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Operational Directive from a Military Exercise Performed from June 6 to June 13, 1979

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Summary:
This document is a simulation of a Warsaw Pact response to a hypothetical NATO conventional attack on the GDR and the Baltic region. It provides pathways of assault with specific coordinates for naval maneuvers and specific objectives to be achieved on each day of hostilities. The United Baltic Fleet is supposed to make its way as quickly as possible to the North Sea. The ground counteroffensive first is to defend the GDR and then attack the FRG and advance along its northern coast to the border with the Netherlands and France. Other counteroffensive measures included: an amphibious landing on Bornholm and other Danish Islands, destroying aircraft carriers in the North Sea and disrupting the offshore oil platforms there. The document specifies exact villages and towns that are to be used as objectives for individual operations, and finally notes which types of units and existing divisions are supposed to participate in the counteroffensive.

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‘The WESTERNERS’ are finalizing immediate preparations to start a war in EUROPE. They have deployed land strike forces, air and anti-aircraft assets on the territory of the Germany Federal Republic, NATO Combined Naval Forces in the BALTIC and NORTH SEAS. An outbreak of hostilities is possible any day – 08.06., probably using conventional weapons.

Coastal Front – is re-deploying forces, up to D-3 (10.06.) concentrating on the north-eastern part of the territory of the German Democratic Republic, carrying out an offensive operation along the JUTLAND, HAMBURG, GRONINGEN axis with an initial objective of crushing enemy concentrations along the axis of operations and on the 6th/7th day of operations (D-9, D-10) to reach the line: VEJLE, ESBJERG, CUXHAVEN, EMDEN. While carrying out the initial mission, the Front will conduct an air-sea amphibious landing with the aim of controlling the Danish islands.

A further objective for the 11th-13th day of operations (D-14,16) is to capture the JUTLAND Peninsula, reaching the NORTH SEA coast in the area of LEEUWARDEN, ZOUTKAMP.

First Front is to provide cover for the borders of the GDR, repel enemy thrusts and carry out an attack along the North-German strategic axis in order to arrive on the 10th-13th day of operations at a line on the NORTH SEA coast in the area of DEN HELDER, OSTEND, as far as the French border.

The Combined Baltic Fleet

In co-operation with First and Coastal Fronts, in order to achieve objectives assigned at the outbreak of hostilities, will conduct an operation with the aim of destroying NATO naval forces in the NORTH SEA and BALTIC SEA and will work closely with the Fronts’ forces by concentrating its main effort in the attack to repel aggression, destroy nuclear strike forces, crush NATO’s combined strike forces in the BALTIC and in the area of the [Danish] Straits, working closely with the Fronts’ forces and anti-amphibious landing defenses. While carrying
out the initial mission (D-12) will repel enemy aggression from the sea, assume control of the BALTIC SEA, occupy the Island of BORNHOLM, provide cover against an enemy attack from the sea while Coastal Front is deploying its forces and then inserting them into the battle, provide cover for an amphibious landing on the DANISH ISLANDS, destroy aircraft carriers in the NORTH SEA and start minelaying in the Straits and the Kiel Canal.

Part of its forces will work closely with Coastal Front’s forces in the attack and in the defense of the coast against amphibious landings, and on D-3 to occupy BORNHOLM with an air-sea assault.

The principal axis of operations – the southern part of the BALTIC SEA.

On D-12 it will arrive at the line VEJLE - HELSINGØR.

A further mission (D-18–D-19) is to paralyze groups of NATO Naval Forces in the area of the Straits, to work closely with Coastal and First Front attacking along the JUTLAND and BRUSSELS axis. To interdict naval communications and extract oil in the NORTH SEA.

To divide up and mine the Straits and the Kiel Canal, bring the Fleet’s main forces into the NORTH SEA and be ready for further Fleet operations.

SECOND FLEET

With attached 124th Fast Missile Boat Squadron, less a fast missile boat division from First Fleet (2nd Division batch 35, 5 batch 205 fast missile boats, 2 batch 206 MTBs, 2 batch 203 ASW vessels) and with forces of the advanced combined front (3rd Division batch 159 from the 34th Flotilla, THIRD FLEET, units 3 S-125s, 2 S-75s, 2 S-200s, 2 fighter air regiments).

With support from 37 Independent Coastal Rocket Artillery Regiment (from 16:00 hours on 08.06 from the ‘NIECHORZE’ launching-site – 1 salvo of 8 rockets), 22 Independent Missile Regiment (3 flights) working closely with THIRD FLEET and 112th Missile Ship Division and the BALTIYSK naval base and FIRST FLEET, while the Combined Baltic Fleet is carrying out its initial mission.

1. Will repel enemy aggression from the sea and by D-3 destroy the ‘WESTERNER’ naval forces on the Sound [Øresund] axis in the area of responsibility:

   (the frontier of the USSR:  55°20’N  54°50’N
   18°10’E  13°50’E
Cape SIMRISHAMN, Cape ARKONA, the eastern part of the island of MØN) not allowing him to break out to the east of 15°E.

