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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street, London SW1

1 November 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

Enclosed please find a letter addressed to you by leaders of democratic opposition in Poland. The letter was telephoned through to our office in London with a request that we translate it and deliver it to you.

I hope that it will assist you in judging the situation in Poland during your visit in that country and I enclose our best wishes for your visit.

Yours sincerely

Tadeusz Jarski
Chairman.

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister HM Government
10 Downing Street, London SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

We wish to inform you that in May 1987 a Conference of an Independence-Seeking Parties and Organisations (PPION) was formed in Warsaw. We represent that part of the political opposition in Poland which puts as its objective the regaining of independence by Poland and the restoration to Poles of such citizens' rights as are those which are an everyday matter in the country, the Government of which you lead. We wish to make decisions on matters concerning our lives, elect our representatives to our parliament and influence the actions of our government towards cooperation between free and sovereign nations of Europe.

Democratisation and a dosing of freedoms, which the communists can always revoke does not suffice for Poland. Poland needs **democracy**, and free elections, in which all parties and political groupings will have equal rights in canvassing for the votes of the electorate, and the electors will have a free choice of programmes and candidates. A democratic parliament would sanction the formation of the government, would determine the political system in the country and the principles of both domestic and foreign policies.

These aspirations are not only an internal affair of Poland. They are also important for the future of all Europe which paid for its 44 years of peace with the enslavement of nations living East of the Elbe river. There is a threat that the tension growing in that part of Europe will change into an open regional conflict. It is therefore in the interest of the West that changes occur in Central Europe, which will fulfil the independence aspirations of nations subjugated by communism. An independent Poland, governed by a democratically formed government would be a stabilising factor and a guarantee of security.

We observe meetings of democratic countries leaders and the communist dictators with disquiet. We remember that such meetings between the leaders of Great Britain and the United States with Stalin gave birth to the shameful Yalta Agreement. We cannot rid ourselves of concern now when you, Prime Minister, plan to meet General Jaruzelski, who is responsible for the policy of repression brought about by his Martial Law and who is head of the Party, the rule of which led Poland to poverty and regression, and who again threatens to use force against the people of his country.

We hope that we in our craving for freedom and democracy will find an ally in the person of the Prime Minister of Her Majesty's Government.

We also expect that such economic assistance as may be offered will be directed to the development of private enterprise and not used to reinforce the rule of communist bureaucrats.

We also expect that cooperation will develop between British political parties - and particularly the Conservative Party - and the independent political organisations in Poland.

We wish you, Prime Minister, a fruitful visit in our country and much progress in the process of removing the divisions in Europe.

Conference of Independence-Seeking Parties and Organisations (PPION):

Liberal Democrats Organisation "Independence"

"Self-Determination" Organisation

"Freedom, Justice, Independence" Organisation

Polish Independence Party

Political Movement "Liberation"

Union of Democrats

Warsaw, 26 October 1988