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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.

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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."

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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



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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.

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