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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

TERRENCE O'DONNEL

You received the following gifts from First Secretary Gierek today:

A large silver presentation box lined in maroon velvet. On the lid there is a cut out and applied Polish eagle.

Set of 3 navy leather stamp albums containing a collection of Polish stamps.

Mrs. Ford received from Mrs. Gierek a 46 inch long necklace of large pieces of polished natural amber.

Susan received from Mrs. Gierek a length of Polish silk; the material was printed with a floral pattern. She also received a fringed wood shawl, printed with a floral design. The shawl was presented in a small wooden chest decorated with Polish folk art designs.

Of particular importance is the gift that the Giereks presented to the People of the United States on behalf of the Citizens of Poland. This is a gift to the White House and will be displayed in a prominent place this evening at the State Dinner. It is a copy of an 18th century portrait of Tadeus Kosciuszko, a Revolutionary War hero of Polish descent. The copy was done by a woman, Ms. Danute Sawnor. In the portrait, Kosciuszko is wearing the medalion of the Order of the Cincinati, which is a group of gentlemen officers whose commissions were personally signed by George Washington.