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Dear Margaret,

I was very pleased to hear yesterday that the Polish government have agreed to your request to be allowed to visit Gdańsk during your visit on October 16th.

I understand that the proposal is that you and General Jaruzelski would lay a wreath at the monument at Westerplatte, the spot where the first shots of the Second World War were fired.

It will be excellent if something

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can be worked out along these lines.

I hope, though, that you will also have the time, while in Gdańsk, to call at Father Jankowski's Church, St Bridgit's, which is only a few hundred yards from Westerplatte. This would make a tremendous impression throughout the entire country.

Incidentally the "Solidarity" main spokesman, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, is in London for the next two weeks with his British-born wife. I am not pressing it, but you might find it interesting to meet him.

I congratulate you on the success of your Australian visit.

Yours ever,

Nicholas