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Dear Margaret:

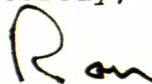
I want to express my deep appreciation to you for joining in the special broadcast "Let Poland be Poland." This was a remarkable demonstration of Western solidarity that will be remembered by champions of human freedom everywhere. Ours was a pioneering effort in the world's most modern and powerful medium. I hope we will be able to make use of television's potential impact again to address issues of equal seriousness.

An estimated 172 million people of 42 countries have seen "Let Poland be Poland," and some 100 million have heard it on the radio. In the United States, Americans in over 150 cities saw the film. I think we are all gratified to know that millions of citizens of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union were able to hear the many expressions of support for the Polish people through several of our Western media broadcasts.

Indisputably, the most striking aspect of this statement against repression is that so many of us stood together to be counted. Without your help, such an effort would not have been possible.

I look forward to visiting the United Kingdom in June, and to our joint meetings at Versailles and with other NATO members in Bonn.

Sincerely,



The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
London