

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bob Gates

John would like to make sure that we do not ignore the possibility that US labor unions, Polish groups in the US, including the Polish church community, etc., could be behind the propaganda campaign mentioned in the attached and that we do not just assume that it is a "Soviet disinformation campaign." Can you make sure your analysts are aware of what these US groups may be up to

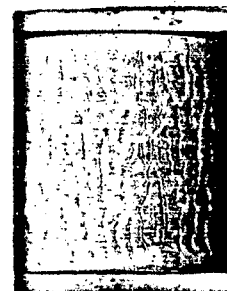
You might want to touch base with John on this.

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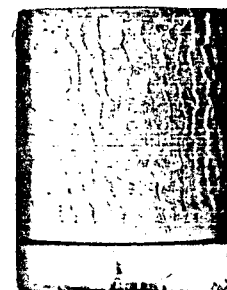
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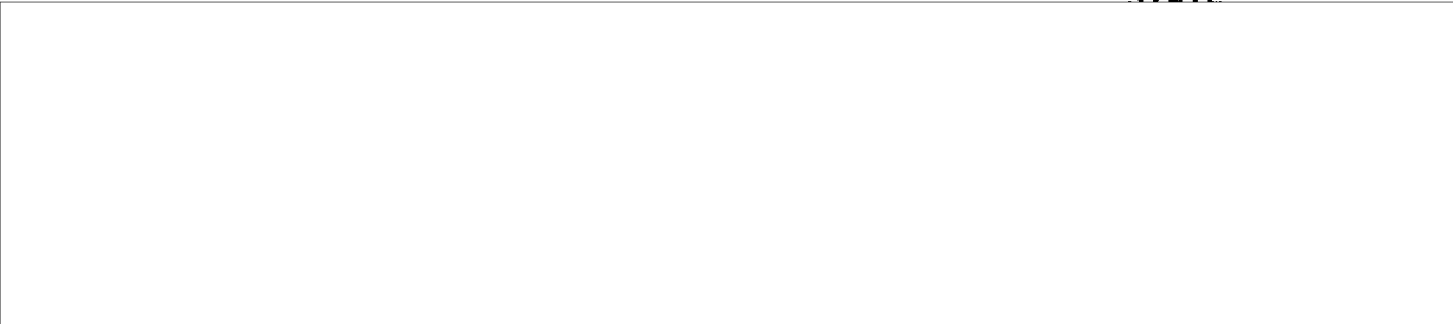
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TAGS: SOPN PEPR PINS PL
SUBJ: (U) POLISH PRESS OF JANUARY 27

1. (LOU) ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN HEATING UP: TRYBUNA LUDU
 IS NOW LEADING THE WAY IN THE ANTI-US PRESS CAMPAIGN.
 TODAY'S PARTY ORGAN CONTAINS TWO VENEMOUS ATTACKS BY
 JOURNALIST DANIEL LULINSKI. THE FIRST CONTAINS THE SPECIFIC
 CHARGE THAT THE AMERICAN POLICY IS TRYING TO PROVOKE A
 BLOODY CIVIL WAR IN POLAND. THE SECOND PIECE SPECIFICALLY
 LINKS ICA AND THE DAY OF SOLIDARITY PROJECT WITH CIA
 MACHINATIONS AND STRONGLY IMPLIES THAT SOME SOLIDARITY
 "EXTREMISTS" WERE CIA AGENTS. (SEE SEPTTEL.) ZYCIE
 WARSZAWY IS TAME BY COMPARISON: IT'S ONLY CONTRIBUTION

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TO TODAY'S PROPAGANDA BARRAGE IS AN INTERVIEW WITH AN INTERNATIONAL LAW PROFESSOR WHO REJECTS THE IDEA THAT MARTIAL LAW IS IN ANY WAY A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI IS COMPARATIVELY QUIET ON THE ANTI-US FRONT, CONTRIBUTING ONLY THE FULL TEXT OF A SPEECH IN THE SEJM BY AN ARMY DEPUTY WHO ATTACKS PRESIDENT REGAN FOR A "COWBOY" FOREIGN POLICY AS WELL AS US SUPPORT OF SOLIDARITY EXTREMISTS.

