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Mr. Glenn R. Cella
Chairman,
Political Committee
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Brussels

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Dear Glenn:

At yesterday's meeting of the Political Committee I proposed that the Committee consider undertaking a comprehensive updating of its study of Poland completed late last year. You asked that I circulate in writing our thoughts on the context and purpose of such a study. We have in mind particularly addressing possible scenarios for the intermediate term -- two to three years. We are of course aware of the difficulties inherent in attempting to look ahead in such a fluid situation with so many variables in play. Nevertheless, we think all would benefit from an exercise which would look at political, economic, and social aspects including: a) effects of the strike on Poland's balance of payments and the servicing of Poland's debt; b) update on the harvest prospects; c) changes in Polish society resulting from increased cooperation between dissidents and workers; d) the future role of the church; e) the possibility of further leadership changes; and f) most importantly, the impact on the Kremlin and the rest of Eastern Europe. The study could begin with national contributions, to be submitted in two or three weeks, forming the basis for an IS draft. The paper would then be revised as events and information dictate.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Political Advisor

cc: Members,
Political Committee

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