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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

REMARKS AT MARKET SQUARE

KRAKOW, POLAND

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1975

MR. MAYOR, MR. FIRST SECRETARY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
OF KRAKOW (KRAH-KOOF).

AFTER THE WONDERFUL WARMTH OF THE RECEPTION YOU HAVE
JUST GIVEN ME, I KNOW WHY THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF POLISH
EXTRACTION ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR HERITAGE.

THIS ANCIENT SQUARE IS SURELY ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN
THE WORLD. IT IS FILLED WITH SOME OF THE FINEST CREATIONS OF POLISH
ARCHITECTS AND ARTISTS AND WITH THE MEMORY OF SO MANY GREAT MOMENTS
IN POLISH HISTORY. AMERICANS HONOR THE MEMORY OF GENERAL
KOSCIUSZKO (KOSH-CHEE-OOSH-KO) AS A HERO OF AMERICA'S WAR FOR
INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTY.

I AM STANDING ONLY A FEW FEET FROM THE PLAQUE MARKING THE SPOT
WHERE HE TOOK HIS FAMOUS OATH TO FIGHT TO REGAIN THE INDEPENDENCE
OF POLAND AND THE FREEDOM OF ALL POLES.

I AM PROUD TO BE HERE WITH YOU AT THIS PLACE SO RICH
IN POLISH HISTORY AND SO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH A POLISH
HERO OF OUR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

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I HAVE COME TO KRAKOW (PHONETIC: KRACK-OUF) TO

SEE BOTH THE MONUMENTS OF YOUR GREAT PAST AND YOUR MODERN

ACHIEVEMENTS. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR CREATIVITY.

IN THIS CITY, THE TIES OF KINSHIP AND OF FRIENDSHIP

ARE STRONG BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. WE WELCOME THE RAPID

INCREASE IN TRADE BETWEEN US AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS

IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

IN MY MEETINGS WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK DURING THIS

VISIT TO POLAND, WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH SATISFACTION THE PROGRESS

AND IMPROVEMENTS IN UNITED STATES-POLISH RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS.

WE HAVE FULLY AGREED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHERING THIS PROGRESS

FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE AMERICAN AND POLISH PEOPLES IN THE

COMING DECADES.

YOUR WELCOME TODAY -- AND ALL THE HEARTWARMING POLISH

HOSPITALITY -- ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE RAPPORT AND AFFECTION BETWEEN

OUR PEOPLES.

I HAVE FAITH IN A FUTURE THAT WILL SEE OUR RELATIONS

CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND GROW.

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~~LONG LIVE POLAND.~~

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