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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I was most grateful for your letter of 8 October which Mr. Kopec delivered during his recent visit to Britain. I share your satisfaction at the development of Polish-British relations.

I agree that there are opportunities for broadening co-operation between our two countries, particularly in the economic, industrial and technological fields. As you say, 'Poland's Technology '79' will have produced a greater awareness in this country of the progress made by Polish industry over recent years. Britain also has a great deal to offer in this field and I hope that British firms can continue to play an active role in the development of the Polish economy and industry into the 1980s. In this respect, I was encouraged by the reports I have received of the success of Mr. Kopec's visit.

I look forward to continuing exchanges at all levels between our two governments. As you may know, Mr. Blaker, the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will be visiting Poland next month for talks with Mr. Czyrek. hope that we also may have an opportunity to meet before too long.

His Excellency Mr. Piotr Jaroszewicz