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From the Private Secretary

Ack 31 August 1990

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Mr. Tadeusz de Virion, the Polish Ambassador.

I should be grateful if you could provide advice and a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature, to reach me by Friday 14 September please.

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Richard Gozney, Esq.,
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The Polish Ambassador

London, 28th August, 1990.

Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to refer to your Aspen speech of 5th July, 1990, and kindly inform you that my Government has studied its contents in depth. In the opinion of my Government your speech is an important contribution to the international debate on the future of Europe. It confirms the constructive and significant role played by Great Britain in the shaping of a safe and democratic international order.

The Polish Government welcomes with satisfaction the opinion expressed that the European Community should be open to all democratic countries in Central and Eastern Europe on condition of the consolidation of democratic institutions and adequate adjustment of their national economies.

Full membership of the European Community is the long-term objective of the Polish Government. This objective should be accomplished step-by-step, in a pragmatic manner, the intermediate stage being an agreement on association.

Poland recognises the major role of the European Community in restoring unity of all the democratic states in Europe, in achieving integration of their market economies and greater security, i.e. through the promotion of dialogue and political co-operation. Poland, just as Great Britain, wishes to build future Europe as a continent open to the outside world, enjoying increasingly better relations of partnership with the USA.

May I also assure you, Mrs. Prime Minister, that the Polish Government highly regards your proposal for the adoption of a "European Magna Charta" of civil rights at the summit meeting of 35 States in Paris later this year. Poland offers her support for this idea.

Please accept, Mrs. Prime Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

With kind regards

T. de Virion

Tadeusz de Virion

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