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Brussels, Belgium

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Dear Glenn:

As noted in my telephone call to you, I have been instructed to request a special meeting of the Political Committee today to discuss the recent pattern of harrasment against Western journalists and Western Embassies by Polish authorities.

The harassment of Western journalists, continuing problems with the extension of work permits to Polish national employees of Western Embassies and Western journalists, and, in our case, police interference with United States Information Service activities constitute a continuing and expanding pattern of Polish government action against Western interests.

We believe it is time to take urgent, joint steps to protest Polish government actions and to warn the Polish government against further harassment. What we would propose are individual, coordinated demarches to the Polish government by all Allies in national capitals and in Warsaw.

In this regard, I enclose some suggested themes for possible Allied demarches which we might discuss at this afternoon's meeting.

I am sending copies of this letter, together with its enclosure, to the other members of the Political Committee for their information.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Frisbie
Deputy Political Advisor

Enclosure: As stated

cc: Members, Political Committee
Mr. D.J. Johnson, IS

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SUBJECT: Suggested Themes for Demarches

Western governments are concerned about the expanding pattern of harassment of Western interests by the government of Poland.

The difficulties caused by the failure to renew work permits for Polish employees of Western Embassies and journalistic organizations have already been noted by embassies concerned.

In regard to employees of Western journalistic organizations, attention is drawn to the joint letter from Western news organizations to the Polish Foreign Minister.

The detention and subsequent expulsion of Ruth Gruber, correspondent for United Press International, and the expulsion of BBC correspondent Kevin Ruane are recent examples of the Polish government's unacceptable pattern of conduct.

In addition, Western governments have noted with dismay actions of the Polish government designed to interfere with the access of Polish citizens to Western embassy cultural presentations.

All of these Polish government activities constitute violations of the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act.

All governments of the Atlantic Alliance are united in their insistence that the Polish government cease its harassment of Western interests. In this connection, the Polish government should be aware that the Ministerial Declaration of the Atlantic Alliance of January 11, 1982 continues to be the common basis of the policies of all Western countries with regard to Poland. Concentration of hostile Polish government actions against the interests of certain Western Allies can only result in a negative reaction on the part of all the nations of the Atlantic Alliance.

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