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His Excellency
Joseph M.A.H. Luns
Secretary General
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Brussels

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I have been asked to transmit to you the attached message from Secretary of State Haig concerning the draft declaration on Poland which is being prepared for issuance by the special Ministerial session of the Council on Monday.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Ledogar
Acting Permanent Representative

Attachment: Letter from
Secretary Haig

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Dear Joseph,

The lack of progress to date on the proposed Alliance declaration on Poland is distressing. We believe that it is essential that the meeting on Monday produce a clear statement that goes beyond the EC communique. The Alliance has a historic opportunity to influence the turn of events in Eastern Europe. We must not repeat the failure of 1968, when the Allies did not react vigorously and, in effect, left the road clear for a brutal Soviet intervention and the comprehensive repression that continues to this day.

NATO, as the key institution defending Western values, will not be taken seriously if it is unable to stand foursquare for liberty and freedom in all of Europe.

I know that you share these views, Joseph, but I did not want to leave you in any doubt whatsoever on where my country stands. As always, I know we can count on your effective support. I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

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