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**THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . . .**

**VIDEO TAPE MESSAGE**

**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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