulating among the populace to get information and determine the general attitude. These reports highlight the relatively passive role played thus far by the military, and may indicate that the lack of communications within Poland is having an effect even on the military. Normally isolated to some degree, Polish soldiers have been widely deployed during the past week, probably cutting them off from normal sources of information around their garrisons. Complaints about lack of information from relatively senior Polish officers could indicate that the military role is not merely passive, but that large segments of it have in effect been cut off from reports that might effect its morale. [REDACTED]

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The military situation in and around Poland remains the same, with no new evidence of any Soviet movements leading to an intervention. [REDACTED]

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