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15 January 1982

*Dear John,*Day of Solidarity with the Polish People*tels attached.*

You will have seen from FCO telnos 37 and 38 to Washington, and from Washington telno 105, that American non-governmental organisations, notably the AFL/CIO, the Catholic Church and Polish/American groups, are planning to organise a Day of Solidarity with the Polish people on 30 January; and that the American Administration is giving its whole-hearted backing to the idea.

While the Administration wishes the Solidarity Day to be seen as a non-governmental event, it is lending support behind the scenes in the belief that a gesture of mass solidarity with the Polish people will not only represent a major expression of moral support that the Poles badly need, but will demonstrate to the Soviet Union and its allies that the crushing of human rights will cause them political defeats elsewhere in the world. The Americans have approached all NATO countries, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the Pope seeking support. Specifically they have suggested that Heads of Government of these countries, including the Prime Minister, should follow President Reagan's example and make statements in support of the Polish people. These would be broadcast in a special television show incorporating also American and European contributions by major entertainers and carried by the US and other satellite transmissions on 30 January.

We understand that the Americans have had no substantive answers so far, but that initial reactions have been generally positive if somewhat guarded. President Reagan is taking a personal interest in the idea and it would be in accordance with our general wish to demonstrate solidarity with the Americans to try to cooperate with them as far as possible.

I imagine that the Prime Minister will not wish to refuse the American request, even though not all Allied Heads of Government are likely to agree to it: some may be put off by the 'showbiz' aspect, or by reluctance to appear to be dancing to an American tune. If you agree, HM Ambassador in Washington will be instructed to tell the State Department that the Prime Minister is willing to record a message to be broadcast on 30 January and that American networks or the US Embassy on their behalf should make arrangements direct with No. 10.

The Americans have told us that their non-governmental
/organisations



organisations will be approaching parallel organisations in this country, presumably to propose that they consider organising a similar Day of Solidarity in the UK. However, because this is primarily a non-partisan, non-governmental effort, the Americans have expressly asked us not to approach such groups. I am sure this is right. If we were to receive an approach from any such group our advice should be that they are of course free to organise such an event if they wish to do so: but the American conception, with which we agree, is for the event to be essentially a non-governmental expression of popular support for the Polish people. If the Prime Minister agrees to make the statement requested by the Americans we should, of course, be able to mention this as an indication of our support for the idea.

*Yours ever,
Brian*

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TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 167 OF 20 JANUARY
INFO BONN, PARIS, ROME, UKDEL NATO.

YOUR TEL NO 63: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE

1. CHARLES WICK, HEAD OF USICA, GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING IN WHICH HE DESCRIBED PREPARATIONS IN THE US AND ELSEWHERE FOR SOLIDARITY DAY (30 JANUARY). WICK ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, SCHMIDT AND LEADERS OF PORTUGAL, BELGIUM, NORWAY, AND LUXEMBOURG WOULD BE SENDING MESSAGES.

2. THE PRESIDENT ISSUED TODAY A PROCLAMATION ON SOLIDARITY DAY (TEXT BY BAG) AND WILL BE MAKING A FURTHER STATEMENT ON 30 JANUARY. WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH HIS STAFF ABOUT ITS CONTENTS.

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Cc Mr. Ingham.

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Thank you for your letter of 15 January.

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The Prime Minister is willing to record a message to be broadcast on 30 January. As you say, the American networks or the United States Embassy on their behalf should make arrangements direct with the Press Office here. I should be grateful if you would let me have an appropriate draft for such a message (which the Prime Minister envisages as being brief).

The Prime Minister has also commented on the general idea of a Day of Solidarity to the effect that its efficacy will depend on its non-governmental character.

A. J. COLES

Brian Fall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr Ingham
Mr Gow

Day of Solidarity with the Polish People

The attached papers describe this American idea. Paragraph 2: Do you agree to record a message to be broadcast on the American networks on 30 January? (If so we will draft a message and make arrangements for its recording later). Mr. Ingham sees no objection.

Sir Bernard Braine has been in touch with Ian Gow. If called at Question Time tomorrow, he has it in mind to ask whether HMG will declare a similar day of solidarity with the Polish people on 30 January. You will note from the attached FCO letter that the Americans see this as a non-partisan, non-governmental effort. I am sure that if anything effective is to be arranged here it will have to be on a non-governmental basis. If Sir Bernard Braine raises this at Questions you could say "I am sympathetic to the idea. I understand that in the United States non-governmental organisations are taking the lead. This seems the best approach here too."

