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- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA].
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MESSAGE:

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DE RUEHC #1309 1291913  
O 091909Z MAY 81  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE 3275

UNCLAS STATE 121309  
FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, VT, US

SUBJECT: REPLY TO GET-WELL MESSAGE FROM POPE TO PRESIDENT  
REAGAN (S/S 8)I4684)

REF: ROME 7559

1. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO RECORD OF ACTUAL RECEIPT OF SUBJECT  
MESSAGE FROM POPE. IF VATICAN OFFICE AGREES IT APPRO-  
PRIATE TO REPLY ON BASIS OF TEXT AS PRINTED IN OSSERVATORE  
ROMANO (REFTEL), YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO VATICAN FOLLOWING  
RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT:

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR HOLINESS: NANCY AND I WERE DEEPLY  
TOUCHED BY YOUR KIND EXPRESSION OF CONCERN. WE VERY MUCH  
APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT YOU ARE THINKING OF US AND THAT  
I HAVE YOUR PRAYERS FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY. DURING MY  
CONVALESCENCE, MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO ADVANCE  
THE GOALS WHICH WE BOTH SHARE. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF THAT.  
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW YOUR FEELINGS.  
SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN. END TEXT.

SECSTATE 121309/ROM 1309

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TOR: 129/1919Z

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF VATICAN  
WISHES TO DO SO. HAIG

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Z 131717Z MAY 81 ZFF-1 ZFF-4

FM THE WHITE HOUSE

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

INFO SECSTATE

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UNCLAS WH02382

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN  
TO HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II.

(BEGIN TEXT)

MAY 13, 1981

YOUR HOLINESS:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE SHOCKING NEWS OF THE ATTACK ON  
YOU. ALL AMERICANS JOIN ME IN HOPES AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR  
SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM THE INJURIES YOU HAVE SUFFERED IN THE  
ATTACK. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

RONALD REAGAN

HIS HOLINESS  
JOHN PAUL II  
VATICAN CITY

(END TEXT)

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O 131047Z OCT 81 ZYH ZFF-4

FM HOLY SEE

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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~~SECRET~~ 131047Z OCT 81 HANDLE VIA PIVACY CHANNELS

TO: PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1. IN A RECENT LONG CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR FROM LEBANON TO THE HOLY SEE I WAS TOLD THAT IT IS HIS GOVERNMENT'S OPINION THAT PEACE IN LEBANON IS DEPENDENT ON (AMONG OTHER CONDITIONS) GETTING SYRIAN (SO-CALLED) PEACE-KEEPING TROOPS OUT OF LEBANON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE FEELS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IS THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA. THE AMBASSADOR CONCLUDES, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MID-EAST PEACE THAT AWACS BE SOLD TO ARABIA.

2. A SEPARATE BUT RELATED ITEM: IN A RECENT CONVERSATION IN ROME WITH SENATOR DIAMATO FROM N.Y. HE INDICATED THAT A CALL FROM YOU MIGHT CAUSE HIM TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF AWACS. WARM REGARDS. WM. WILSON, ENVOY TO THE HOLY SEE.

OCTOBER 13, 1981

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O 220630Z NOV 81 ZFF6  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE 8641

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE 8520  
BT

~~SECRET~~ STATE 311074  
NODIS  
FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E. O. 12065: RDS-1 11/20/01 (HOLMES, H. A.)  
TAGS: PPDC, PARM, US, UR, VT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LETTER FROM POPE TO PRESIDENTS  
REGAN AND BREZHNEV

REF: A; ROME 26698 B; STATE 306352

1. ~~(S~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. VATICAN OFFICE SHOULD PASS TO SILVESTRINI THE  
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE POPE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN,  
ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH OF NOVEMBER 18  
(REF B):

BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR HOLINESS:

I WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR INTEREST IN

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR  
MISSILES. NO ONE SHARES YOUR HOPE FOR A PRODUCTIVE  
OUTCOME MORE THAN MYSELF.

