

2 December 1980

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion With SYG on Military Measures Associated With Soviet Intervention in Poland (NS)

1. (NS) I met with SYG Luns at 1600 hours on 2 December to discuss the subject measures. At the outset, I briefed him on all the latest intelligence information available to me through both SHAPE and U.S. channels. I left with him a copy of the document attached at Tab A.
2. (NS) Pertaining to possible military measures which ACE might take should the Soviets intervene in Poland, I advised him that I believe any such measures should initially be relatively low key and nonprovocative. I reviewed for him the six most provocative measures under Military Vigilance; namely, VLA, VLC, VLI, VOB, VOD and VOK. I pointed out to him the actions--as set forth in paragraph 4d of Inclosure 2 to Tab B--which we might expect to be taken should those measures of Military Vigilance be implemented. Such actions might well be provocative and might cause NATO forces to be inadvertently involved with those of Warsaw Pact.
3. (NS) I gave him a copy of the memorandum at Tab C which sets forth those Actions within ACE and those Requested of Nations which I would intend to take at the outset of a Soviet intervention, subject to political guidance. With respect to paragraph (4) of "Actions within ACE," I told him that the Major Subordinate Commanders would be meeting with me at one of our routine meetings on 4 December, and we would discuss those covert actions which we thought it appropriate for them to take. With respect to (1) under "Requested of Nations," I advised the SYG that, in fact, we had already requested nations to provide such intelligence coverage. I made it clear to the SYG that I would come to him to get political guidance on those measures when and if Soviet intervention occurred.
4. (NS) I also pointed out to the Secretary that other political guidance I might be requesting would be along the following lines:
 - a. Details of any political, diplomatic and economic initiatives under consideration by NATO nations.
 - b. Any additional military alert measures required to conform with a political reaction to the situation.

With respect to b., I pointed out that, if I received guidance as to the political signal which the authorities wish to send to the Soviet Union, we would seek out and implement the appropriate alert measures to support that signal.

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5. (NS) The Secretary General stated that he would be prepared to provide the necessary political guidance at my request and would be discussing the matter in the next meeting of the NAC. He appreciated very much receiving my proposals.
6. (NS) Prior to my meeting with the Secretary General, I discussed my proposed course of action with the U.S. MILREP and the Deputy CMC (Acting CMC); they both concurred. Following my meeting with SYG, I debriefed the US PERMREP.



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