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MAIN [?] POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE POLISH ARMY  
First Department

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REPORT

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From Second Army's Political Department

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There are no concerns about the emotional-political condition of the officers and men of Second Army. There is a great deal of interest amongst the officers and men about the course of the meeting in Moscow. The materials received from the Main Political Department are widely read. The whole Army supports the decision to send Warsaw Pact forces into the CSSR. Officers and men emphasize in numerous statements their readiness to carry out any tasks set them by national and party authorities and the commanders of Second Army.

There has been no significant change in the civilian population's attitude towards our forces. However, a certain escalation in efforts at hostile behavior towards our units has been noted. Reports have been received from various towns in Second Army's operational area of leaflet distributors being stopped; for instance in Hradec Králové a motorcyclist carrying a large number of leaflets in Polish was stopped. He was told to destroy the leaflets. When questioned why he had been doing this, he replied that he was following party instructions. In 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division's area an individual was stopped who was walking around with a sign on his chest which read 'Occupiers, shoot at me'. During 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division's deployment to the area of the town of Plinsko [?] a large number of leaflets, slogans and placards with provocative and hostile contents, such as 'Death to the Occupiers', 'Neutrality', 'Down with Warsaw' and so on were observed. [The underlining is by hand] On the streets of towns people demonstratively turned their backs to our passing vehicles. In other places people waved their fists at our troops.

Efforts to make direct contact with the civilian population have been hampered by moral blackmail introduced by reactionary elements as, for instance, in the Hradec Králové area a gang of CSSR [?] thugs shaved a girl's hair for speaking with Soviet soldiers. The Czechs are beginning to use Polish girls working in the local textile plants in their hostile acts of propaganda against Polish Army units. There have been cases of delegations of these girls being sent to our units with the task of encouraging the soldiers to return home. Today in the town of Trutnov leaflets have been distributed supposedly produced by the 400 Polish women working

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there. We shall mail the contents of these leaflets to Warsaw. The Catholic church [?] is becoming active in the propaganda activities against our forces; in the name of the faithful the dean of the Hradec Králové chapter issued a leaflet in Czech and Polish addressed to all Catholics appealing to the soldiers' religious feelings and emphasizing that the clergy and Catholics of the CSSR support Czechoslovakia's current policies. On a signal transmitted by hostile radio stations throughout the CSSR the bells were rung for 15 minutes in every church.

The hostile attitude of the CPA officers and men towards our forces has not changed. Increased activity has been observed in military units; in an armored unit in the town of Trutnov the alarm was raised yesterday evening and this morning the unit tried to move out of barracks. A highland battalion prevented this. The officers of CPA units in 10<sup>th</sup> Armored Division's operational area are leaving their barracks heading for the woods nearby. It is suspected that these officers are transporting ammunition. It has been established that in the towns of Zicinsko and Kocbes [?] reservists have received their call-up papers. In 1<sup>st</sup> Mechanized Infantry's dispersal area near Hradec Králové, Lieutenant Zniczyński [?] of 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Division stopped a dozen or so Czechoslovak soldiers with their weapons who were trying to reach the town. Over 50 vehicles with kitchens were seen leaving barracks. Vehicles on which there were armed soldiers and carrying unidentified loads were leaving in groups in various formations and were heading for the woods. Today an increase in unidentified radio signals and messages has been reported, for instance 'Doctor Z [?] to report immediately to Doctor Y', 'Doctors, return from leave' and so on.

Today we have intensified our efforts in Second Army's operational area to make a propaganda impact on the civilian population and CPA troops. In the morning we distributed more than 100,000 leaflets and the distribution effort continues. P/a units are carrying out propaganda operations in towns and housing estates. The contents of Czech-language materials sent from Warsaw are being broadcast by an operational radio station. During the night men of an assault battalion will begin putting up materials sent by the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party. Additionally, these materials are being distributed by other means (helicopters, propaganda trucks etc).

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Various forms of propaganda activities have been carried out with the men of Second Army units; party and soldiers' meetings have been held at which there have been discussions of methods and ways to make a political impact on the men of the CPA and the civilian population.

Following directives from the Head of the Polish Army's General Political Department, the senior party leadership has been familiarized with information for First Secretaries of Polish United Workers' Party Provincial Committees.

Vigorous cultural-educational activities are being carried out in Second Army's dispersal areas. A meeting was held yesterday between the Head of Polish Second Army's Political Committee and General Kuznetsov [?]. Forms and methods of collaboration in propaganda efforts against the civilian population and CPA units were discussed. Agreement was also reached on principles governing the exchange of propaganda materials.

HEAD OF POLISH SECOND ARMY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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