

**May 29, 1968**

**Cipher Telegram 2102-2037, To Minister of National  
Defense of Poland Division General Cde. W.  
Jaruzelski**

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**Summary:**

Sent by the Soviet Union, this cipher message notifies Polish forces that a joint strategic operational military exercise will be conducted in Poland and Czechoslovakia in the coming month. Soviet Marshal Yakubovsky advises Polish Division General Jaruzelski to mobilize the appropriate forces and resources for the purposes of the exercise.

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TO MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF PNR [POLAND]  
Division General Cde. W. Jaruzelski

WARSAW

Dear Cde. Minister!

In accordance with the coordinated plan of joint measures for the 1968 summer period a strategic operational command staff exercise will be conducted under my command on the territory of Poland and Czechoslovakia in the area in June under the codename SUMAVA with equipment and designated troops.

It would be advisable to involve [the following] from the Polish armed forces in this exercise:

- a reduced staff of the HQ of the Silesian Military District with communications, support, and service subunits in the role of the field command of the 12th Combined Arms Army;
- the HQ of two MD [mechanized division] (TD [tank division]).

It is desirable to have one full-strength mechanized regiment in one division and the staff of a mechanized regiment and one motorized rifle battalion in the second division .

Request your instructions to designate the necessary communications and service subunits to support the work of the staffs for the exercise and to also have a 15-day supply of materiel for all the personnel being brought to this exercise.

The exercise control provides for a deputy for the Polish armed forces, and several generals and officers of the Polish armed forces for work in the exercise control staff, the staff of the front, and also as umpires in staffs and in the field.

[The following] theme is planned during the exercise:

"The preparation and waging of combat operations of allied forces at the start of a war".

It is planned for the departure position for the troops of the army to be in the region of BOLESŁAWIEC, KAMIENNA-GORA, KŁODZKO, SWIDNICA. The army headquarters is to be in the area of SWIDNICA.

The departure position is to be occupied by the end of 18 June 1968.

The plan of the exercise provides for the staffs and troops to move onto the territory of the CSSR and conduct tactical troop exercises at the MIMON training range of the Czechoslovak People's Army. It is advisable for the tanks of Polish Armed Forces units and subunits participating in the exercise to be sent to Czechoslovakia on trailers. It

is planned to send a special communications group of the exercise control staff and a VCh communications station to the headquarters of the 12th Army of the Polish Armed Forces. All issues connected with the preparations for and support of the exercise, the movement of staffs and troops onto the territory of the CSSR, and also issues of the construction of lines of communication on the territory of the PNR for the exercise will be coordinated by the staff of the OVS [Combined Armed Forces] with the General Staffs of the Polish Armed Forces and the Czechoslovak National Army.

Regards,

I. YAKUBOVSKY, Marshal of the Soviet Union  
Commander-in-Chief of the OVS

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