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FROM : John H. Stein
Deputy Director for Operations

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Intelligence Information Special Report

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SUBJECT

Permit Regulations for Publications, Radio,
TV, and Live Performances

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Summary:

This report is a translation of a SECRET Polish document entitled "Ordinance of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Dated . . . , Concerning Regulations and Procedures on Issuance of Permits for the Dissemination of Publications and for Public Performances, and also for the Use of Printing Establishments and Equipment During a State of Martial Law." This standby ordinance states that, in areas where martial law has been declared, permits will be issued by publication and performance control organs for the following: TV shows; radio broadcasts; stage performances; film distributions; painting exhibits; printing and dissemination of books, newspapers, and magazines; and the use of printing establishments and equipment. If a permit is denied or withdrawn, the ruling is final and cannot be appealed.

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O R D I N A N C E

of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Dated

Concerning Regulations and Procedures on Issuance of
Permits for the Dissemination of Publications and for
Public Performances, and also for the Use of Printing
Establishments and Equipment During a State of Martial Law

Pursuant to article 17, section 2 of the decree of . . . on
Martial Law (Dziennik Ustaw [Legal Gazette] No . . . , item . . .)
it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1

1. Permits for the dissemination of publications and for public performances by means of printed material, images, and the spoken word within an area where martial law has been declared, are issued by organs for the control of publications and public performances.
2. The permits referred to in subsection 1 are issued by publication and public performance control organs for the following purposes:
 - 1) dissemination of newspapers, magazines, nonperiodical publications, books, and other printed materials;
 - 2) public exhibition of literary and mimic works, and also staging of artistic and entertainment performances;

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- 3) broadcast of television and radio programs;
 - 4) dissemination of information transmitted by wire and radiotelephone, and also television;
 - 5) distribution of films, slides, and other light images;
 - 6) exhibition of paintings, photographs, posters, and other artistic works.
3. Publication and public performance control organs also issue permits for the publication of newspapers and magazines, and for the right to use printing establishments, equipment and devices producing by various means prints and illustrations, as well as plants producing seals and stamps--irrespective of who possesses them.

Section 2

Permits for dissemination of publications and for public performances, for publishing newspapers and magazines, and also for use of establishments and equipment referred to in section 1, subsection 3, are issued by appropriate local organizational components of the Main Office for the Control of Publishing and Public Performances.

Section 3

1. If the texts, images, recordings, scripts or printed material submitted for review violate the rights referred to in article 2 of the Law on Control of Publications and Public Performances of 31 July 1981 (Dziennik Ustaw No 20, item 99), or if they are otherwise prejudicial to the interests of the national security or defense, the publication and public performance control organ refuses to issue a permit for the dissemination of publications or for the staging of a public performance.

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2. A publication and public performance control organ can withdraw a previously issued permit for the dissemination of printed texts or for the staging of a public performance if the finished copies of printed matter in the form intended for dissemination, or the plot or form of a staged public performance do not conform with the previously approved text or script.
3. A ruling which refuses to issue a permit and which withdraws a previously issued permit is final. Such rulings may not be appealed to an administrative court.

Section 4

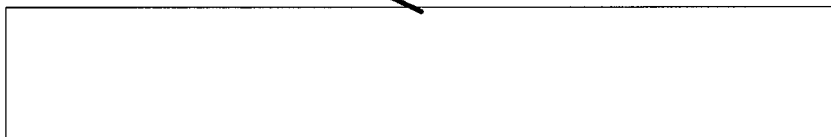
In matters of granting permits for the dissemination of publications or for public performances not regulated by this ordinance, the provisions of the ordinance of 22 April 1975 pertaining to the scope and procedure of administering inspection and control by the Main Office for the Control of the Press, Publishing and Public Performances (Dziennik Ustaw No. 13, item 75), and also legal acts pursuant thereto are to apply.

Section 5

1. Permits for publishing newspapers and magazines granted before the effective date of this ordinance become null and void.
2. Directives on depriving newspapers, magazines and other printed matter of foreign origin of the right of circulation, which were issued prior to the effective date of this ordinance, are still in force.
3. In matters related to the granting of publication permits for magazines, the provisions of section 3 and provisions referred to in section 4 are to apply as appropriate.

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Section 6

1. Issue of written permits for using printing establishments, equipment and devices which produce printed texts and illustrations by mechanical, chemical and other means, and also equipment producing seals and stamps, are governed by provisions now in force pertaining to registration and control of printing establishments, equipment and devices contained in the legal acts referred to in section 4.
2. The provisions of section 3 are to apply as appropriate.

Section 7

Provisions of this ordinance are to apply in the entire territory of the Polish Peoples Republic or within the limits of the national territorial subdivision in which martial law has been introduced in accordance with the resolution of the Council of State pertaining to introduction of martial law.

Section 8

This ordinance enters into force on the day of its promulgation and its provisions are binding as of the date of its publication.

Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Wojciech JARUZELSKI
General of the Army

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