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INS:WARSAW: 2330hrs June 7... Polish Airlines flight 590 enroute from Warsaw to Riga, LV shot down by Russian MiG, eventually impacting in Lithuania... Russian and Byelorussian Air Forces conducting joint live fire exercises apparently engaged PAL590 which was in close proximity to a target drone... The Warsaw government condemns the action claiming there was no warning or notification of a live fire exercise...

INS:Moscow: June 18... Unnamed Russian government officials claim that PAL590 was warned by Belarussian ATC of the exercise and ordered to change course... Lithuanian investigators have recovered the black boxes.

INS:Vilnius: July 1... Lithuanian government sources indicate preliminary investigation reveals that there was no communication between Byelorussian ATC and PAL590 prior to incident... Moscow government condemns the statement as false and inflammatory...

INS:Warsaw: July 4... Warsaw announces that Aeroflot flights to Poland have been suspended... 25 Russian "diplomats" have been expelled from the Russian Consulate... Russia in turn expels 30 Polish and Lithuanian "diplomats" ...

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INS:Moscow: July 10... Russian military announces large scale naval exercises to be conducted off the coast of Kaliningrad scheduled for July 25 and warns Poland not to interfere...

INS:Brussels: July 11... NATO HQ ... NATO Secretary General issues stern warning to Russia that intimidation through military force will not be tolerated... Sweden offers to mediate Russian-Polish talks on PAL590 incident...

INS:Stockholm: ... July 12... Swedish government indicates that Moscow is lukewarm to negotiations with Warsaw on resolution of PAL590 incident...

INS:Moscow: July 18... Russian military announces that joint Byelorussian-Russian ground exercise will be conducted in the Grodno, By vicinity and in Kaliningrad in conjunction with scheduled naval exercises...

INS:Warsaw: July 20... Warsaw officials confirm that Poland and Lithuania armed forces have been placed on alert along the Byelorussian and Russian borders...

INS:Brussels: July 22... NATO HQ... NATO units in the Baltic states have been placed on alert ahead of Byelorussian-Russian exercises...

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INS:Vilnius: 0500hrs July 25... Lithuanian sources report severe communications disruption and explosions in the Alytus vicinity...