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TO POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE

SEPTEMBER 16, 1975
I regret not being with you in person as the Polish National Alliance celebrates its 95th anniversary.

I want to convey my best wishes to all in attendance at your Milwaukee Convention and, through you, to your 300 thousand members.
AS THE LARGEST ETHNIC AND POLISH FRATERNAL

ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES, YOUR ALLIANCE IS

CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS

NATION. YOUR SPONSORSHIP OF ALLIANCE COLLEGE IN

CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS, PENNSYLVANIA, IS A NOTEWORTHY

EXAMPLE OF YOUR DEDICATION TO SERVICE.
DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO POLAND, I RECALLED A POLISH POET OF THE 1500'S WHO EVOKED AN ELOQUENT VISION OF THE NEW WORLD WHEN HE WROTE: "HAPPY ISLES -- HEROIC LAND OF BLISS, KNOWN TO OUR COUNTRY LONG ERE THIS."
THUS, 200 YEARS BEFORE GENERALS KOSCIUSZKO
(KOSH-CHOOSH-KO) AND PULASKI AND OTHER POLISH PATRIOTS
FOUGHT FOR AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE BESIDE GEORGE WASHINGTON,
A POLISH-AMERICAN AFFINITY EXISTED.
As we prepare to celebrate our bicentennial,

it is most appropriate to acknowledge how much Polish

energy and Polish genius have added to the mainstream

of American life.
EVERY MEMBER OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE CAN BE PROUD OF YOUR ORGANIZATION AND THE MANY FINE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR 95-YEAR HISTORY.

BEST WISHES FOR A MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

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