

MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, 20TH DECEMBER 1985

Brief for the Chairman

ITEM 1b: POLAND

You may wish to say:

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File No 19-10-01 (Poland)

The Committee has still to take a decision on the proposed Study of the current situation in Poland and future trends. May I first ask whether the French Representative has received fresh instructions, since it is my understanding that all other members of the Committee can agree to the Study being carried out provided it is factual and does not make policy recommendations.

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I therefore direct your attention to DPA(83)339 dated 9th December which contains a suggested draft outline together with a proposal that agreement on the outline be reached by 10th January. I would also recall that the US have indicated a wish that experts convene in Brussels for the purpose of agreeing an outline. If that is how the Committee wishes to proceed we shall need to schedule a date for such a meeting early in January. I assume that many members of the Committee would also wish to be present at such a meeting. We must also bear in mind that Committee members will also presumably be engaged in CDE meetings during the first part of the week beginning 9th January. If, therefore, a meeting of experts on the Polish outline is to be held it would probably have to be scheduled for 12th or 13th January.

Alternatively, the Committee itself could take on the job of agreeing the outline at its regular meeting during the week of 9th January.

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As stated in DPA(83)339, we cannot draw up a firm calendar of work until the dates of the Spring Ministerial meeting are known. However, it might be useful if I indicate that we foresee that national contributions will be required by 14th February; and that we would plan the further work so as to be able to take advantage of the presence here of the Soviet and East European Experts at the end of March to have a reinforced meeting of the Committee in order to examine the draft report.

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