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## **Military Special Services in the Political System of Poland after 1989**

This thesis examines the evolution of Polish military special services since 1989. The initial section provides an overview of these services, including their definitions and functions, and explains the concepts of intelligence and counterintelligence. It also outlines the currently active Polish special services and their respective tasks detailing the institutions responsible for their oversight, including distinctions between parliamentary, governmental, and judicial controls.

The historical section traces the development of military special services from the post-World War I era and the post-World War II period. It begins with a description of the political context of those times, followed by an analysis of the roles these services played, their structures and their responsibilities.

Subsequent sections address the changes in Poland's political system after 1989 and their impact on the functioning of special services, including conflicts over control of these services. It also covers the passing of the 2003 bill concerning military special services, which clarified their legal framework.

The thesis then delves into the parliamentary and presidential elections of 2005. The victory of Law and Justice Party in the parliamentary election and Lech Kaczyński in the presidential election led to significant changes in the operation of special services. The Military Information Services were replaced by the newly established Military Intelligence Service and the Military Counterintelligence Service, which involved separating intelligence from counterintelligence. The organization structure of these services is described in detail, along with an analysis of the legislative process involved.

The final section outlines the process required for individuals to be hired by the new services, noting that employees of the previous service were not automatically transitioned to the new entities. It also discusses the creation and publication of the so-called "Macierewicz Report", which detailed the activity of the Military Information Service, and concludes with an overview of the controversies surrounding its publication.