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Subject: Asset Encounter in Gdańsk (Poland)

Summary:

On 2021-12-23, Nightingale-12 (asset code: WINTER-01) reported a meeting with a Polish Intelligence Service (PIS) officer, codenamed 'Ziemia'. This encounter aligns with previous intelligence suggesting the PIS has been increasingly interested in Western assets operating within Poland. This FCR will compare and contrast this event with similar instances, highlighting unique features and differences.

Details:

WINTER-01 reported a brief meeting with Ziemia at a pre-arranged safe house in Gdańsk. The discussion centered around a proposed joint operation targeting a suspected Russian intelligence asset operating within the Polish border region. Ziemia indicated the PIS is working to establish a clandestine network within the Polish military, leveraging the growing tensions between Russia and NATO.

Comparative Analysis:

This encounter shares similarities with the 2019-11-12 meeting between WINTER-01 and a PIS officer, codenamed 'Tatra' (FCR-2019-11-001). Both instances involved discussions about joint operations targeting Russian intelligence assets and the PIS's efforts to expand its clandestine network within the Polish military. However, the current meeting differs in three key aspects:

1. **Proposed Operation:** The proposed joint operation targeting a suspected Russian intelligence asset in the Polish border region is a new development. This indicates a shift in the PIS's focus towards more aggressive targeting of Russian assets.
2. **Ziemia's Role:** Ziemia's involvement in this meeting suggests a higher level of authority within the PIS than Tatra. This could indicate Ziemia is a more senior officer or has greater access to PIS resources.

3. Tone and Tenor: The tone of the discussion was more cautious and measured compared to previous encounters. This may indicate the PIS is becoming more risk-averse due to increasing pressure from Russian intelligence services.

Analysis and Recommendations:

Given the similarities and differences between this encounter and previous instances, we can infer the following:

- 1. PIS's Growing Interest:** The PIS's continued interest in Western assets operating within Poland suggests a deepening of their cooperation with the Russian intelligence services.
- 2. Russian Intelligence Activities:** The proposed joint operation targeting a suspected Russian intelligence asset indicates the PIS is actively working to counter Russian intelligence activities within Poland.
- 3. Asset Risk Assessment:** WINTER-01's continued involvement in these meetings raises concerns about the asset's safety and potential exposure to PIS or Russian intelligence services.

Recommendations:

- 1. Increase Surveillance:** Conduct increased surveillance on WINTER-01 to ensure their safety and prevent potential exposure.
- 2. Review Asset Handling Procedures:** Review and update asset handling procedures to account for the PIS's growing interest in Western assets.
- 3. Enhance Covert Operations:** Enhance covert operations within Poland to counter the PIS's efforts to expand its clandestine network within the Polish military.

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