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POLAND : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT : MEETING WITH CHURCH

1. I CALLED ON CARDINAL GLEMP ON 23 SEPTEMBER. I TOLD HIM HOW KEEN THE PRIME MINISTER WAS TO MEET A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHURCH, EXPLAINING HER DISAPPOINTMENT THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD NOT BE PRESENT DURING HER VISIT. CARDINAL GLEMP SAID THAT HE WOULD ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE WAS AVAILABLE.

2. HEAD OF CHANCERY HAS SINCE DISCUSSED THIS WITH BISHOP DABROWSKI, THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY TO THE EPISCOPATE AND A KEY PLAYER IN THE ROUND TABLE PROCESS. CARDINAL GLEMP HAS ASKED DABROWSKI TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER. I THINK HE WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT INTERLOCUTOR. DABROWSKI ALSO SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

3. THE CHURCH SIDE WOULD LIKE THIS MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT THE RESIDENCE OF CARDINAL GLEMP, SO THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COULD CALL ON THE PRIMATE'S REPRESENTATIVE. I THINK WE SHOULD ACCEPT THAT THE SYMBOLISM OF THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE CHURCH SIDE. IT CERTAINLY CAUSES NO PROGRAMME DIFFICULTIES. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE IT EASIER TO REJECT THE SUGGESTION FROM THE BISHOP OF GDANSK (SEE MIPT) THAT HE SHOULD HOST THE LUNCHEON WITH WALESIA AND OTHER SOLIDARITY FIGURES IN GDANSK.

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