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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
 Ryszard Frelek, Chairman of the Foreign
 Relations Committee of the Polish Parliament
 Polish Parliamentary Delegation:
 Jan Szczepanski
 Krystyna Marszalek-Mlynczyk
 Tadeusz Maj. Zdislaw Malicki
 Kazimierz Morawski
 Jan Babinski
 Amb. Witold Trampczynski, Polish Ambassador
 to the United States
 Mr. Kazimierz Duchowski, Counselor, Polish
 Embassy
 Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
 National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 21, 1976
 2:12 - 2:25 p.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

[The press comes in for photos. Frelek presents gold commemorative coins to the President. There were brief remarks by Frelek and the President about the medals and the fact that Poland is presenting sculptures of Pulaski and Kosciuszko for the Bicentennial].

President: Does everyone in the group speak English?

Frelek: About all of them.

President: I understand you just returned from San Francisco.

Frelek: Yes. We did. It was very interesting.

President: Where else did you go?

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Frelek: We went to Boston and we met with the Congress and the Foreign Relations committees. Then we went to Chicago. First Secretary Gierak asked that I convey his best wishes and warm remembrances of your visit last year. I am to convey his feeling that relations between us have never been better and he is sure that this relationship will continue to develop.

President: Mrs. Ford and I very much appreciate our trip to Poland.

Frelek: It is our desire to go farther on the improvement of our relationship. Mr. Gierak came home very satisfied with his visit to the FRG. He appreciated your role in facilitating relations between us. He came back very pleased with the way the visit developed.

President: I am pleased to hear that. Following Mr. Gierak's visit, we wrote to West Germany urging the development of better relations.

Frelek: May I express our deep regret for the tragic events which took place in Lebanon.

President: Thank you very much. It was a terrible thing. We understand they have caught the people involved.

Frelek: Your words that the death of Meloy will not stop your efforts for peace were very important.

President: We feel deeply about that. How are things in Poland?

Frelek: We are doing quite well. Our economy continues to develop rapidly. We have some problems, such as our exports sometimes are in conflict with rising consumption at home. We believe our joint trade will exceed \$1 billion this year, ahead of the projection that you and the First Secretary made.

President: How is the RCA project going?

Frelek: It is doing well; it is definitely underway. We would like to broaden that type of economic cooperation.

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Free/Polish Parliamentary Delegation
2¹² - 2²⁵ pm, Mon, 6/21/76

Press in

(Fulka presents gold commemorative coins
& P)

(Remarks by F + P about medals +
fact Poland presenting sculptures of Pulaski
& Kosciuszko for Bicentennial)

P Does group speak English

F almost

P I understand you just returned from SE

F Yes, we did. It was very interesting.

P Where else did you go.

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the FR units. Then we went to Chicago -
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better relations.

F May I express our deep regret for a ^{tragic} event which took place in Lebanon.

P Thank you very much. ~~Dear~~ It was a terrible thing. We understand that there have been a number of people involved.

F Your words that a death of Meloy will not stop our efforts for peace were very important.

P We feel deeply about that.

How are things ~~going~~ in Poland?

F We are ~~going~~ doing quite well. Our economy continues to develop rapidly. We have some problems, such as our sports sometimes are in conflict with rising consumption at home. We believe our joint work will exceed it, but this year, ahead of a projection you & F. Secy. made.

P How is RCA project going?

F It is doing well, definitely under way. We would like to broaden that type of economic cooperation.