A.S.C.

Agree - but its efficacy
will depend on its non-governmental
character. Agree brief
message not.

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TO IMMEDIATE F C O

TELEGRAM NUMBER 105 OF 13 JANUARY

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YOUR TELNO 37: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE

1. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE GIVEN US THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE:

(A) SO FAR THE ONLY FIRM EVENT IN THE U S ON 30 JANUARY WILL BE A RALLY IN CHICAGO ORGANISED BY THE AFL/CIO, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND POLISH-AMERICAN GROUPS. HOWEVER EVENTS ELSEWHERE ARE LIKELY TO BE ARRANGED, INCLUDING SOME PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT SUCH AS A CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY.

(B) THE AFL/CIO, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND POLISH AMERICAN GROUPS ARE PLAYING THE LEADING ROLES AMONG NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS. HAIG WILL SEE A GROUP OF ALL THE U S RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON 18 JANUARY, WHEN SOLIDARITY DAY IS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED.

(C) ALL NATO COUNTRIES, THE JAPANESE, THE AUSTRALIANS, THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND THE POPE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE ANSWERS SO FAR (AND A PROMPTING TELEGRAM WILL GO TO U S POSTS TOMORROW). INITIAL REACTIONS HAVE VARIED BETWEEN THE POSITIVE AND THE GUARDED. THE ITALIANS AND NORWEGIANS HAVE BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC, THE FRENCH HAVE NOTED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOUR OF THE POLISH PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED IN FRANCE, AND THE GERMANS HAVE SEEMED QUOTE CONFUSED UNQUOTE.

(D) THE AFL/CIO ARE IN CONTACT, THROUGH THE ICFTU, WITH NATIONAL TRADES UNIONS INCLUDING THE TUC TO ESTABLISH WHAT THESE GROUPS COULD CONTRIBUTE.

(E) THE ADMINISTRATION, WHO WISH THE SOLIDARITY DAY TO BE SEEN AS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL EFFORT, ARE LIMITING THEIR INVOLVEMENT. APART FROM THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON 30 JANUARY, THEY ARE HELPING WITH THE ORGANISATION OF THE MAJOR TELEVISION PROGRAMME THE FOLLOWING DAY (SEE BELOW). USICA REPRESENTATIVES IN LONDON HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN GUIDANCE ON THE MODALITIES FOR TRANSMITTING STATEMENTS/MESSAGES. IT IS HOPED THAT THESE CAN BE SENT BY SATELITE TO NEW YORK BY THE BBC, AS EXPLAINED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE (YOUR TELNO 38).

2. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED HERE TO THE MAJOR TELEVISION PROGRAMME PLANNED FOR 31 JANUARY. (WICK, HEAD OF U S ICA, IS PLAYING THE LEAD ROLE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION IN ORGANISING THIS.) THE PROGRAMME WILL BE PRODUCED BY MARTIN PASSETTA (WHO PRODUCES THE ANNUAL OSCAR CEREMONY) AND IT IS HOPED THAT U S PERSONALITIES SUCH AS CHARLTON HESTON, KIRK DOUGLAS, JANE FONDA, JOAN BAE PLUS EUROPEAN ENTERTAINORS (EG YVES MONTAND) WILL TAKE PART. IN ADDITION, FORMER POLISH AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI WILL SPEAK ABOUT POLISH HISTORY AND THERE WILL BE MUSIC RECITALS BY ROSTROPOVITCH AMONG OTHERS. STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN LEADERS AND FILM OF DEMONSTRATIONS THE PREVIOUS DAY WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE PROGRAMME WILL NOT ONLY BE PROFESSIONAL, BUT SERIOUS AND DIGNIFIED.

3. THEY HAVE MADE THE POINT TO US THAT HITHERTO THE RUSSIANS HAVE EXPLOITED THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION OF TELEVISION REPORTING (DEMONSTRATIONS ETC) BETTER THAN THE WEST. NOT ONLY DO THEY SEE THE PRESENT PROGRAMME CONTRIBUTING TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT EAST/WEST ISSUES AND ENCOURAGING THE INTEREST OF YOUTH IN THE WEST. THEY BELIEVE IT COULD HAVE A HELPFUL EFFECT ON PUBLIC OPINION HERE, IN EMPHASISING THE UNIFIED RESPONSE OF THE ALLIANCE TO THE CRISIS IN POLAND.

