PART II

1. CTRY: USSR (UR)
2. TITLE: SOV COMM PARTY MEMBER'S VIEWS ON POLISH CRISIS
3. DATE OF INF: 80914
4. ORIG: USDA MOSCOW, USSR

7. SUMMARY: IR FORWARDS SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET COMMUNIST ON CRISIS IN POLAND. STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE USSR WOULD INTERVENE WITH MILITARY FORCES.

RA. DETAILS:
1. ATTENDED DINNER AT MOSCOW APARTMENT ON 10 SEP 80. NO OTHER GUESTS WERE PRESENT. DURING THE COURSE OF THE EVENING THE CURRENT CRISIS IN POLAND WAS DISCUSSED.

2. EXPRESSED CONCERN THE SITUATION IN POLAND MAY BE VIEWED BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT AS SIMILAR TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNGARY IN 1956 AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968. THIS WOULD SUGGEST MILITARY INTERVENTION BY SOVIET FORCES. STATED, "NO, POLAND AS A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR." HE HAD NO DOUBT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS UPSET, BUT THIS TIME THERE WAS A SERIOUS DILEMMA, POLAND WOULD NOT KNUCKLE UNDER SO EASILY IN THE EVENT OF SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION. THE LAST THING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WANTED AT THIS TIME WAS TO GET ROGGED DOWN IN A PROTRACTED CONFLICT IN POLAND, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. STATED AGAIN HE DID NOT BELIEVE SOVIETS WOULD INTERVENE.

3. POINTED OUT THAT THE POLISH INTELLECTUALS WERE JOINING THE WORKERS, AND TOGETHER THEY WERE DEMANDING CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD SEEM POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE USSR. HOW COULD THE SOVIET...

SUGGESTED THE CPSU WAS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT "REALPOLITIK" THAN WORKERS AND A WAY COULD ALWAYS BE FOUND TO PUBLICLY JUSTIFY ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS MILITARY ACTION BY USSR. OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE ON THE PART OF FRC OR USA WAS THE MOST LIKELY EXCUSE TO BE USED.
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