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1. (U) POL-MIL OFFICER COLIN CLEARY CLASSIFIED THIS REPORT PER E.O. 12958, SECTION 1.5 (B) & (D).

SUMMARY

2. POLISH OFFICIALS TOLD AMBASSADOR PARDEW SEPTEMBER 6 THAT POLAND HAS THE POLITICAL WILL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOSNIA TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAM, AND NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ROSATI HAD INFORMED THE SERBS DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 3-4 VISIT TO BELGRADE OF POLAND'S INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. PARTICIPATION WOULD INCLUDE ARMS SALES (PROVIDED THEIR OFFERS WERE COMPETITIVELY PRICED).

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"POLITICAL WILL" TO PARTICIPATE; SERBS INFORMED

3. POLAND HAS THE "POLITICAL WILL" TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOSNIA "TRAIN AND EQUIP" PROGRAM, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ROBERT MROZIEWICZ TOLD AMBASSADOR JAMES PARDEW, U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MILITARY STABILIZATION IN THE BALKANS, ON SEPTEMBER 6. MROZIEWICZ CHAIRED A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE, AND INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL STAFF AND NATIONAL SECURITY

BUREAU WHICH MET WITH AMBASSADOR PARDEW. MROZIEWICZ STRESSED THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO "TRAIN AND EQUIP" WAS PRACTICAL -- "HOW TO DO IT." HE NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DARIUSZ ROSATI, DURING AN SEPTEMBER 3-4 VISIT TO BELGRADE, HAD INFORMED THE SERBS THAT POLAND INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAIN AND EQUIP.

EU EMBARGO THE MAIN OBSTACLE

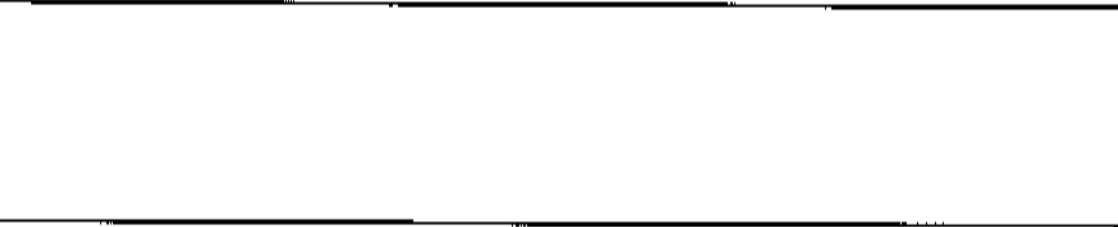
4. MROZIEWICZ EMPHASIZED THAT THE EU ARMS EMBARGO WAS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO POLISH PARTICIPATION IN TRAIN AND EQUIP.



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POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAINING IN POLAND

6. MROZIEWICZ SAID THAT POLAND WAS INTERESTED IN THE "TRAIN" ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM AS WELL. AMB. PARDEW NOTED THAT TRAINING COULD GO ALONG WITH EQUIPMENT SALES. THE POLES

ASKED WHETHER POLISH FACILITIES MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR TRAINING. AT AMBASSADOR PARDEW'S SUGGESTION, THE POLES AGREED TO OFFER BY SEPTEMBER 20 A LIST OF EQUIPMENT THEY COULD PROVIDE, WITH COST BREAKDOWNS.



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CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, PRESIDENT SUPPORTIVE

7. AMB. PARDEW OUTLINED EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE CHIEF OF
THE GENERAL STAFF, GEN. TADEUSZ WILECKI. 



8. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR JERZY MILEWSKI TOLD AMBASSADOR
PARDEW THAT PRESIDENT KWASNIEWSKI SUPPORTED THE PROGRAM. 

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PRESS INTEREST HIGH

9. AMBASSADOR PARDEW'S VISIT RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT MEDIA ATTENTION. MUCH OF THE COVERAGE PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL WAS FOCUSED ON WHETHER POLAND WOULD PROVIDE TANKS TO BOSNIA. AMBASSADOR PARDEW LAID THE ISSUE TO REST IN A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MROZIEWICZ BY NOTING THAT TANKS WERE, FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST, NOT ON THE TABLE. PRESS COMMENTARY WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE RATIONALE BEHIND T AND E. A COMMENTATOR IN THE SEPTEMBER 7 EDITION OF "GAZETA WYBORCZA," POLAND'S LARGEST DAILY, CONCLUDED: "IT'S A RARE EVENT TO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING JUST AND AT THE SAME TIME TO GAIN POLITICALLY AND FINANCIALLY. AND SO?" (I.E., WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?)

ACTION REQUESTS

10. AMBASSADOR PARDEW AGREED TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING POLISH QUERIES:

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-- IS THERE ANY INTEREST IN USING POLISH TRAINING FACILITIES FOR THE PROGRAM?

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COMMENT

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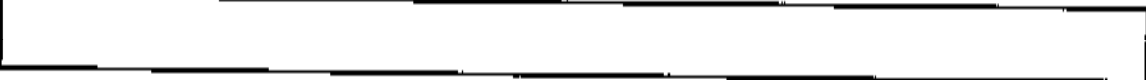
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