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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 March 1990

Jean Pierre Minister,

Thank you for your message of 21 February about Poland's border with Germany, which we also discussed during your visit here.

As you will have seen from my various public statements since then, I share your belief that the border should be definitively settled by a Treaty or other legally-binding instrument. We have argued strongly in support of this view in our contacts with other governments, and I am glad that it is now very widely accepted. I welcome in particular the statement made by the Federal German Government. Poland's request for a Treaty is fully justified and I am sure it will be met.

It seems to me entirely reasonable that Poland should, as you suggest, have a part in discussion of her external border and how it shall be guaranteed - and I note that you draw a distinction between this and full participation in the meetings of the Four Powers and the two German States. Procedural issues will be among the first to be addressed when we meet in this format, and I hope that a solution satisfactory to Poland will be found.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely

His Excellency Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki

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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Richard,

I enclose the Prime Minister's reply to Mr. Mazowiecki's letter of 21 February. It is somewhat amended from the draft which you provided but not, I think, in any important point. I have considered whether we could delay it to take account of the discussions between the Chancellor of the Duchy and President Jaruzelski and Mr. Mazowiecki, reported in Warsaw telegram nos. 207 and 208. I think it better to get it off as soon as possible and deal with the further aspects raised in those conversations as a separate matter.

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