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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON
TELEGRAM NUMBER 37 OF 13 JANUARY
AND TO BONN PARIS ROME
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DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE

1. MIFT GIVES THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE US EMBASSY ON 8 JANUARY ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE WHICH A NUMBER OF UNSPECIFIED AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS, CHURCH AND OTHER PRIVATE GROUPS ARE ORGANISING IN THE UNITED STATES ON 30 JANUARY. WE UNDERSTAND SIMILAR MESSAGES HAVE GONE TO ALL NATO GOVERNMENTS AND ALSO TO TOKYO AND CANBERRA.
2. IN PRINCIPLE WE SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT SUPPORT THE US PROPOSALS. THE US AMBASSADOR HERE HAS INDICATED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION ARE TAKING THIS PROJECT VERY SERIOUSLY AND ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT FROM THEIR ALLIES (THE EMBASSY HAVE TOLD US THAT IT IS A PET IDEA OF PRESIDENT REAGAN PERSONALLY) WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH NO 10 ABOUT A POSSIBLE MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE ORGANISERS OF THE EVENTS. IF SHE DECIDES TO SEND SUCH A MESSAGE THERE SHOULD ON THE FACE OF IT BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY OVER COOPERATION BY THE UK TELEVISION AND MEDIA, ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE SOMETHING FOR THE LATTER TO DECIDE INDEPENDENTLY.
3. BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT US PROPOSALS WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO ESTABLISH SOME FURTHER DETAILS AND ALSO THE DEGREE OF LIKELY SUPPORT FROM OUR MAJOR PARTNERS. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WOULD ASK THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR URGENT ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (WE ARE ALSO ASKING THE US EMBASSY HERE):
 - A. WHAT EVENTS ARE AT PRESENT ENVISAGED IN THE US ON 30 JANUARY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE?
 - B. WHICH TRADE UNION/CHURCH/PRIVATE GROUP WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANISING THE VARIOUS EVENTS FOR THIS PROJECT?
 - C. WHICH OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART? WHAT HAS THEIR RESPONSE BEEN? WHAT FORM WILL THEIR PARTICIPATION TAKE?
 - D. HAVE OTHER WESTERN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS NOW BEEN APPROACHED TO TAKE PART? HOW LARGE A PARTICIPATION IS ENVISAGED?
 - E. WHAT WILL BE THE EXTENT OF US GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT?WE NOTE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON POLAND ON 30 JANUARY. WHAT MODALITIES ARE ENVISAGED FOR TRANSMITTING STATEMENTS/MESSAGES MADE BY OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT?
FOR BONN, PARIS AND ROME

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4. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ESTABLISH URGENTLY WHETHER A SIMILAR REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS AND IF SO, WHAT THEIR LIKELY RESPONSE WILL BE. IF ASKED, YOU MAY DRAW ON PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE FOR GUIDANCE ON OUR VIEWS ON PROJECT.

5. (FOR ALL) IN VIEW OF ORIGINAL US DEADLINE OF 12 JANUARY FOR OUR RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST, GRATEFUL FOR ALL REPLIES BY IMMEDIATE DESKBY TELEGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 38 OF 13 JANUARY

AND TO IMMEDIATE BONN PARIS ROME

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MIPT: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE

1. MESSAGE FROM US EMBASSY BEGINS:

'DEAR FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I AM WRITING TO YOU ON BEHALF OF AMBASSADOR LOUIS TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, REGARDING A PLANNED DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE.

'AMERICAN LABOR, CHURCH, AND OTHER PRIVATE GROUPS ARE ORGANIZING A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE ON JANUARY 30.

ENTITLED 'LIGHT A CANDLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF POLAND', THIS DAY WILL SHOW PUBLIC CONCERN AND THEREFORE REINFORCE OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.

WE HOPE THAT EUROPEANS WILL JOIN IN HONORING THE POLISH PEOPLE ON THE SAME DAY - AS WE HAVE JOINED THE EUROPEAN INITIATIVE FOR AFGHANISTAN DAY ON MARCH 21.

IN THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENT ISSUED JANUARY 5, PRESIDENT REAGAN DREW CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S ATTENTION TO THIS PRIVATE INITIATIVE. THE PRESIDENT APPEALED FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY.

