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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 November 1988

Dear General Jaruzelski,

May I thank you very sincerely for inviting me to visit Poland. I found it a most moving experience and was heartened by the kind and warm welcome which I was given everywhere I went. Our joint visit to the great Memorial and Westerplatte symbolised both the comradeship of our two countries in the past and our hopes for the future.

Our extensive talks gave me a very clear picture of Poland's achievements, and also of the problems which you face. I am most grateful to you also for enabling me to meet such a wide variety of people and organisations so that I could hear many different points of view. I wish you well in your goals of reforming the economy and of national reconciliation. Your personal commitment to them made a deep impression. I shall for my part follow up the various suggestions which you made to me. I share your wish to see our relations strengthened, and our two countries contribute to bridging the division of Europe. I hope that you will one day visit Britain so that we may continue our conversations.

I enjoyed the dinner which you were kind enough to give in my honour, and am very grateful for the handsome crystal dish, the books and the beautiful and abundant flowers. I deeply appreciated your supreme courtesy in coming to the airport to say farewell.

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Finally, may I ask you to thank most sincerely all those concerned with my visit for their work, in particular those responsible for the security arrangements. I know that my visit involved a lot of duties for them, particularly in Gdansk. I am most grateful for their co-operation.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stalter

His Excellency General Wojciech Jaruzelski