

MEMORANDUM

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TO: A. Ross Johnson

INFO: M. Łatyński, R. Poole, W. Marsh

FROM: The undersigned editors from Polish Service

On March 23rd 1989 the program "Facts and Views" carried remarks on the previous Director of the Polish Service, Dr. Zdzisław Najder. It was written by Alina Grabowska at Mr. Łatyński's request and read by her.

We consider this item to be a political and moral provocation directed against Dr. Najder and the undersigned. We perceive it as a deliberate move on the part of Mr. Łatyński and Ms. Grabowska designed to cause an even deeper split in the Polish Service and to worsen still further an already disastrous atmosphere.

The way in which the author of the comments (approved by Mr. Łatyński) treated the story shows that it was her intended purpose to exploit the subject tendentially.

The most eminent Polish writers in the PEN Club the Solidarity Intervention Commission have demanded that the death sentence on Dr. Najder be quashed. The matter has also been raised at the regime-opposition round table. To claim, therefore, as Ms. Grabowska did in her program, that it is the regime-backed Writers' Union which is interceding on Dr. Najder's behalf, constitutes a serious political error. We know already that this is how it has been interpreted by important personalities in Poland engaged in this action. The fact that Dr. Najder's case has been raised by a group of people with high moral authority in Poland shows in what great respect he is held. This is confirmed by his numerous publications in the underground press, in Tygodnik Powszechny and in emigre' periodicals.

The use of RFE programs for continuing a personal vendetta against Dr. Najder is a scandal and only causes moral damage to the Service.

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