

The Broadstreet Dossier

The document packet that Broadstreet entrusted to Pettimore ten months ago/two months in the future consists of 85 typewritten, double-spaced pages. Handwritten annotations and corrections are scattered throughout the documents, all in green ink and the same handwriting. One of these annotations, tucked into the left margin of the second page, gives the clue Ellis needs to begin deciphering the apparent gibberish.

Section One: Silesia SITREP

The file's first section is 36 pages long. It provides a comprehensive intelligence overview of the two major power centers in southern Poland: the Margravate of Silesia and the Free City of Krakow.

Margravate of Silesia

Broadstreet emphasizes that very little of this information is firsthand observation.

The Margravate originated with the Polish 14th Motor Rifle Division's campaign against ex-Soviet marauders (primarily from the Soviet 9th Tank Division) in autumn 1999. The 14th MRD's commander, Brigadier General Julian Filipowicz, appears to have taken this as an indication that neither the Polish government nor its Soviet sponsors were capable of maintaining order or protecting Polish citizens. In April 2000, after receiving orders from Soviet Reserve Front HQ to move his division north to the Baltic Coast, Filipowicz declared the territory under his control to be "the free and independent Margravate of Silesia." He restructured the 14th MRD and associated ORMO forces into the Army of Silesia and accepted personal oaths of loyalty from their officers.

Subsequently, both KGB and DIA teams entered Silesia to meet with Filipowicz and subsequently disappeared. Around this time, an assassination attempt on Filipowicz missed him but killed his son. Broadstreet believes it's likely that one of those teams – more probably the KGB – was responsible.

Filipowicz appears to be one of the more successful neofeudal warlords to emerge in Poland over the last year. Local administration in his territory runs under the shared authority of a town council (which runs routine affairs and oversees agriculture on the surrounding farms) and a baron (who is the regional defense commander and liaison to other towns). The barons hold their offices under appointments from Filipowicz, who now styles himself the Markgraf of Silesia.

Infrastructure

The Margravate is agriculturally self-sufficient, but only barely so. It has successfully reopened the Rybnik coal mines, albeit at a fraction of prewar capacity, and is trading most of that coal to Krakow in exchange for manufactured goods. Intelligence on Filipowicz's recruiting efforts suggests that his major strategic efforts include bringing a coal-fired power plant back online, increasing mechanized agriculture, and restarting an economy based on something more stable than barter.

Silesia's prewar population was around 3 million. It contained much of Poland's mineral resources and was heavily industrialized. This made its cities targets for the nuclear strikes. Broadstreet estimates Silesia now has a total population around 100,000, not all of whom are subjects of the Margravate.

Julian Filipowicz

Broadstreet assesses Filipowicz himself as highly charismatic, militarily competent, and very ambitious. His likely grand strategy is to position himself as king of a new Polish monarchy.

Through diplomacy and offers of alliance and protection, he is pursuing the support of power groups and cultural and religious figures who can legitimize his claims.

Florian Filipowicz

Broadstreet concludes with slightly more extensive and personal notes on Major Florian Filipowicz, Julian's younger brother. Florian was involved in the defense of the city of Czestochowa from NATO forces over April-May 1997. He sustained TBI during that battle. During or after the battle, he came into possession of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, appointed himself its protector, and began fortifying the catacombs under the Czestochowa monastery. Broadstreet and the team with whom he was operating captured Florian and seized the Black Madonna. They stashed the latter in an abandoned copper mine and took the former with them to Krakow. Marginalia here includes detailed directions for locating and safely recovering the Black Madonna.

Florian subsequently aligned himself with Broadstreet's team, as he was convinced that they represented his best chance for continuing his fight against what he described as occult influences on the Polish people. Broadstreet's initial opinion was that Florian suffered from religious delusions, but he subsequently acknowledged that there may have been some factual basis for this mindset...

Free City of Krakow

Broadstreet states that most of this information *is* either firsthand observation or obtained from sources he personally was handling.

