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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 November 1988

My dear Cardinal,

Thank you very much for receiving me on the evening of my arrival in Warsaw. You have done such remarkable work not just for the Church but for Poland and its people, and it was a great privilege to hear your views. I hope that my own visit will have helped in a small way to lessen divisions and advance reconciliation in Poland.

I am most grateful to Bishop Dabrowski for his kind help during the meeting, as well as to Father Jankowski and Father Grelak for enabling me to visit their churches, and for the very moving encounters we had there.

I hope that your own visit to Australia and New Zealand was a success.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Eminence Cardinal Glemp

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Dear Father Jankowski

May I thank you very warmly indeed for your wonderful hospitality during my visit to Gdansk. It was very good of you to hold the meeting with Mr. Walesa in your rectory, and the subsequent lunch was a true feast. The sincerity of Solidarity's leaders made a very profound impression and I have a much deeper understanding of their movement and its aims as a result of my visit. The tremendous moral support you personally provide to the movement and its leaders is very clear. Our subsequent visit to St. Brygida's Church was very moving indeed. One felt people's faith and commitment in a quite exceptional way. I am very grateful to you for giving me that experience.

May I also thank you for the lovely gifts, which will have a very special place in our home. I shall of course ensure that The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh receive your gifts to them.

With warm good wishes to you and to all the members of your parish,

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Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Father H. Jankowski

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*Dear Father Grelak,*

I was deeply moved by my visit to St. Stanislaw Kostka's Church and thank you very warmly for receiving me and escorting me round. It was a great privilege to lay flowers at Father Popieluszko's grave: his name will always stand as a symbol of liberty and Christian love, and the affection which his memory inspires was very clear from the large numbers who gathered at the Church. I was touched by the dignity and simple faith of Father Popieluszko's family and so pleased to be able to express to them my own feelings of sympathy, admiration and support.

May I ask you to convey my thanks and best wishes to all your parishioners.

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Grelak*

Father Stefan Grelak

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