2. (LOU) SEJM SESSION CONCLUDES: THE LEAD ITEM IN ALL MAJOR DAILIES IS THE END OF THE TWO DAY PARLIAMENTARY SESSION JANUARY 26. THE FINAL DAY'S BUSINESS INCLUDED THE PASSAGE OF THE "TEACHERS' CHARTER" GIVING APPARENTLY SOMEWHAT GREATER AUTONOMY TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND THE APPROVAL OF THE NOMINATION OF NEW MINISTERS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (POZNAN U. RECTOR, BENON MISKIEWICZ) AND MARITIME ECONOMY (FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MARITIME MINISTRY, JERZY KORZONEK).

3. LOU - ON THE HUSTINGS: THREE PUMP NOTABLES SPOKE AT LOCAL PARTY GATHERINGS JANUARY 26. STEFAN OLSZOWSKI REPORTEDLY TOLD WLOCLAWIEK PARTY ACTIVISTS TO TRY TO WIN OVER FORMER SOLIDARITY MEMBERS TO THE PUMP. THOUGH HE HAD WORDS OF HIGH PRAISE FOR THE WRON, JARUZELSKI AND MARTIAL LAW, HE POINTEDLY TOLD THE GATHERING THAT ONLY THE PARTY CAN ACCOMPLISH THE MOST DIFFICULT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TASKS. ANOTHER HARDLINER, PARTY SECRETARY AND FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR MILEWSKI, TOLD A SUWALKI PUMP MEETING THAT THE PARTY MOST NEEDED A "CONSOLIDATION OF THE RANKS BEHIND A UNITED POLITICAL LINE." BUT, POLITBURO MEMBER JERZY ROMANIK APPARENTLY GOT SOME TOUGH QUESTIONING FROM THE MINERSHE VISITED IN SILESIA: THE QUESTIONING APPARENTLY TOUCHED ON THE ISSUE OF HORIZONTALISM--THAT IS, THE DEMAND FOR A GREATER VOICE FOR THE BASIC PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN SETTING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. ROMANIK ASSURED THE MINERS THAT THE CENTRAL PARTY AUTHORITIES WOULD HEED THE OPINIONS OF THE RANK AND FILE.

4. (LOU) DEBT PAYMENT PROBLEMS: THE DAILIES RECORD SOME INTERESTING TESTIMONY BEFORE A SEJM COMMISSION ON TRADE BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER NEWTOROWICZ. CITING PROBLEMS IN DEBT REPAYMENT AND THE SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH

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POLAND'S CREDITORS OF DEBT RESCHEDULING, NEWTORWICZ
CITED SEVERAL LARGE FACTORIES, INCLUDING THE URSUS TRACTOR
PLANT AND THE FIAT FACTORY IN BIELSKO-BIALA, WHERE PRODUCTION
WILL HAVE TO BE CUT BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF HARD
CURRENCY FOR IMPORTED PARTS AND MATERIALS.

5. (LOU) IN THE DOCKET: ZYCIE WARSZAWY AND ZOLNIERZ
WOLNOSCI BOTH REPORT MORE TRAINS FOR VIOLATIONS OF MARTIAL
LAW REGULATIONS. A WARSAW MAN RECEIVED FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT
FOR ADVOCATING OPPOSITION TO AUTHORITIES WHILE MILITARY
PROSECUTORS HAD 60 PEOPLE ARRESTED AND THE MILITARY COURTS
SENTENCED 45 DEFENDANTS, ALL DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18
TO 22. ALL OF THE CASES TRIED IN THE MILITARY COURT
APPEARED TO BE POLITICAL; SOLIDARNOSC ACTIVISTS RECEIVED
SENTENCES FROM TWO TO SIX YEARS FOR SUCH "CRIMES" AS
ORGANIZING STRIKES, SPREADING RUMORS, URGING DEFIANCE OF
MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES AND PUTTING UP ANTI-MARTIAL LAW
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