Krakow largely escaped direct damage during the war – no nuclear strikes, no bombings, no protracted sieges. Its eastern suburb of Nowa Huty was hit by NATO air strikes against the steel foundries there but the city core remained unscathed. Consequently, although famine and disease took their toll on the population, the city's infrastructure was more intact than that of most of its peers.

The elected government of Krakow declared it a neutral free city in October 1999. Krakow ORMO backed this transition, as did the recently-arrived Polish 8th Motor Rifle Division. The 8th MRD was subsequently absorbed into the Krakow ORMO to form a unified defense force, but implementation of that merger has been uneven and the ORMO suffers from divided loyalties.

Krakow's power structure and leadership are divided. Its government ostensibly is an elected council, the *Rada*, but reality is somewhat more complex.

Infrastructure

Krakow operates a network of collective farms outside its rebuilt defensive walls but still can't feed all of its 40,000 citizens. It relies on trade with farming communities across southeast Silesia, especially those along the nearby stretch of the Wisla River, where barge traffic is still possible. Krakow's merchants are constantly buying food, luxury goods, medical supplies, raw materials for local industry, and spare parts for almost anything.

Krakow exports manufactured goods from a hundred garage workshops and a number of (relatively) larger factories. It has limited chemical and explosive production capability and can reload small arms ammunition and mortar shells. Other notable exports include hand tools, bicycles, horse carts and wagons, leather goods, clothing, methanol fuel, and a limited amount of basic medical supplies and pharmaceuticals.

Ownership of printing presses is illegal in Krakow – not to suppress information (or so the official line goes) but to prevent counterfeiting. The government has re-established a food-backed economy and is printing and issuing ration chits, which it uses to pay the ORMO and all city workers.

Dowodca Josef Kutrzeba

Dowodca ("leader") Josef Kutrzeba enjoyed a meteoric rise to power after his arrival in Krakow in June 1999. He claimed to be a Polish colonel separated from his unit and swiftly took command of the disorganized local ORMO. In a series of battles over the latter half of 1999, he eliminated most of the major marauder bands that had been plaguing the city. Broadstreet notes that he was unable to substantiate Kutrzeba's claimed service history or find any other evidence of his existence prior to mid-1999.

By the time Krakow declared itself a free city in October 1999, Kutrzeba was already in effective control of the city government in addition to the ORMO. The *Rada* made his status official in a largely-ceremonial vote.

Kutrzeba is beloved by most of the original ORMO troops, though the 8th MRD's regular troops are skeptical of his cult of personality. He is prone to mood swings and sees himself as a modern-day military governor. In his public appearances, he usually wears elaborately-tailored and medal-festooned uniforms loosely modeled on vintage Polish generals' attire. He is always attended by a detail of his personal guard force, the *Warta* (named for the castle in which he makes his home and which is now the effective seat of government in Krakow).

Lieutenant General Zygmunt Bohusz

The former commander of the Polish 8th Motor Rifle Division arrived in Krakow in late October 1999, bringing with him one of the last combat formations of the Polish Army. Following several months of rather ugly politics, General Bohusz is now Krakow's Police Prefect, theoretically in command of the merged ORMO. In actuality, while most former 8th MRD soldiers are under General Bohusz's orders, much of the original ORMO remains loyal first and foremost to *Dowodca* Kutrzeba.

General Bohusz rarely makes public appearances and seems to prefer the company of his troops over that of the general Krakow population. With the recent addition of internal security duties to his portfolio, he's handing over more and more of his conventional military responsibilities to his deputies.

Guz Stanislaw

Guz ("boss") Stanislaw is the shadowy figure who rules Krakow's underworld. "Shadowy," in this case, is literal - he only does business at night and travels by blacked-out limousine. He dominates the local black market, which includes medicine and medical services, recreational drugs (mostly opiates), military weapons and munitions, smuggling across the Margravte and Czechoslovakian borders, stolen and forged papers (including Krakow citizenship documents), gambling, prostitution, and stolen just-about-anything.

Broadstreet compiled a significant body of evidence that Stanislaw and Kutrzeba have history prior to 1999 and Stanislaw is Kutrzeba's silent partner in his rule of Krakow. The alliance was strained, as Stanislaw had concerns about Kutrzeba's sanity and reliability. He also had concerns about Kutrzeba's ability to keep Bohusz on a leash, as the general seemed to be interested in dismantling Krakow's black market.

