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Mr Charles Powell
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Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO POLAND: MUSICIANS
AND WRITERS

You asked for the names of well-known
Polish writers and musicians to whom the
Prime Minister could refer during her
television interview. I attach a brief
list.

Yours etc

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POLISH MUSICIANS AND WRITERS

Musicians:

Chopin, Paderewski, Rubenstein (mentioned in speech).

Contemporary composers

and conductors:

Penderecki (PENDERETSKY)

Lutoslawski (LOOTOSWAVSKY)

The works of both are performed in the UK and are available on records.

Jazz: Important Polish contribution to both modern and traditional jazz, well known in the West.

Folk dance: Well known Mazowsze (MAZOVSH) group.

Literature

Writers: Joseph Conrad, lived in Britain, famous sea-faring novels, wrote in both Polish and English (mentioned in speech).

Czeslaw Milosz (CHESWAV MIWOSH), a Nobel Prize winner; lives in the US, poet and perceptive essayist on Polish intellectual life (mentioned in speech).

Zbigniew Herbert (Z-BIGNIEV), lyrical poet, translated and published in UK; a "soft" opposition figure.

Ryszard Kapuściński (RYSHART KAP-OOSH-CHINSKY), well known writer, living in Poland, whose novel "Caesar" was translated and adapted into a successful play in the West, known in English as "The Emperor" (taken to Warsaw by the British Council in 1987).