2. On D-3, with the following forces attached from FIRST FLEET (from 12:00 hours on D-2 in the ŚWINOUJŚCIE roads) 171st Landing Craft Squadron (landing craft [large], landing craft [medium], 9 landing cutters), 177th ASW Division (DZ-7 batch 50), 190th Roadstead Minesweeping Squadron (17 TRMs, 14 TRBs, 21 TRRs), 186th Destroyer Squadron (4 Destroyers), 124th Fast Missile Boat Squadron (2-DZs, 2 ASW vessels).

   FLEET support: (4 tugs, 1 fire-fighting vessel, 9 transports including 4 Ro-Ro’s, 8 hydrofoils, 3 tugs, 2 water tankers).

   Will conduct an amphibious landing (2 mechanized regiments and 1 air assault battalion from Coastal Front) on the Island of BORNHOLM from the KOŁOBRZEG, ŚWINOUJŚCIE embarkation points.

   Will provide naval cover for the amphibious landing from the west; the east will be covered by FIRST FLEET'S 112th Squadron of missile ships. Defense against airborne assault at the sea embarkation points and during the amphibious assault itself will be conducted by Air Defense forces and air assets from Coastal Front and 22nd National Air Defense Corps of the People’s Republic of Poland [PPR], as per the Combined Baltic Fleet Commander’s plans.

   Tasked with suppressing enemy defenses against landings: 4 air regiments from Front Air Force, 1 Polish Navy attack air regiment, 2 air regiments from First Fleet’s naval missile force.

   Forces to be at readiness at 24:00 hours on D-2.

3. As per the plan of the Commander of Coastal Front forces, with attached forces from the First and Third Fleets on D-7-8-10, will launch an amphibious landing on the islands in the Straits.

   From D-4 will focus efforts on preparing the amphibious landing; using strike forces, minus 124th Fast Missile Boat Squadron, will provide cover for the amphibious forces from the sea at the point of concentration and during the landing from the GRØNSUND direction.

4. Will support the forces of Coastal Front in securing the Coast’s defense against landings in the area of responsibility.

   Further tasks (up to D-18, D-19).

   1. Working closely with 1st Front forces will block the GREAT BELT strait, protect the passage of Combined Baltic Fleet’s forces into the NORTH SEA, capture and hold the KATTEGAT.
2. Will bring the fleet’s main forces into the area of the strait, set up a supply depot, secure the Combined Baltic Fleet’s forces’ bases and retain control of the area of the strait. Using submarines from the 23rd Flotilla will destroy the enemy’s forces in No. 3 screen (the screen’s center: 56°32’N 17°20’E).

The operation to be controlled from Combined Baltic Fleet Combined HQ; 27 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment in the second and fourth sortie will disable the airfields and the long-range early-warning system on the Island of BORNHOLM.

On behalf of Second Front, using forces from Combined Baltic Fleet and Coastal Front, it is planned on the first day of hostilities to carry out a strike on enemy air forces based at the JAGEL, TIRSTRUP and RØNNE airfields and the command and coastal observation posts at SKOVHUSE, BREKENDORF, MOLTEBERG on the Island of MØN and Cape STEVENS [?].

To the west of the line Cape ARKONA – Island of MØN assets of THIRD FLEET are operating. The forces of the 112th Missile Ship Division, with attached 136th Fast Missile Boat Squadron and 124th Missile Boat Squadron (without one fast missile boat division), are operating to the east of 15°E up to D-4, and to the west of 15°E after D-4.

FIRST FLEET Air Defense is operating in the area bounded by the points:

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55°30’ N & \quad 55°05’ N \\
14°18’ E & \quad 16°33’ E \\
55°00’ N & \quad 55°45’ N \\
15°03’ E & \quad 16°33’ E \\
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Reports are to be made as per the schedule. Preparations for tasking to be completed by 07.06. Command of SECOND FLEET’S Air Defense in the NORTH and BALTIC SEAS to be exercised from the Combined Baltic Fleet’s HQ.

To hold in Combined Baltic Fleet Commander’s reserve Submarine 2 ‘B’ in the Bay of Puck. Combined Fleet HQ – KALININGRAD, alternate – LIEPAJA.
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Flagship – the cruiser ‘October Revolution’, advanced CP – ŚWINOUJŚCIE.

Deputies to the Commander of Combined Baltic Fleet – the Commanders of SECOND and THIRD FLEETS.

Decisions to be reported in code up to 00:00 07.06..