Colonel Richard Stark

Colonel Stark is the DIA director of operations in southern Poland, based in Krakow. He has a direct action background and has a small team of (former?) operators under his orders. Broadstreet considered Stark exceptionally dangerous, as Stark (sometimes correctly) sees the CIA as the DIA's direct competitor/opponent in the stateside schism between the reconstituted U.S. federal government and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Stark was expending significant effort and resources to track down any trace of a unit designated Task Force Cobalt, which was the last known holder of an unspecified strategic infrastructure asset or assets. TF Cobalt was a joint special operations team that disappeared somewhere north of Czestochowa in the summer of 2000. Broadstreet was unable to determine much else about it. *However – Arkadi would recognize TF Cobalt as the designation of the SOF team that he was supposed to be supporting in Lodz.*

Walter Donovan

Walter Donovan is the CIA station chief in Krakow. He has limited contact with CIA stations in Germany through a shortwave radio and a dwindling supply of one-time cipher pads. He also has a small network of assets, most of whom are good primarily for economic and political information about Krakow and what was southern Poland. He has established a cover identity as the operations manager for Juliusz Wojciechowicz ("Woj"), the primary munitions manufacturer in Krakow and a key figure in the city's industrial recovery.

Broadstreet considered Donovan reliable but notes that he was compartmentalizing the information in Sections Two and Three of this dossier from Donovan. He wanted to prevent him from being compromised – and was using Donovan as a control sample for some of his observations in those sections.

Marginalia here provides frequencies and schedules for contacting Donovan. There's no authentication or crypto, though.

Section Two: Threat Analysis

This 28-page section is Broadstreet's summary of the various supernatural occurrences he and his team observed between July and October 2000. This includes the in-character experiences of the self-reassembling bear, the marauders with the odd allergy to silver, and Florian Filipowicz's skeletal paratrooper subordinates (and their response to Pettimore's rifle fire). Additionally...

Nanites

Broadstreet goes into some detail about the apparent nanite infestation that Dr. Ellie Wright found in the blood of his team, their mounts and pack animals, and Florian Filipowicz. It broadly aligns with the observations that Red has made in this campaign, but the nanites in Dr. Wright's observations are described as looking like flakes of black mica, about a quarter the size of a red blood cell, and nearly two-dimensional. The ones in Filipowicz's blood were similar but a metallic purple in color; Wright didn't note any other differences.

Broadstreet theorizes that his team and their animals were infected/infested during an incident south of Lodz in late July 2000. At the time, they thought they'd encountered an area of persistent nerve agent contamination due to the initial physiological effects, but this incident seems to be the point after which all of them manifested the accelerated healing that seemed to be linked to the nanites.

Florian's Angel

This is a record of private interviews/interrogations with Florian Filipowicz. According to Florian, sometime after he received his head injury at the end of the Battle of Czestochowa, he received a visitation from a shadowy angelic figure that commanded him to guard and preserve the Black Madonna until it returned to claim the icon. This "angel" gave him power over the mortal remains of all the fallen soldiers of his former command (the 6th Pomeranian Air Assault Division), which he claims he used to reanimate the skeletal soldiers that Broadstreet's team encountered. Florian also reports experiencing accelerated healing after this encounter, suggesting that he was infected/infested with the nanites at this time.

Florian experienced four further visitations from the "angel," each coming immediately after Florian and his "troops" dealt with an incursion into the catacombs. The "angel" took the bodies of the intruders. In the fourth incident, Florian had captured two of the intruders alive, both former U.S. Army personnel from the destroyed 5th Infantry Division. He became agitated when

interviewed on this, displaying extreme aversion to discussing what the "angel" did to or with the survivors.

Florian stated that he had not encountered the "angel" since then. He further stated that following extensive prayer, meditation, and conversation with Pettimore, he no longer believes that the "angel" was actually a true angel or a servant of God. Florian's apparent willingness to associate with his captors hinged on the belief that they represented his best chance for hunting and destroying or banishing this being.

