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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

LUNCHEON TOAST

KRAKOW, POLAND

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1975

MR. PRIME MINISTER

MR. CHAIRMAN

MR. FIRST SECRETARY

MR. MAYOR

Mr. Prime Minister, Mrs. Yarshevint

MR. FIRST SECRETARY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Mrs. P.

*M. Ch. V.
Mrs. Galt...*

I AM REMINDED AS I LOOK ABOUT THIS HISTORIC ROOM OF

THE DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF KRAKOW (KRAH-KOOF) AS THE CENTER OF

POLISH CULTURE. YOUR CITY'S ROLE WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT

DURING THE GRIM PERIODS OF PARTITION.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM THIS AREA HAVE COME TO THE UNITED STATES:

THEY HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA.

IT SEEMS ONLY RIGHT, THEREFORE, THAT THE ~~JAGIELLONIAN~~ *your world renowned*

~~(YAH GEE YEH LON EE YAN)~~ UNIVERSITY, CENTRAL EUROPE'S SECOND OLDEST,

SHOULD INTRODUCE YOUNG AMERICANS TO YOUR THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD

HERITAGE.

YOUR HERITAGE HAS BECOME PART OF OUR COMMON HERITAGE.

OUR YOUNG AMERICANS ARE SHARING THEIR IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.

THAT IS A FINE WAY TO EXPAND THE TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND POLAND.

AS I TRAVELLED THROUGH THIS LOVELY CITY TODAY, I WAS
IMPRESSED WITH THE MANY MONUMENTS ATTESTING TO THE SPECIAL BONDS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. TADEUSZ KOSCIUSKO (TAH-DAY-OOSH
KOSH-CHOOSH-KO) HELPED AMERICA WIN ITS FREEDOM 200 YEARS AGO.
HE IS BURIED ON THIS VERY HILL.

A STATUE TO HIS MEMORY STANDS IN WASHINGTON IN VIEW OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

ACROSS THE VISTULA (VIS-TU-LA) IS ANOTHER SYMBOL OF THE VITALITY OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. IT IS A HOSPITAL DEDICATED TO CHILDREN. I WAS THERE THIS MORNING AND SAW A PLAQUE UNVEILED ONLY LAST JULY.

I WAS PROUD OF WHAT IT SAID: "IN CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS
TO STRENGTHEN MAN'S STRUGGLE AGAINST DISEASE, MOTIVATED BY A SPIRIT
OF FRIENDSHIP, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEDICATE
THIS RESEARCH CENTER TO THE CHILDREN OF POLAND."

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EARLIER TODAY, I VISITED AUSCHWITZ, AN AWESOME

reminder of man's cruelty

SYMBOL OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN.

SO I WAS DEEPLY MOVED

TO SEE HERE IN KRAKOW (KRAH-KOOF) A CENTER DEVOTED TO HEALING AND

COMPASSION.

MAY I ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN A TOAST TO THE CHILDREN
OF POLAND, TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA, AND TO THE CHILDREN OF ALL
NATIONS. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THEY GROW UP IN A WORLD OF
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, OF COOPERATION, AND OF FRIENDSHIP.

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