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INSPIRE US FURTHER TO THE DEDICATED PURSUIT OF PEACE,

COOPERATION AND SECURITY FOR ALL PEOPLES.

GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
JULY 29, 1975
MR. FIRST SECRETARY, MRS. GIEREK (GEH-REK),
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE FOR MRS. FORD AND ME TO TENDER THIS DINNER IN WARSAW AND TO BE WITH YOU AND MRS. GIEREK, AND ALL OF OUR OTHER GUESTS.
WE HAVE ENJOYED RENEWING OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU, MR. FIRST SECRETARY, AND WITH MRS. GIEREK.
MR. FIRST SECRETARY, THE UNITED STATES HAS ENTERED ITS 200TH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE. POLISH-AMERICAN TIES ARE EVEN OLDER. CENTURIES-OLD.
IN THE LATE 1500'S, TWO CENTURIES BEFORE TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO
(TAH-DAY-OOSH KOSH-CHOOSH-KO) ARRIVED TO OFFER HIS SERVICES
TO GEORGE WASHINGTON IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, A POLISH
POET EVOKED AN ELOQUENT VISION OF THE NEW WORLD:
"HAPPY ISLES -- HEROIC LAND OF BLISS

KNOWN TO OUR COUNTRY LONG ERE THIS."
THUS, EVEN BEFORE OUR TWO PEOPLES WERE UNITED BY THE CAUSE OF
AMERICAN LIBERTY, A POLISH-AMERICAN AFFINITY EXISTED.

DURING THE TWO HUNDRED YEAR HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES,
MILLIONS OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN CAME TO OUR SHORES TO ADD POLISH
ENERGY AND POLISH GENIUS TO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE.
AS IN WASHINGTON LAST OCTOBER, MR. FIRST SECRETARY,
WE HAVE TODAY HAD VERY WORTHWHILE DISCUSSIONS.

IN WASHINGTON, I SAID THAT WE WANT TO EXPAND OUR
RELATIONSHIP INTO A BROADER EFFORT TO IMPROVE WORLD RELATIONS.
IT IS, THEREFORE, FITTING THAT WE WILL MEET AGAIN IN HELSINKI

VERY SOON AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND

COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

WHAT WE DO AT HELSINKI SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE

IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH WE DISCUSSED IN

WASHINGTON.
FURTHER TIES AND COOPERATION IN TIES AND COOPERATION RELATIONS CAN POINT THE WAY FOR MANY OTHER COUNTRIES, JUST AS OUR DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS HELPS TO ACHIEVE A FURTHER RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
MR. FIRST SECRETARY, I RAISE MY GLASS TO THE POLISH

PEOPLE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR A

BETTER WORLD.

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