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SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

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Summary Description of Activities

Since the completion of the previously reported two-week briefing program, the Council's program on Civil-Military Relations has been pursuing possible follow-on training activities to be held in Central and Eastern European countries which have demonstrated both the ability and desire to usefully engage in technical assistance programs. Atlantic Council staff has explored the value and timing of assistance programs with AID, country teams, and Council colleagues in preparation for the conduct of Phase II training activities.

In the Baltic states, the Council hopes to provide a consultant to assist the Lithuanian government establish the legal framework governing the chain of command in the Defense field. If undertaken, the Council would utilize funds remaining from a United States Institute of Peace grant to complete the project.

A series of correspondence and meetings with Polish Minister of Defense Janusz Onyszkiewicz, Deputy Minister of Defense Przemyslaw Grudzinski, and National Security Advisor Jerzy Milewski has produced an official request from the National Security Bureau to establish a schedule for the conduct of training programs in Poland.

Due to the uncertain conditions in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia, activities in the former Czechoslovakia have been put on hold. As the Council learns more with regard to structures and procedures of these new Central European states additional activities may be considered.

With regard to Hungary, the Council has continued its dialogue with the office of the Prime Minister and the Parliamentary Defense Committee. The Council is currently awaiting reply to recent proposals for technical assistance programs in Budapest.

With the resolution of the most recent governmental crisis, the Council hopes to resume program activities in Bulgaria. The prospects for the conduct of programs with the Ministry of Defense and the soon-to-be-created National Security Council structure are encouraging.

Implementation Status

Program staff are pleased with progress made in the development of Phase II training activities in a number of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The Council believes the interest in further training provided by the Civil-Military Relations Program is an indication of the value of the initial orientation briefing programs in July of 1991 and 1992. The Council expects to conduct Phase II activities as outlined in the document entitled **Evaluation Criteria and Benchmarks**.

Future Activities

At this point, it appears as though Poland and Bulgaria show the most promise for the conduct of AID funded Phase II programs. In the coming weeks the Council hopes to move forward with agreement on the substance and timing of seminars and/or consultancies desired by host governments.

The Civil-Military staff will pursue and conduct Phase II training activities in the manner in which the respective AID in-country representatives prefer. The Council welcomes the comment and advice of AID representatives.

Established Goals

The Council is confident the Civil-Military Program is providing valuable information in a timely manner. The ability of the program to draw upon individuals with a wide range of experiences relevant to the issue of civil-military relations in governance has attracted the interest and confidence of the intended audience in Central and Eastern Europe.

Expenditures

The Atlantic Council will provide year-end expenditures when the close-out figures for 1992 are available. It is anticipated that this information will follow in two to three days in a supplement to this report.

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