I STATED OUR APPROACH TO THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS  
AND TO ARMS CONTROL IN GENERAL IN A SPEECH ON NOVEMBER  
18, AND I ENCLOSE A COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION. WHEN THE  
NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN, WE WILL OFFER TO FOREGO DEPLOYMENT IN  
EUROPE OF ANY AMERICAN GROUND-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES OR  
PERSHING II MISSILES IF THE SOVIET UNION WILL DISMANTLE  
ITS SS-20, SS-4, AND SS-5 MISSILES. SUCH AN AGREEMENT  
WOULD BE A HISTORIC STEP FOR MANKIND AND WOULD  
SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SEEKING SIGNIFICANT, VERIFIABLE,  
AND EQUITABLE REDUCTIONS IN ARMS -- BOTH NUCLEAR AND

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CONVENTIONAL -- THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN A MILITARY BALANCE IN ORDER TO DETER AGGRESSION AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE STEADY SOVIET BUILDUP OF MILITARY POWER AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO EMPLOY FORCE, AS IN AFGHANISTAN. WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN A STABLE BALANCE OF POWER; BUT IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THIS BALANCE CAN BE ESTABLISHED AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL.

YOUR HOLINESS, WE SHARE A COMMON DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE. THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH HAVE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR REDUCING THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR PRAYERS FOR THEIR SUCCESS.

SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN. END TEXT

3. IN DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE, VATICAN OFFICE SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

--WE ARE PLEASED AT THE POPE'S INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

--IT WOULD BE MISLEADING, WE BELIEVE, TO IMPLY IN ANY WAY THAT THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING CREATED THE CONDITIONS THAT POSE A

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

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DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR. WE WOULD HOPE THAT HIS HOLINESS WOULD GIVE DUE WEIGHT TO THIS CONSIDERATION AS HE DETERMINES THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF GIVING - EXPRESSION TO THE CHURCH'S VIEWS.

--WITH REGARD TO THE STUDY ON THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ITS CONTENTS BECAUSE OF ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT ON SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE PROGRAMS NEEDED IN THE WEST TO SUSTAIN THE MILITARY BALANCE AND PROVIDE THE SOVIETS AN INCENTIVE FOR ARMS CONTROL. HAIG

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O 271411Z NOV 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0382

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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 12065: RDS-1 11/27/2001 (HORNBLow, MICHAEL)

TAGS: PARM, US, UR, VT

SUBJECT: POPE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON DISARMAMENT

REF: STATE 314070 AND PREVIOUS

1. ~~(SECRET)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. FOREIGN MINISTER SILVESTRINI CALLED ME IN THIS MORN-  
ING (11/27) AND HANDED ME A COPY OF THE POPE'S LETTER TO  
THE PRESIDENT DATED NOVEMBER 25. THE ORIGINAL LETTER HAS

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BEEN SENT TO APOSTOLIC DELEGATE PIO LAGHI IN WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY TO THE WHITE HOUSE OR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY OR TOMORROW. AN IDENTICAL LETTER IN ITALIAN FROM THE POPE TO PRESIDENT BREZHNEV WAS GIVEN TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ITALY BY CARDINAL CASAROLI LAST NIGHT. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD CARDINAL CASAROLI THAT HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT BREZHNEV WOULD RECEIVE THE DELEGATION CARRYING THE STUDY ON THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WAR.

3. ACCORDING TO SILVESTRINI, THE VATICAN AT PRESENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THE TEXTS OF THE POPE'S LETTERS. SILVESTRINI BELIEVES THAT AT THE ANGELUS SERVICE ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, THE POPE MAY PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE TALKS AND ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS WRITTEN TO THE TWO PRESI-

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DENTS.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE STUDY, SILVESTRINI UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE US WITH A SUMMARY BY DECEMBER 4 AND THE FULL TEXT BY DECEMBER 8. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO OBTAIN THESE TEXTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SILVESTRINI POINTED OUT THAT THE PARAGRAPH BEGINNING QUOTE IT IS TRAGICALLY EVIDENT UNQUOTE IS IN FACT A SUMMARY OF THE VATICAN SPONSORED STUDY.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF POPE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN.

