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*The operation code – named „Targowica” conducted by the Voivodeship Office of Public Security in Upper Silesia*

(Summary)

The purpose of this work is to analyze the conducted work by officers of the Voivodeship Office of Public Security in Upper Silesia. First of all, it is an attempt to answer the question about the effects of work, as well as to explain their causes on the basis of the analysis of correspondence, reports as well as other documents from conducted cases. So far, nobody has developed this theme, only articles have been published about operation code – named „Targowica” on the scale of the whole country or other regions. The basis for the creation of this work were primarily materials collected by the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw and in Katowice. The supplement is personal files collected in the Central Military Archive in Warsaw. The work consists of: introduction, list of abbreviations, five chapters, endings, annexes and bibliography.

Chapter I deals with political changes that took place in Poland after the Second World War, the Polish authorities' attitude towards people working before the war for the Second Polish Republic, who were suspected of possibly cooperating with special services of foreign states - regardless of whether they actually decided to take such an activity. The former officers of the Second Division of the General Staff of the Polish Army, police officers and the Border Protection Corps were treated with great reluctance, because they could use their pre-war education and training to act to the detriment of the state.

Chapter II presents the methods of work of the Security Office in Upper Silesia, taking into account the results obtained. It is a presentation of the manner of carrying out the task entrusted and analysis of correspondence and reports passed to superiors from the Ministry of Public Security.

Chapter III presents specific issues that failed. This is an example of the incompetence of officers and their wasted time, which they could use in a more appropriate manner. Officers of the Security Office often focused on surveillance of people who worked for the Second Polish Republic before the war, but after the Second World War they were not interested in taking action to the detriment of the state. In spite of this, they were subjected to observation and surveillance, which hindered their daily lives as well as their families.

Chapter IV is the presentation of matters that were taken as a result of just suspicion, and as a result of the work of officers from Upper Silesia led to charges of espionage. It is also a discussion of the fate of people brought to justice, but also their relatives who find themselves in the interest of the Security Office.

Chapter V is a presentation of various actions taken by officers of the state security apparatus in the distinction to the areas in which they performed their duties: Upper Silesia, Pomerania and Warmia and Mazury with an attempt to compare the methods used for their work and the results obtained.

As a result of research on the subject taken, conclusions have been drawn that the operation „Targowica" has not been successfully completed for the state security apparatus. However, it was undoubtedly the cause of many dramas of suspected people and their families. Officers of the Security Office often prevented a peaceful life through unfounded suspicions, intimidation, forcing them to cooperate, but also by blocking professional careers. Although there were cases of finding people who undertook espionage activities in favor of a foreign state - then the activities of the Security Service in these investigations pointed primarily to the high incompetence of the officers who undertook this task.

Complement the work is a list of abbreviations and appendices. The whole work is closed by a bibliography that was preceded by a conclusion summarizing the subject taken.

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