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POLAND

1. STOESEL HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO REPORT PRESENT U.S. CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PROCLAMATIONS OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND MARITAL LAW ARE IMMINENT. SOVIET INTERVENTION IS A POSSIBLE SEQUEL STOESEL SAID THAT THERE WAS A PROSPECT OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ON SUNDAY WITH THE PARLIAMENT MEETING ON MONDAY.

2. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT LATER TODAY DEPLORING ANY SOVIET INTERVENTION OR USE OF POLISH FORCES AGAINST POLISH CITIZENS. THE PROPOSED STATEMENT WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE POLISH AUTHORITIES MAY USE FORCE OR THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE ABOUT TO ACT TO SUPPRESS SOLIDARITY; THAT IN THE U.S. VIEW RECENT EVENTS ARE POLAND'S OWN PROBLEM WHICH SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE; THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED THIS PRINCIPLE; THAT THE U.S. WELCOMES ASSURANCES FROM THE PARTIES THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION CONTINUES TO BE SOUGHT BETWEEN THEM TO CURRENT DIFFICULTIES; THAT THE USE OF FORCE WOULD INVOLVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR EAST/WEST RELATIONS; AND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY HELPED BY PROVIDING AID TO THE POLISH ECONOMY AND WOULD INTEND TO CONTINUE IN THAT DIRECTION.

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