

## **We had to attack Northern Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Denmark**

Paweł Piotrowski of the Public Education Bureau Section of the Institute of National Remembrance (Instytut Pamięci Narodowej – IPN) in Wrocław, who saw a part of the material connected with the Warsaw Treaty, does not believe he was shown all of the material related to this pact.

Piotrowski took part in an international academic project, the **Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact**. “I had access to the material connected with the Warsaw Treaty, but these were documents of lower importance. They concerned, among other things, exercises in which the Polish army took part. These were mobilization exercises, elements of war games, large exercises on maps, but they were not authentic representations of how our country would have behaved in the case of an eventual war. The real operational plans were secret,” Piotrowski told PAP.

Piotrowski hopes that the Warsaw Treaty documents shown on Friday will include the famous operational plans. “It is possible that there will be documents in the affair under the codename Vistula, i.e. material regarding the storage of nuclear weapons on Polish territory,” said Piotrowski. In his opinion, documents of the Warsaw Pact combined armed forces’ leadership relating to the so-called Polish front – the united armed forces of three Polish armies, which had to attack Northern Germany, Holland, Belgium and Denmark – may still be found.

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