6. BEGIN TEXT: TO THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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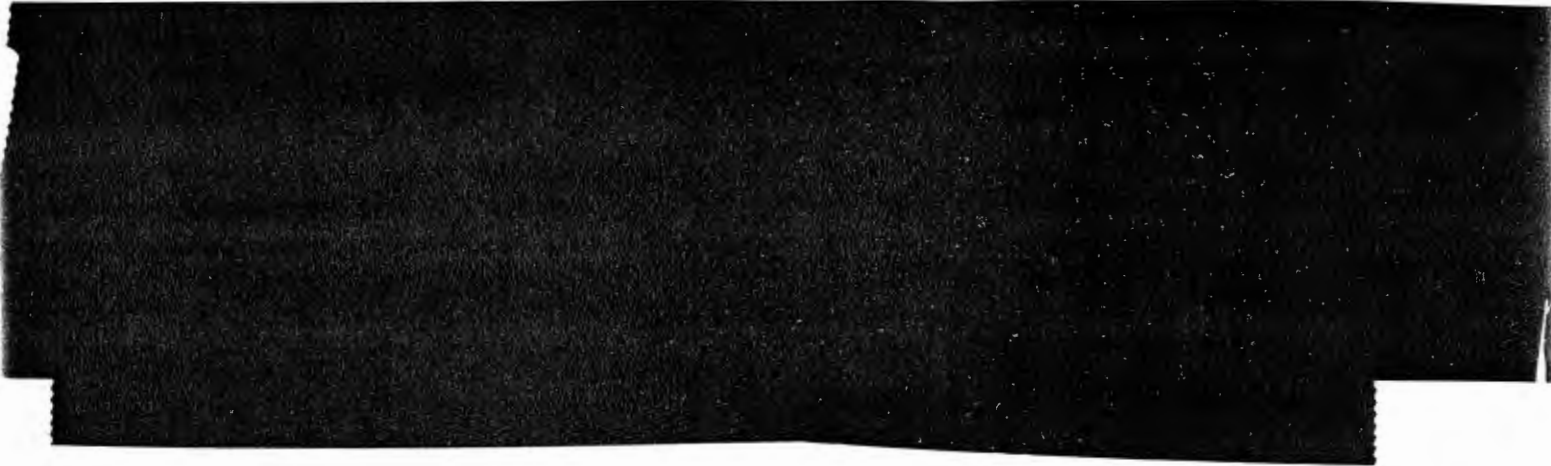
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O 271411Z NOV 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0383

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18. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO PRESIDENT REAGAN IN CALI-  
FORNIA AND TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW. WILSON

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NODIS  
FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E.O. 12065: RDS-3 12/17/01 (SCANLAN, JOHN D.)  
TAGS: PEPR, PL

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE POPE ON THE POLISH  
SITUATION

1. ~~(SECRET)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO POPE JOHN PAUL II THROUGH HIS SECRETARY,  
FATHER DZIWISZ IMMEDIATELY. ALTHOUGH FATHER DZIWISZ MAY  
NOT BE YOUR NORMAL CHANNEL FOR MESSAGES TO THE POPE, IT  
MUST, REPEAT MUST BE THE CHANNEL FOR THIS MESSAGE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE:

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YOUR HOLINESS:

I AM FOLLOWING THE FATE OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN IN POLAND WITH MOUNTING CONCERN. WE MUST, I BELIEVE, EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY WHICH OFFERS THE SLIGHTEST HOPE FOR BRINGING AN END TO THE CURRENT CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE ACCOMPANYING MASSIVE ARRESTS OF THE LEADERSHIP AND ADVISORS OF SOLIDARITY. FOR MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BEEN INSEPARABLY LINKED TO POLISH NATIONALISM; TODAY IT SPEAKS WITH GREATER

AUTHORITY IN POLAND THAN ANY OTHER INSTITUTION. I HAVE SEEN REPORTS OF YOUR CALL FOR 'DIALOGUE' IN POLAND AND FULLY SUPPORT IT. IN THAT REGARD I STRONGLY URGE YOUR HOLINESS TO DRAW ON THE GREAT AUTHORITY THAT YOU AND THE CHURCH COMMAND IN POLAND TO URGE GENERAL JARUZELSKI TO AGREE TO A CONFERENCE INVOLVING HIMSELF, ARCHBISHOP GLEMP, AND LECH WALESA. GENERAL JARUZELSKI SHOULD, IF I MAY SO SUGGEST, BE URGED TO AGREE TO PERMIT WALESA TO HAVE 8 OR 10 ADVISORS OF HIS OWN CHOOSING WITH HIM IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE POLISH PUBLIC THAT HE WAS ACTING AS A FREE AGENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PARTIES INVOLVED, REPRESENTING BETWEEN THEM ALL OF THE SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INTERESTS IN POLAND, COULD FIND COMMON GROUND FOR ELIMINATING MARTIAL LAW AND RESTORING SOCIAL PEACE, SO THAT POLAND COULD RESUME ITS PURSUIT OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A VIABLE SOCIAL COMPACT.

THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN POLAND IN ANY WAY IT CAN. WITH DEEP RESPECT AND HIGH REGARDS. RONALD REAGAN. END QUOTE HAIG  
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FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E.O. 12065: RDS-3 12/17/01 (SCANLAN, JOHN D.)  
TAGS: PEPR, PL

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE POPE ON THE POLISH  
SITUATION

1. ~~(SECRET)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO POPE JOHN PAUL II THROUGH HIS SECRETARY,  
FATHER DZIWISZ IMMEDIATELY. ALTHOUGH FATHER DZIWISZ MAY  
NOT BE YOUR NORMAL CHANNEL FOR MESSAGES TO THE POPE, IT  
MUST, REPEAT MUST BE THE CHANNEL FOR THIS MESSAGE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR HOLINESS:

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

I AM FOLLOWING THE FATE OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN IN POLAND WITH  
MOUNTING CONCERN. WE MUST, I BELIEVE, EXPLORE EVERY  
POSSIBILITY WHICH OFFERS THE SLIGHTEST HOPE FOR BRINGING  
AN END TO THE CURRENT CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY THE DECLARA-  
TION OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE ACCOMPANYING MASSIVE ARRESTS OF  
THE LEADERSHIP AND ADVISORS OF SOLIDARITY. FOR MORE THAN  
1,000 YEARS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BEEN INSEPARABLY  
LINKED TO POLISH NATIONALISM; TODAY IT SPEAKS WITH GREATER

AUTHORITY IN POLAND THAN ANY OTHER INSTITUTION. I HAVE  
SEEN REPORTS OF YOUR CALL FOR 'DIALOGUE' IN POLAND AND  
FULLY SUPPORT IT. IN THAT REGARD I STRONGLY URGE YOUR  
HOLINESS TO DRAW ON THE GREAT AUTHORITY THAT YOU AND THE  
CHURCH COMMAND IN POLAND TO URGE GENERAL JARUZELSKI TO  
AGREE TO A CONFERENCE INVOLVING HIMSELF, ARCHBISHOP GLEMP,  
AND LECH WALESIA. GENERAL JARUZELSKI SHOULD, IF I MAY SO

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THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN POLAND IN ANY WAY IT CAN. WITH DEEP RESPECT AND HIGH REGARDS. RONALD REAGAN. END QUOTE HAIG

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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW IMMEDIATE 2025

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FOR AMBASSADOR MEEHAN ONLY  
E.O. 12065: RDS-3 12/17/01 (SCANLAN, JOHN D.)

TAGS: PEPR, PL

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE POPE ON THE  
POLISH SITUATION

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
THE POPE:
3. BEGIN QUOTE:

YOUR HOLINESS:

I AM FOLLOWING THE FATE OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN IN POLAND  
WITH MOUNTING CONCERN. WE MUST, I BELIEVE, EXPLORE  
EVERY POSSIBILITY WHICH OFFERS THE SLIGHTEST HOPE FOR  
BRINGING AN END TO THE CURRENT CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY  
THE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE ACCOMPANYING

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

MASSIVE ARRESTS OF THE LEADERSHIP AND ADVISORS OF  
SOLIDARITY. FOR MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS THE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH HAS BEEN INSEPARABLY LINKED TO POLISH NATIONALISM;  
TODAY IT SPEAKS WITH GREATER AUTHORITY IN POLAND THAN  
ANY OTHER INSTITUTION. I HAVE SEEN REPORTS OF YOUR  
CALL FOR 'DIALOGUE' IN POLAND AND FULLY SUPPORT IT. IN

THAT REGARD I STRONGLY URGE YOUR HOLINESS TO DRAW ON  
THE GREAT AUTHORITY THAT YOU AND THE CHURCH COMMAND IN  
POLAND TO URGE GENERAL JARUZELSKI TO AGREE TO A CONFER-  
ENCE INVOLVING HIMSELF, ARCHBISHOP GLEMP, AND LECH  
WALESA. GENERAL JARUZELSKI SHOULD, IF I MAY SO SUGGEST,  
BE URGED TO AGREE TO PERMIT WALESA TO HAVE 8 OR 10  
ADVISORS OF HIS OWN CHOOSING WITH HIM IN ORDER TO ASSURE  
THE POLISH PUBLIC THAT HE WAS ACTING AS A FREE AGENT.  
THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE TO DETERMINE

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WHETHER THE PARTIES INVOLVED, REPRESENTING BETWEEN THEM ALL OF THE SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INTERESTS IN POLAND, COULD FIND COMMON GROUND FOR ELIMINATING MARTIAL LAW AND RESTORING SOCIAL PEACE, SO THAT POLAND COULD RESUME ITS PURSUIT OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A VIABLE SOCIAL COMPACT.

THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN POLAND IN ANY WAY IT CAN. WITH DEEP RESPECT AND HIGH REGARDS, RONALD REAGAN. END QUOTE.

4. IF YOU SUCCEED IN OBTAINING A MEETING WITH THE PRIMATE, YOU SHOULD EXPLORE WITH HIM THE IDEA OF THE CHURCH PLAYING THE INTERMEDIARY ROLE SUGGESTED BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS LETTER, BUT WITHOUT TELLING THE PRIMATE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN TO THE POPE. HAIG

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O 161931Z JAN 82  
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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE 0070

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FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E.O. 12065: RDS 1/14/88 (HOLMES, H. ALLEN)

TAGS: VT, US, PARM

SUBJECT: REPLY TO POPE'S LETTER ON NUCLEAR WAR, S/S 8200783

1. ~~(C)~~ ENTIRE TEXT).

2. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO THE POPE. THE ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO YOU.

BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR HOLINESS:

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS WE HAVE CONSULTED CLOSELY ON  
THE EVENTS IN POLAND BY MESSAGE, TELEPHONE AND THROUGH  
OUR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES. I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND  
IN THIS LETTER TO ANOTHER JOINT CONCERN, THE PREVENTION  
OF NUCLEAR WAR. YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 25 AND A DELE-  
GATION FROM THE PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES DESCRIBED  
ELOQUENTLY YOUR CONVICTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF NUCLEAR  
WAR AND THE NECESSITY OF PREVENTING ITS OUTBREAK. ON

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DECEMBER 15, CARDINAL CASAROLI AND I HAD AN EXCELLENT AND  
THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT WHICH I AM SURE HE HAS  
REPORTED TO YOU IN DETAIL.

I FULLY SHARE YOUR HORROR AT THE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES  
OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT, THE "LAST EPIDEMIC OF MANKIND."  
I AM DETERMINED TO PREVENT SUCH A CATASTROPHE. YOUR  
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WERE WELCOME AS WE BEGIN OUR  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN GENEVA. WE HOPE  
THAT OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL INTER-  
MEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILES WILL BE THE FIRST  
STEP IN A DISARMAMENT PROCESS WHICH WILL GO FAR TOWARD  
REMOVING THE SPECTRE OF FEAR WHICH HAUNTS MANKIND.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU BEST WISHES FOR THE  
COMING YEAR. MAY WE BOTH SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT OUR

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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 12/29/91 (SCANLAN, JOHN) EUR

TAGS: PDIP, US, VT, PL

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO THE POPE ON POLAND

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PLEASE DELIVER AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE POPE. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR HOLINESS:

THE TRAGEDY IN POLAND, WHICH HAS SADDENED US BOTH SO INTENSELY, MAY BE APPROACHING ANOTHER DECISIVE MOMENT. SINCE MY LAST MESSAGE TO YOU ON DECEMBER 17, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MILITARY REPRESSION IN YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY HAS FAILED, AND THE PASSIVE RESISTANCE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

IS GROWING. THUS, THE SOVIET UNION MAY WELL SOON HAVE TO REASSESS ITS STRATEGY.

IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE SOVIETS WILL PREFER TO INTENSIFY THE REPRESSION, FOR THAT IS THEIR HISTORIC RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO CHALLENGE THEIR HEGEMONY. IF THEY DO NOT DO SO WITH SOVIET TROOPS, THEY WILL DO SO THROUGH INCREASED PRESSURE ON THOSE WITHIN POLAND WHO ARE WILLING TO DO THEIR BIDDING. IN EITHER CASE, THE POLISH PEOPLE WILL SUFFER MORE, AND THEIR HOPES FOR A MORE OPEN SOCIETY MAY WELL BE EXTINGUISHED.

THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT LET THE SOVIET UNION DICTATE POLAND'S FUTURE WITH IMPUNITY. I AM ANNOUNCING TODAY ADDITIONAL AMERICAN MEASURES AIMED AT RAISING THE COST TO THE RUSSIANS OF THEIR CONTINUED VIOLENCE AGAINST POLAND.