SPECIFIC IDEAS FOR THE DAY ARE STILL BEING DEVELOPED. BUT THE ORGANIZERS ENVISION RALLIES AND FUND-RAISING FOR PRIVATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WILL BE STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE. PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT THAT DAY. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL TV SHOW REPORTING THIS EVENT.

OUR UNIONS AND CHURCH GROUPS ARE CONTACTING YOURS. THIS WILL BE PRIMARILY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PARTISAN EFFORT. NEVERTHE- LESS, YOUR HEAD OF STATE AND/OR GOVERNMENT MAY WANT TO LEND

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SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZING EFFORTS OF SUCH GROUPS, ONCE THEY ARE UNDERWAY. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, OUR UNIONS WOULD STRONGLY PREFER THAT YOU NOT APPROACH ANY PRIVATE GROUPS. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU FURTHER ABOUT THIS.

TELEVISION COVERAGE WILL COMBINE THE VISUAL IMAGES FROM THE RALLIES AND THE STATEMENTS FROM VARIOUS LEADERS AND CREATE, IN EFFECT, A WORLD-WIDE RALLY WITH SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

TO ASSURE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THIS IMPORTANT DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF POLAND, WE URGE YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOUR NATIONAL TV NETWORK TO PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE OF STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EVENTS.

ALL THESE EVENTS WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE SPECIAL TV PROGRAM INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. WE PLAN TO HAVE PROMINENT AMERICAN ENTERTAINERS ON THIS SHOW, AND WE HOPE THAT YOUR TV NETWORK WILL INCLUDE PROMINENT ENTERTAINERS FROM YOUR OWN COUNTRY AS WELL. THE US TV PRODUCER OF THIS PROGRAM DESIRES AN EDITED SEGMENT FROM EACH COUNTRY, NOT TO EXCEED 10-15 MINUTES, WHICH INCLUDES RALLIES, PERFORMANCES, AND STATEMENTS BY GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE SPOKESMEN. THIS SEGMENT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE US VIA SATELLITE ON JANUARY 30 FOR INCLUSION IN A COMBINED US-EUROPEAN TV PROGRAM OF 1-2 HOURS TO BE TRANSMITTED VIA SATELLITE TO ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ON JANUARY 31 AT 1900-2100 HOURS GMT. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE PRIME-TIME SHOWING.

THE NATIONAL TV OPERATIONS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ALL PRODUCTION AND SATELLITE TRANSMISSION COSTS INCURRED IN PRODUCING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SEGMENT MUST BE AT THEIR EXPENSE, INCLUDING UP-LEG AND DOWN-LEG COSTS OF TRANSMITTING THE SEGMENT TO THE US ON JANUARY 30, AS WELL AS THE DOWN-LEG COSTS OF RECEIVING THE FINAL COMBINED US/EUROPEAN PROGRAM ON JANUARY 31.

THE TIME TO ORGANIZE THIS EFFORT IS VERY SHORT. WE NEED COMMITMENTS BY GOVERNMENT LEADERS THAT THEY WILL MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ENGAGE THEIR NATIONAL TV NETWORKS BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

WE ATTACH GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO THIS EFFORT. SUCH

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A GESTURE OF MASS SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE WILL NOT ONLY REPRESENT A MAJOR EXPRESSION OF MORAL SUPPORT THAT THE POLES BADLY NEED, BUT IT WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE SOVIETS AND THEIR PROXIES THAT THE CRUSHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL CAUSE THEM POLITICAL DEFEATS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. IF THEY CAN BE IMPRESSED WITH THIS KIND OF PUBLIC RESPONSE, THEY MAY WELL THINK TWICE BEFORE EXTENUATING THE RIGHTS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT SUCH AN EXPRESSION OF MORAL SUPPORT WOULD BE A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM OUR MOST CHERISHED VALUE - AND WOULD SERVE AS A MUCH NEEDED TONIC FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EMPHASIZE THE NECESSITY FOR A RESPONSE BY JANUARY 12 REGARDING STATEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND COOPERATION OF NATIONAL TV NETWORKS.

WE WILL BE IN CONTACT FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE AS PLANS DEVELOP.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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13 January 1982

Dear John,

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I attach a copy of a letter to Lord Carrington from the American Embassy asking for support for a 'Day of Solidarity with the Polish People' which a number of unspecified American trade unions, church and other private groups are organising in the United States on 30 January.