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1 Denotes operations of "Westerners" ZOB No. 1 including:
DZ-i and 3 Landing Ships (medium) from 34th GDR LM Flotilla
from 0800 to 1500 09.06.79

2 Denotes operations of "Westerners" ZOB No. 2
including 2 Landing Ships (medium) with PPR Navy and 2 TRMs
from GDR LM Flotilla from 1700 and 2200 08.06.79

3 Denotes operations of "Westerners" ZOB No. 3
including 4 Landing Ships (medium) with PPR Navy Flotilla,
2 ASW vessels and Dz-1 from GDR LM Flotilla and USSR
Baltic Fleet 2 ASW vessels from 0700 to 1500 09.06.79

4 Denotes operations of "Westerners" Surface Action Group No. 1
including 1 fast missile boat and 1 MTB from GDR LM Flotilla
from 1200 to 1400 08.06.79

5 Denotes operations of "Westerners" Surface Action Group No. 2
including 2 fast missile boats from PPR Navy Flotilla
from 1200 to 1400 08.06.79

6 Denotes operations of "Westerners" submarine batch 205
simulated by submarine 295 from PPR Navy Flotilla
from 09:00 08.06.79 to 03:00 09.06.79

7 Denotes operations of "Westerners" submarines simulated
by submarines 269 and 299 from USSR Baltic Fleet from
1200 08.06.79 to 1200 09.06.79 and 1500 08.06.79 to
0600 09.06.79

8 Denotes seeking out and attacking "Westerners" Surface Action
Group No. 1 using the forces of 31st Fast Missile Squadron from
GDR 36th LM Flotilla from 1200 to 1600 08.06.79

9 Joint strike on "Westerners" ZOB No.1 using the forces
of 31st MTB Squadron of 36th GDR LM Flotilla

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with attached 21st Missile Boat Squadron from PPR Navy Flotilla and 1196th Fast Missile Boat Division from USSR Baltic Fleet 124th Missile Boat Squadron in co-operation with PPR Navy 27 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment from 1400 to 1500 08.06.79

| 10 | Track and attack "Westerners" Surface Action Group No. 2 using 21st Missile Boat Squadron from 23rd PPR Navy Flotilla from 1200 to 1400 06.09.79 |
| 11 | Destroy "Westerners" ZOB No. 2 using 23rd PPR Navy Flotilla with attached 31st MTB Squadron from 36th GDR Flotilla and 1196th Fast Missile Boat Division from USSR Baltic Fleet 124th Missile Boat Squadron in co-operation with PPR Navy 27 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment and USSR Baltic Fleet 1846 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment and 112 Air Reconnaissance Regiment from 0800 to 1200 08.06.79 |

| 12 | Joint torpedo attack using USSR Baltic Fleet 124th Missile Boat Squadron with attached strike forces 23rd PPR Navy Flotilla and 36th GDR LM flotilla in co-operation with USSR Baltic Fleet 1846 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment against cruiser from 0630 to 0700 09.06.79 |
| 13 | AA target practice from cruiser 'October Revolution' from 0730 to 0800 09.06.79 |
| 14 | Torpedo attack on "Westerners" ZOB No. 3 by submarine 299 from USSR Baltic Fleet from 0900 09.06.79 |
| 15 | Attack on "Westerners" ZOB No. 3 by submarine 295 from PPR Navy Flotilla from 1200 09.06.79 |
| 16 | Destroy "Westerners" ZOB No. 3 with USSR Baltic Fleet 124th Missile Boat Squadron with attached 21st Missile Boat Division from 23rd PPR Navy Flotilla and 33rd Fast Missile Boat Division from 36th GDR LM Flotilla with the co-operation of USSR Baltic Fleet 112 Air Reconnaissance Regiment and USSR Baltic Fleet 1846 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment and USSR Baltic Fleet 1846 Air Superiority/KILOMETER -41 |

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Regiment and PRL Navy 27 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment with 6 tactical torpedo firings from 1300 to 1500 09.06.79  
17 Carry out strikes using attack helicopters against "Easterners"' mine-hunters 1300 to 1400 09.06.79  
18 Carry out attacks by "Westerners"' strike aircraft (8 MiG-17s) from PPR Navy 27 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment against joint "Easterners"' Surface Action Group KRKR from 1500 to 1530 09.06.79  
19 Carry out attacks by "Westerners"' air forces (8 Su-17s) from USSR Baltic Fleet 1846 Air Superiority/Interdiction Regiment against joint "Easterners"' Surface Action Group KRKR from 1740 to 1800 09.06.79  
20 Destroy "Westerners"' OBK using USSR Baltic Fleet 124th Missile Boat Squadron with attached: 21st Missile Boat Division from 23rd PPR Navy Flotilla, 33rd MTB Division from 1800 to 1900 09.06.79  
21 Seek out and destroy "Westerners"' submarine on the ASW perimeter using 1234th Maritime Area Defense Squadron and 124th Missile Boat Squadron , 149 with attached 34th GDR LM ASW Division and 2ii PPR Navy Flotilla ASW forces from 0900 08.06.79 to 1200 09.06.79  
22 Mine-hunting by USSR Baltic Fleet 1323rd Minesweeping Division 0900 -1600 08.06.79  
23 AA target practice by USSR Baltic Fleet 1323rd Minesweeping Division from 1400 to 1500 08.06.79  
24 Mine-hunting by PPR Navy 13th Minesweeping Division from 1100 to 1600 08.06.79  
25 Firing by minesweepers from PPR Navy 13th Division from 1700 to 1800 08.06.79  

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