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I HAVE DECIDED ON THESE STEPS ONLY AFTER THE SOVIET UNION AND POLISH REGIME HAVE HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR READINESS TO MODERATE THEIR CONDUCT. IN FACT, MY DIRECT APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BREZHNEV RECEIVED A MOST UNPROMISING AND UNCOMPROMISING RESPONSE.

I AM ENCOURAGING OUR ALLIES TO JOIN WITH US IN TAKING CONCRETE STEPS. IF WE CAN ACHIEVE WESTERN UNITY ON SUCH A PROGRAM, I BELIEVE IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE THE SOVIETS TO RECONSIDER THEIR BASIC STRATEGY. THE STEPS THE UNITED STATES IS TAKING WILL LEAVE THE SOVIETS IN NO DOUBT THAT THEY CANNOT ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY AND SANCTION BY USING OTHERS TO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE OF POLAND FOR THEM. LECH WALESA HAS RIGHTLY SAID THAT WHILE THE RUSSIANS MAY KILL COUNTLESS POLES, THE POLISH PEOPLE CANNOT BE COMPELLED TO WORK. IN THE SAME SPIRIT, THE RUSSIANS MUST KNOW THAT THE COSTS TO THEM WILL INCREASE IF REPRESSION CONTINUES. THEY MAY YET DRAW BACK AND PERMIT A PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION WITHIN POLAND TO BEGIN, IF THEY SEE THAT ONLY THUS WILL THEY FIND RELIEF FROM THE MEASURES WE ARE TAKING.

UNFORTUNATELY, IF THESE AMERICAN MEASURES ARE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY CORRESPONDING ACTIONS BY OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, THE RUSSIANS MAY DECIDE TO PURSUE REPRESSION, HOPING TO PROVOKE A RUPTURE WITHIN THE WESTERN WORLD, WHILE ESCAPING THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR MEASURES. THIS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR ALL WHO STAND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I THEREFORE ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN USING YOUR OWN SUASION THROUGHOUT THE WEST IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE UNITY ON THESE NEEDED MEASURES. AT THE SAME TIME, I ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR INFLUENCE WITH THE CHURCH IN POLAND TO HELP PERSUADE THE POLISH AUTHORITIES PROMPTLY TO LIFT MARTIAL LAW, RELEASE ALL DETAINEES, AND RESUME THE DIALOGUE WITH SOLIDARITY.

IF WE ARE TO KEEP ALIVE THE HOPE FOR FREEDOM IN POLAND, IT LIES IN THIS DIRECTION. THOSE WHO URGE ONLY PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE JARUZELSKI REGIME CONDEMN THE POLISH PEOPLE TO A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP WHICH, WHATEVER ITS MOTIVES, HAS SHOWN ONLY THE FACE OF HARSH OPPRESSION TO ITS OWN PEOPLE. THOSE WHO CALL FOR DRASTIC UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES ENDANGER WESTERN UNITY AND UNDERMINE WHAT INCENTIVES THERE MAY BE FOR THE RUSSIANS TO DRAW BACK FROM THEIR CRIME.

I HOPE YOU WILL DO WHATEVER IS IN YOUR POWER TO STRESS THESE TRUTHS TO THE LEADERS OF THE WEST.

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RONALD REAGAN. END TEXT. STOESSEL  
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E.O. 12965: RDS-1/3 1/6/2002 (HORNBLow, MICHAEL)  
TAGS: PPDC, PINT, PEPR, VT, US, PL  
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVESTRINI CALLED ME IN JANUARY 6 AND HANDED ME A LETTER FROM THE POPE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE LETTER IS DATED JANUARY 4 BUT WAS NOT SIGNED BY THE POPE UNTIL JANUARY 5. WE ARE POUCHING ORIGINAL LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT (ATTN: EUR/WE) FOR FORWARDING TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
3. AFTER HANDING ME LETTER SILVESTRINI CAREFULLY POINTED OUT THAT PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX WERE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, PARTICULARLY THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 5-

