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USSR/POLAND: SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL EXPLOITATION

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A. (C/REL NATO) RECENTLY, A POLISH SOURCE REPORTED AN INCREASED EMPHASIS ON THE COLLECTION OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY (S T) INFORMATION (Poland) AND PRODUCTS BY THE POLISH SECURITY SERVICE. THE AGE OF PERESTROIKA IS PROVIDING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTERN AND WESTERN ACADEMIES, SCIENTISTS, AND ENGINEERS TO COMPARE NOTES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTERPARTS. DESPITE BETTER EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE SOVIET/POLISH EFFORT TO COLLECT WESTERN TECHNOLOGY CONTINUES UNABATED. IN FACT, THE IMPROVED POLITICAL CLIMATE HAS EASED THE COMMUNIST TASK OF EXPANDING INTELLIGENCE ASSETS/NETS DIRECTED AT THE ILLEGAL ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY.

B. (C/REL NATO) A POLISH RADIO ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN AND AGENT FOR THE POLISH SECURITY SERVICE DESCRIBED A CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED PROCESS FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF S T CONTACTS BY POLISH ACADEMIES/ENGINEERS. THESE POLES ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND BROCHURES FROM WESTERNERS AND THEIR TRAVEL TO THE WEST IS DEPENDENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THIS OBLIGATION. POLISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, IN COORDINATION WITH THE SOVIETS, PURSUE AN AGGRESSIVE, TARGETED COLLECTION EFFORT TO ACQUIRE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON WESTERN SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND BUSINESSMEN. THIS INFORMATION IS USED TO FACILITATE COLLECTION ON S T TOPICS, AND IDEALLY TO RECRUIT WESTERNERS TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THEM. ALL POLISH ACADEMIES/ENGINEERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULL, EXTENSIVE BIOGRAPHIC REPORTS ON ALL WESTERN CONTACTS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE VULNERABILITIES.

C. (C/REL NATO) TARGETING EFFORTS TO CO-OPT OR RECRUIT WESTERN SOURCES ARE MADE VERY SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY, YET ALSO DELIBERATELY. A POLISH ACADEMIC/ENGINEER WILL FIRST SEEK TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL TIES WITH A WESTERNER, THROUGH CHANCE ENCOUNTERS AT A BAR OR RESTAURANT. ULTIMATELY, THE POLE WILL INVITE THE TARGETED INDIVIDUAL TO HIS HOUSE FOR COFFEE OR DINNER. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS, THE POLE WILL THEN SEEK TO EXPLOIT INFORMATION BY DIRECTING THE CONVERSATION TOWARDS TECHNICAL TOPICS.

D. (C/REL NATO) ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, HIS SUPERVISOR ONCE COMMENTED THAT IT IS VERY EASY TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH WESTERN SCIENTISTS/ENGINEERS AND EXPLOIT TECHNICAL INFORMATION BECAUSE

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ACADEMICS ARE SO FRIENDLY AND EAGER TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH POLES/SOVIETS. REPORTEDLY, THEY ARE ESPECIALLY EAGER TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO THE HOMES OF EAST BLOCK ACADEMICS. THERE IS NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE THREAT IN THE WEST. AND THAT WESTERNERS-- ESPECIALLY AMERICANS--ARE NEVER SUSPICIOUS OF POLES/SOVIETS WHEN THEY ASK QUESTIONS. SOURCE ALSO COMMENTED THAT IT HAS NEVER FAILED TO AMAZE HIM HOW WESTERNERS BELIEVE WHATEVER THEY ARE TOLD. WITHOUT SEEING ANY EVIDENCE OF IT BEING TRUE.

E. (C/REL NATO) IN ADDITION, AGENTS ARE ALSO RECRUITED FROM HIGH TECHNOLOGY AREAS TO BE SENT TO THE WEST AS EMIGRES. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE TASKED TO GET EMPLOYMENT IN HIGH TECH FIRMS AND ULTIMATELY GET THEMSELVES INTO POSITIONS WITH ACCESS TO TARGETED INFORMATION. SOURCE STATED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE FULLY INVOLVED IN THE SELECTION, COORDINATION, PLACEMENT, AND TARGETING OF THESE EMIGRES. AND RECEIVE ALL THE INFORMATION ACQUIRED.

F. (S/REL NATO) BECAUSE THEY LAG BEHIND THE WEST, THE ACQUISITION OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ONGOING EAST BLOCK ECONOMIC INITIATIVES AND RESTRUCTURING. THE NEW REALM OF OPENNESS HAS ALLOWED MANY SOVIET-BACKED POLISH EMIGRES AND VISITORS TO EASILY GAIN ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY TARGETS. WITH THE CONTINUED TREND OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS AN INCREASED AMOUNT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS INEVITABLE. THE SOVIETS/POLES WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT AS MANY AVENUES AS POSSIBLE TO BRIDGE THE GAP IN TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES.

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