The original documents are located in Box 12, “7/28/75 - Introduction of After Dinner Entertainment, Warsaw, Poland” of the President’s Speeches and Statements: Reading Copies at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice
The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.
THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

INTRODUCTION OF AFTER DINNER ENTERTAINMENT

WARSAW, POLAND

MONDAY, JULY 28, 1975
LAST MARCH I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WELCOMING A WONDERFUL GROUP OF 75 YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY WERE FROM ROMANIA, A NATION VERY FRIENDLY TO BOTH POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES, AND KNOWN AS "FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS." THEY SHARED THEIR TALENT AND GOODWILL WITH US DURING A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.
TONIGHT I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US FOUR FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADOR GROUPS FROM THE UNITED STATES. THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED THREE WEEKS OF CONCERTS THROUGHOUT POLAND. THIS INSPIRING NON-PROFIT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS CONCEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES BY HARRY W. MORGAN IN 1956.
IT HAS DONE MUCH TO IMPROVE WORLD UNDERSTANDING. SUCH AMERICAN GROUPS HAVE VISITED SOME 70 NATIONS. MORE THAN 7,500 YOUNG AMERICANS FROM 40 OF OUR STATES HAVE PERFORMED IN POLAND, ROMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN TONIGHT THAT PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE FOR A POLISH STUDENT GROUP TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN 1976 -- OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR -- AS PART OF THE FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS "WORLD FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL."
NOW I INTRODUCE WITH PRIDE AND JOY SOME OF THE MOST DELIGHTFUL DIPLOMATS I HAVE EVER MET. THEY ARE THE FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS WHO ARE ENTERTAINING US TONIGHT.
INCLUDED ARE THE NEW ENGLAND YOUTH ENSEMBLE,

MASSACHUSETTS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DOCTOR VIRGINIA

RITTENHOUSE; THE TAKOMA ACADEMY CHORALE, MARYLAND, UNDER THE

DIRECTION OF FRANCISCO DE ARAUJO (A-ROW-HO); THE MOORESTOWN

MADRIGALS, NEW JERSEY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JANE STETLER; AND
THE GULF KIRK RINGERS, FLORIDA, DIRECTED BY DON RYNO AND

SETH WERTS.
DURING THE FORMAL DINNER, SPECIAL CHAMBER MUSIC WAS PERFORMED BY THE TAYLOR FAMILY STRING QUARTET FROM CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND SELECTIONS FOR HARP AND FLUTE OFFERED MISS HONOR CONWAY AND DENNIS HILL, BOTH FROM FLORIDA.
THE DIPLOMACY OF THESE YOUNG AMBASSADORS NEEDS NO INTERPRETATION. IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF WITH ELOQUENCE AND BEAUTY.