Krakow's Angels

This entry begins with the team's forensic analysis of the attack on their base in Krakow, including the circumstantial evidence that a large winged humanoid creature was present for the attack and had transported the attackers onto the warehouse's roof.

Following this are transcripts of a series of interviews Broadstreet conducted with individuals around the city who claimed to have seen angels in the skies over Krakow. These sightings all took place at night and described one to four winged humanoid beings. No further consistent details emerged.

Finally, Broadstreet provides the limited amount of information he was able to glean about three cults operating covertly in Krakow that have ties to some form of "angel" imagery. The first is an ostensibly-Catholic movement among Krakow's large refugee population, which appears to be a grassroots apocalyptic cult with no clear leader. Its adherents believe that the war was the End of Days (not unreasonable) and that God has sent angels down to Earth to judge the survivors, punish the wicked, and bear the worthy to Heaven. The second cult is one focusing on "enlightened hedonism," recruiting from the city's emerging merchant/industrial class. Its members use their resources to procure luxury goods and other indulgences for their fellows, and Broadstreet believes several are involved in sex trafficking (and are using their positions within the city government to direct ORMO investigations away from this business). The third is some sort of martial order within the ORMO which may be involved in extrajudicial murders or renditions on behalf of Kutzreba.

Marginalia throughout this section includes observations from Dr. Wright on the possibility that the creature involved in the attack on the team may have influenced its subjects/minions with pheromones or other behavioral modification. There are suggestions that similar effects are in play with all three cults, and were previously applied to Florian. Broadstreet also adds recent observations that individuals associated with all three cults are influencing Krakow's government into a stance of increasing hostility toward the Polish Communist government and Soviet Reserve Front HQ in Lublin.

Section Three: Pattern Analysis

This 21-page section breaks down Broadstreet's observations and analysis of events within the CIA from mid-1996 to early 2000, as well as his subsequent experiences in Poland up to November 2000. He recounts a pattern of CIA activity in which each operation had the ostensible goal of avoiding war, but when placed into context were linked to political and strategic military decisions which triggered the war or the nuclear escalation. Some of his inferences are highly suspect and based on second- or thirdhand information obtained from sources near the CIA's leadership echelons.

In early 1999, Broadstreet was inserted into U.S. XI Corps headquarters under a DIA cover identity. His assignment was to monitor NATO operations in northern Poland. His cover identity subsequently was assigned to support the U.S. 5th Infantry Division during the summer 2000 NATO offensive. During this time, he observed a similar pattern on the regional/theatre scales:

ongoing prosecution of a broken-backed war for ostensible purposes of resource reclamation, but with actual effects of impairing or opposing infrastructure recovery.

He observed similar effects yet again in Krakow on the local scale, and was receiving reports through Donovan of similar issues in Silesia. In both locales, politics and targeted violence seemed to be driving recovery attempts toward a lower level of technology, a neo-feudal political structure, a lower overall population base, and – more critically and familiarly – the suppression or destruction of recorded knowledge. Marginalia here suggests that he may have started to see Krakow citizens displaying some of the memory/perception issues that Ellis and his team have identified.

Postscript

This handwritten addendum, dated 27 October 2000, states that Broadstreet's team believed a KGB assassination attempt on Kutzreba was imminent. The attack was to take place during a pilgrimage to Czestochowa that Kutzreba was organizing, and the KGB was likely to frame Bohusz to further disrupt Krakow. Broadstreet's intent was to take most of his team to intercept the KGB hit team. He expected this to expose his investigations of the KGB presence in Krakow, and possibly to Stark as well. He notes that the KGB was aware of Stark's fixation on Task Force Cobalt and was also pursuing leads on it.

Broadstreet was sending Pettimore and Florian west to Silesia to obtain support from the Markgraf and/or Father Wojciech Niekarz (Catholic priest, former Solidarity organizer, and current leader of the Polish Home Army in Silesia). Pettimore had an additional assignment to convey this dossier to any CIA officer who he might encounter and deem free from outside influence...