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MR. FIRST SECRETARY, MR. CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE,

MR. PRIME MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED HOSTS:

MRS. FORD AND I ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR

CORDIAL WORDS OF WELCOME.
IT IS A GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN TO POLAND. DURING THE 16 YEARS SINCE MY FIRST VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY, THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES HAVE DEVELOPED IN A WAY THAT SHOULD PROVIDE US MUCH MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT.
BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION LAID NEARLY TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO WHEN COURAGEOUS POLES CAME TO OUR SHORES AND HELPED MAKE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE A REALITY, WE HAVE WORKED TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS.
I am gratified by the expansion of contacts between our two countries, by the rapid growth in trade and by the new forms of bilateral cooperation we have been able to develop.
DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST OCTOBER,

MR. FIRST SECRETARY, WE SIGNED THE JOINT STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES OF U.S. - POLISH RELATIONS, THE JOINT STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION,
AND OUR TWO COUNTRIES ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS ON COAL,

RESEARCH, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE AVOIDANCE

OF DOUBLE TAXATION, AND THE COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY.
THESE AGREEMENTS ARE THE LATEST EVIDENCE OF OUR ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLES. I HOPE WE CAN ACHIEVE EVEN GREATER COOPERATION DURING THIS VISIT.
I look forward to our discussions, Mr. First Secretary. I am confident that in reviewing our relationships, we can strengthen the traditional friendship between our two peoples and improve the prospects for world peace.
I AM ALSO ANXIOUS TO SHARE OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE
FUTURE -- AND TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS -- AS WE BOTH PREPARE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN
EUROPE IN HELSINKI. I BELIEVE WE WILL FIND AREAS IN WHICH BOTH
OF OUR COUNTRIES CAN FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS AMONG NATIONS.
IN CONCLUSION, LET ME EXPRESS THE GREETINGS I BRING WITH ME FROM ALL AMERICANS, INCLUDING THE MILLIONS OF OUR CITIZENS WHO ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR POLISH BACKGROUND AND HERITAGE.

NEE-ECK JEE-YEH POL-SKA.

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