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TO: Chairman, Military Committee
 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization
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SUBJECT: Amplification of Actions Proposed by SACEUR as
 Pertinent Responses to Soviet Intervention in Poland

REFERENCE: 0030/SHCGGS/79/80 dated 1 Dec 80

1. (NS) Actions at Attachment 1 are those I see as non-provocative covert actions which should be taken if and when the Soviets directly and substantially intervene in Poland.

2. (NS) I understand that there are no problems with understanding of the intent of Actions (1) (2) and (3) on the attached listing.

3. (NS) The following provides an amplification of specific actions which would be included under the remaining items listed on the attachment. As a general point, all specific actions; if approved will be conducted on a strictly covert basis and to insure covertness and close control I intend to personally direct specific MSC actions tailored to the situation following close consultation with them. I also would like to make it absolutely clear that I do not intend to take any of these actions except the already requested provision of maximum intelligence [item (1) under "Requests to Nations"] until and unless there is direct and substantial intervention.

4. (NS) As far as item (4) is concerned, the actions that I foresee could include ensuring that equipments are serviceable, plans are up to date and valid, and adequate measures are available for the timely recall of personnel. I anticipate that the following specific measures from within Military Vigilance, may be appropriate:

VCA - Preparation for Communication Support (war communication centers, excluding alternate and emergency centres).

VCC - Preparation for Implementation of Communication Security

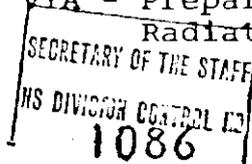
VCD - Preparation and Initial Implementation of Circuit Activities

VIA - Intensification of Collection and Reporting of Intelligence

VOA - Operation of WHQ with Skeleton Staffs

VOJ - Preparation of Alert Plans/Check Mobilisation Plans

VYA - Preparation for Control of Military Electromagnetic Radiations



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VYE - Implementation of Air Support Measures

NOTE: I would where necessary issue specific guidance in the declaration messages, in order to avoid exceeding the covert level of implementation which is my intention.

I would also consider increasing the security measures in all assigned units, and conducting tactical, communications and logistics ~~tests~~ with the object of improving readiness.

Tests

5. (NS) Regarding item (5), I believe that the proposed increase in Air Defence readiness may be a necessary action .

- a. If intelligence indicates an increased state of preparedness of Warsaw Pact offensive air forces facing ACE.
- b. As a precaution which would allow adequate air policing/ intercept/and guidance to intruders into NATO airspace in the event of the possible contingency of defecting Warsaw Pact aircraft.

Rules of Engagement would be emphasized in implementation of this item.

6. (NS) Item (6) is admittedly a higher visibility action than the others. However, I am convinced that predelegation of authority at this time for me to take this action depending on the situation after Soviet intervention is a wise precaution. This is particularly so since we do not, at this time, know what degree of increased readiness might be taken by Warsaw Pact offensive air units facing ACE and in light of a possible confused air picture caused by defecting Warsaw Pact aircraft. In either of these occurrences the AWACS contribution could provide additional and needed surveillance as well as improved control of our air defence forces. This is particularly true if Warsaw Pact should use EW assets against our ground based radars (to include the Berlin Radar).

7. (NS) Finally, I emphasize that measures I am recommending will be covert, closely controlled by me and matched to the developing situation.

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