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**Cipher Telegraph 2765-311/8, To Minister of
National Defense of the Poland, Division General
Cde. W. Jaruzelski**

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Summary:

This Soviet cipher message provides Polish military forces with specific instructions regarding the forthcoming joint military exercise in Poland and Czechoslovakia. The given details pertain primarily to Polish troop movements.

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Warsaw, to Minister of National Defense of the Polish People's Republic, Division General Cde. W. Jaruzelski.

Dear Comrade Minister!

In connection with the upcoming exercise of the combined armed forces and the agreement which was reached about the participation in it of formations of the Polish Armed Forces it would be desirable to plan for their use in the following fashion: - bring the 11th TD [tank division] to the area Kutná Hora, Pardubice, Nové Mesto, Vrchlabi Izt Kutná Hora Pardubice, Nové Mesto, Vrchlabi, using for this route: Z?otorjya, Jelenia-Góra, Vrchlabi, Ho?ice, Chlumec and Javor, Kamienna-Góra, Trutnov, Hradec-Králové, repeat: Z?otorjya, Jelenia-Góra, Vrchlabi, Ho?ice, Chlumec and Javor, Kamienna-Góra, Trutnov, Hradec-Králové. It is desirable to locate the division HQ in Hradec-Králové. - bring the 10th TD to the area of Havli?k?v-Brod, Bystrica, ?umperk Kostelec, Chrudim, via the routes - Opole, G?ubczyce, Bruntál, ?umperk, Vysoké Mýto and Kozle, Opava, ?ternberk, Moravska - T?ebová. Division HQ - Havliu?k?v Brod. It is desirable to have the 4th MD in the second echelon in the area south of Wroc?aw. An army HQ should be created to command the divisions. It is advisable to occupy the departure areas 15-17 km from the border of Czechoslovakia before the 10th and 11th TD move out to the designated areas. Their departure is to be done secretly, observing all camouflage measures. It would also be desirable to conduct preliminary reconnaissance of the routes of advance of the divisions from departure areas to the border of the ?SSR. It ought to be borne in mind that the 20th TD of the SGV is departing from an area south of Boles?awiec in the direction of Ji?ín, Kutná Hora. Considering that Soviet divisions will also be advancing together with divisions of the Polish Armed Forces it is necessary to strictly maintain the set routes and move at a coordinated time. Other questions regarding the fulfillment of these missions by Polish Armed Forces troops and their material and technical support will be discussed with your representatives on the 25th of July at Legnica. It is recommended to convey the impending missions to commanders and chiefs of staffs of regiments on the 28th of July.

Commander-in-Chief of the Combined
Armed Forces

Marshal of the Soviet Union I. Yakubovsky

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