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MR PRIME MINISTER

MR CHAIRMAN

MR FIRST SECRETARY

MR MAYOR

POLISH WORDS YOU WILL USE

KRAKOW (PHON: KRACK-OUF)

GENERAL KOSIUSZKO

(PHON: KOSH-CHEE-OOSH-KO)

LONG LIVE POLAND

(PHON: NEE-ECK JEE-VEH POL-SKA)

TADEUSZ KOSCIUSKO

(PHON: TAH-DAY-OOSH; KOSH-CHOOSH-KO)

VISTULA (PHON: VIS-TU-LA)

OSWIECIM (PHON: OH-SHFIN-SIM)

PULASKI (PHON: PU-LAS-KI)

PHONETIC: CHO-WEM-ZOL-NEE-ZAY

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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.

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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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