In particular, the Americans have requested that the Prime Minister should make a statement in support of the American initiative and that UK television networks should be asked to give full coverage of the speeches and rallies that will be held in the United States and other Western countries on 30 January. We understand that similar messages have been sent to other NATO Governments and also to Tokyo and to Canberra.

In principle we see no reason why we should not advise the Prime Minister to give support to the American proposals. The US Ambassador has subsequently indicated to Sir M Palliser that the US Administration are taking their project very seriously (indeed we understand from the Embassy, that President Reagan supports it enthusiastically) and are looking for endorsement from their allies. We believe that there would be advantage in the Prime Minister sending a short message to the American organisers of this project. As far as UK television and media participation is concerned we can speak informally but obviously cannot direct them or take more formal action. But if the event is well organised at the US end they will want to cooperate for their own reasons. A message from the Prime Minister would also increase their interest in this event. Other interested church, trade union and private groups in the UK will also no doubt wish to play their part.

That said, it is however not clear from the US message what is the exact scope of the events planned for the 'Day of Solidarity with the Polish People' or which organisations or groups will take responsibility for the arrangements. Nor at present is it known which Western governments will be taking part.

Before committing ourselves to support the US proposals therefore we think it would be prudent to make some further enquiries in Washington and through the US Embassy here to ascertain some further details of the project. We are also taking urgent soundings with some of our partners to find out what their response is likely to be and what form any participation by them might take. As soon as we have further information on these points I will write again with recommendations.

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We are in the meanwhile in close contact with the US Embassy and have assured them that we are urgently considering this request, and that in principle we would see no difficulty in submitting positive advice to the Prime Minister subject to clarification of the details.

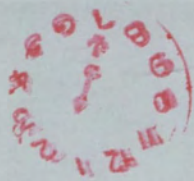
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(F N Richards)

Private Secretary

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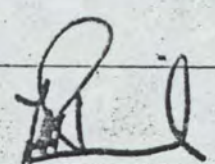


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 9 ~~FOR INFO~~ BONN, PARIS, ^{ROME} UKDEL NATO (FOR INFORMATION)
 10 MIPT: DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE
 11 1. Message from US Embassy begins:
 12 "Dear Foreign Secretary:
 13 I am writing to you on behalf of Ambassador Louis to transmit
 14 the following message from the Department of State, regarding a
 15 planned Day of Solidarity with the Polish people.
 16 "American labor, church, and other private groups are organizing
 17 a day of solidarity with the Polish people on January 30.
 18 Entitled "Light a Candle for the People of Poland", this day
 19 will show public concern and therefore reinforce our diplomatic
 20 efforts.
 21 We hope that Europeans will join in honoring the Polish
 22 people on the same day - as we have joined the European initiative
 23 for Afghanistan Day on March 21.
 24 In their public statement issued January 5, President Reagan
 25 drew Chancellor Schmidt's attention to this private initiative.

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 2 The President appealed for public support for and participation
 3 in this expression of solidarity.
 4 Specific ideas for the day are still being developed. But
 5 the organizers envision rallies and fund-raising for private
 6 humanitarian assistance.
 7 Especially important will be statements by heads of
 8 government in support of the Polish people. President Reagan
 9 will make such a statement that day. This will be included
 10 in the special TV show reporting this event.
 11 Our unions and church groups are contacting yours. This will
 12 be primarily a non-governmental, non-partisan effort. Neverthe-
 13 less, your head of state and/or government may want to lend
 14 support to the organizing efforts of such groups, once they are
 15 underway. At this point, however, our unions would strongly
 16 prefer that you not approach any private groups. We will
 17 be in touch with you further about this.
 18 Television coverage will combine the visual images from the
 19 rallies and the statements from various leaders and create, in
 20 effect, a world-wide rally with significant impact.
 21 To assure the fullest possible impact of this important
 22 demonstration of solidarity with the people of Poland, we urge
 23 you to encourage your national TV network to provide full
 24 coverage of statements and other related events.
 25 All these events will be combined into one special TV
 26 program including the President's statement. We plan to have
 27 prominent American entertainers on this show, and we hope that
 28 your TV network will include prominent entertainers from your
 29 own country as well. The US TV producer of this program desires
 30 an edited segment from each country, not to exceed 10-15
 31 minutes, which includes rallies, performances, and statements
 32 by governmental and private spokesmen. This segment would be
 33 transmitted to the US via satellite on January 30 for inclusion
 34 in a combined US-European TV program of 1-2 hours to be

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