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4. SILVESTRINI EXPLAINED THAT THIS SENTENCE WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS SUGGESTING THAT THE HOLY SEE DISAPPROVED OF THE U.S. ACTIONS IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND. SILVESTRINI NOTED THAT THESE REPORTS WERE FALSE. THE VATICAN RECOGNIZES THAT THE U.S. IS A GREAT POWER WITH GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THE UNITED STATES MUST OPERATE ON THE POLITICAL PLANE AND THE HOLY SEE DOES NOT COMMENT ON THE POLITICAL POSITIONS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS. IT IS UP TO EACH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE ITS POLITICAL POLICIES. THE HOLY SEE FOR ITS PART OPERATES ON THE MORAL PLANE. THE TWO PLANES (POLITICS AND MORALITY) CAN BE COMPLEMENTARY WHEN THEY HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE. IN THIS CASE THEY ARE COMPLEMENTARY BECAUSE BOTH THE HOLY SEE AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE--THE RESTORATION OF LIBERTY TO POLAND.

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5. SILVESTRINI ADDED THAT THE OVERRIDING GOAL OF THE HOLY SEE AND OF THE POLISH EPISCOPATE IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE POPE'S LETTER--

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF POPE'S LETTER: BEGIN TEXT TO THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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17. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE REPEAT TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 (NILES, T.)

TAGS: VT, AR, UK

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM THE POPE

1. ~~(C - ENTIRE TEXT)~~

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN APRIL 17 MESSAGE FROM  
THE POPE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, AS DELIVERED BY CARDINAL  
CASAROLI TO VATICAN OFFICE:

BEGIN TEXT:

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TAGS: VT, AR, UK

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM THE POPE

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2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN APRIL 17 MESSAGE FROM  
THE POPE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, AS DELIVERED BY CARDINAL  
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RONALD REAGAN

HIS HOLINESS  
JOHN PAUL II  
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FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E.O. 12065: RDS-3 4/28/02 (THOMAS, CHARLES)  
TAGS: PDIP, VT, US  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

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2. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO POPE JOHN PAUL II. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY  
POUCH.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR HOLINESS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE  
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE'S  
VOYAGE ON MARCH 30. IT WAS A HAPPY MOMENT FOR ALL  
AMERICANS, AND ONE THAT WE WERE PLEASED TO SHARE WITH  
PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WHILE THE VOYAGE OF THE COLUMBIA SYMBOLIZES THE FINEST  
ASPIRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MANKIND, WE UNFORTUNATELY

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

ARE AT THE SAME TIME REMINDED OF MAN'S CAPACITY FOR RE-  
PRESSION AND INJUSTICE. YOUR ELOQUENT LETTER TO ME OF  
JANUARY 4 RECOUNTED THE VALIANT AND DIFFICULT STRUGGLE

OF THE POLISH PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM, A STRUGGLE WHICH HAS  
NOT YET ACHIEVED SUCCESS.

MAY THE VOYAGE OF COLUMBIA REINSPIRE US WITH A VISION  
OF MAN'S CAPACITY FOR PEACEFUL PROGRESS. IT IS OUR  
FIRM HOPE THAT SUCH VENTURES INTO SPACE WILL MAKE AN  
IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ALL MANKIND.

SINCERELY,  
RONALD REAGAN END TEXT  
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FOR VATICAN OFFICE  
E. O. 12065: RDS-3 6/22/02 (BURT, RICHARD) EUR  
TAGS: PDIP, VT, US  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO  
POPE JOHN PAUL II. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.  
BEGIN TEXT: YOUR HOLINESS:

ALTHOUGH I FELT AS IF WE KNEW ONE ANOTHER ALREADY FROM OUR  
EXTENSIVE CORRESPONDENCE, IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET  
WITH YOU DURING MY VISIT TO EUROPE. I WAS HAPPY THAT WE  
HAD THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE MANY ISSUES WHICH WE FACE  
BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND POLITICALLY.

THANK YOU FOR THE IVORY STATUE OF THE MADONNA AND THE  
PHOTOGRAPH. NANCY AND I WILL DISPLAY THEM WITH RESPECT AND  
FOND MEMORIES OF OUR TIME SPENT IN THE VATICAN.

THE NEWS OF THE END OF THE FIGHTING ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS  
IS WELCOME TO ALL OF US. NOW WE MUST FASHION THE BASIS  
FOR A LASTING PEACE THERE. IN LEBANON WE ARE CONTINUING TO

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

WORK FOR AN END TO HOSTILITIES, AND I PRAY THAT WE WILL  
SUCCEED. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR CONSULTATIONS

IN THE COMMON QUEST FOR PEACE. WITH WARM REGARDS, RONALD  
REAGAN. END TEXT. HAIG

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