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This article examines the 'Polish Operation' of the NKVD (1937–1938), a lesser-known yet significant chapter of the Great Terror in the USSR. Drawing on newly accessed archival materials, the research reveals the operational mechanisms and bureaucratic procedures employed by Soviet authorities to conduct mass repression against the Polish minority. Special emphasis is placed on the genocidal nature of the operation, executed under NKVD Order No. 00485, which resulted in thousands of deaths and de-