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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 November 1988

Dear Ambassador,

I am most grateful to you and your wife for your kind and warm hospitality during my visit to Poland, and grateful also to your staff for all their help with the programme. We packed a great deal into a short time, but that is what I prefer. It was a great achievement to have arranged for me to meet representatives of so many different groups, and the fact that they can attend such meetings and speak freely is some comfort. The meetings with Solidarity in Gdansk and the ceremony at St. Stanislaw Kostka's Church were very moving. But the problems and difficulties which lie ahead are all too clear and I am not sure how they can be surmounted.

Please give my particular thanks to your wife and say how sorry I was not to say good-bye to her - and my appreciation to all the members of your staff who worked so hard on the visit. It was a job very well done.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

His Excellency Mr. Stephen Barrett, C.M.G.

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