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CAN YOU ADD NEW IDEAS TO THESE SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR THE NOVEMBER 15 RECEPTION FOR AMBASSADOR GRONOUSKI? THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NEW IDEAS EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF POSSIBLY NEW POLICY STATEMENTS CONCERNING EASTERN EUROPE INCORPORATED IN THIS SPEECH.

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, JOHN GRONOUSKI HAS BEEN DELIVERING THE MAIL FOR THE NATION. NOW HE IS GOING TO DELIVER THIS NATION'S MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE. IF HE SUCCEEDS IN DELIVERING THAT MESSAGE, THE ENTIRE COURSE OF HISTORY MAY VERY WELL BE CHANGED.

I BELIEVE HE WILL SUCCEED. HE HAS NEVER FAILED AT ANYTHING ELSE. A NEW YORK NEWSPAPER ONCE CALLED JOHN GRONOUSKI "THE WARMEST MAN SINCE WALLACE BEERY." I HAVE DECIDED TO USE THAT WARMTH -- ALONG WITH HIS PROVEN ABILITY AND HIS DEDICATION -- IN THE MOST VITAL CAUSE IN HISTORY: THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE.

IN THAT CAUSE, WE MUST REPALCE ARMS WITH AID; TERROR WITH TRADE; FEAR WITH FRIENDSHIP; SUSPICION WITH STATESMANSHIP; INDIGNATION WITH IDEALS; AND WALLS WITH WILLINGNESS.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 4,500 MILES SEPARATING WARSAW FROM WASHINGTON. BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP CANNOT BE MEASURED IN MILES. IT IS MEASURED BY BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT DATE BACK TO THE VERY BEGINNING OF OUR NATION. IT IS MEASURED BY A COMMON RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. IT IS MEASURED BY A CHRISTIAN HERITAGE THAT NEITHER TIME NOR TYRANNY CAN EVER ERODE.

DETERMINED TO BE A REMOVAL OF THE
MARKING, CANCELLED PER E.O. 12813,
SEC. 1.3 AND ARCHIVIST'S MEMO OF
MAR. 16, 1993.

BY *gpl/ng* ON *6/30/95*

I WANT JOHN GRONOUSKI TO STRENGTHEN THAT RELATIONSHIP.
I WANT HIM TO TELL THE POLISH PEOPLE -- AND THE PEOPLE OF
EASTERN EUROPE -- THAT WE DESIRE NOTHING BUT THEIR FRIENDSHIP
AND THEIR OWN WELL BEING. I WANT HIM TO TELL THEM WE ARE
KNOCKING AT THEIR DOOR WITH AID AND TRADE AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

I WANT HIM TO TELL THEM THAT PEACE IS THE WAVE OF THE
FUTURE, IF ONLY WE HAVE THE WILL TO WORK FOR IT AND SACRIFICE
FOR IT. I WANT JOHN GRONOUSKI TO BE OPEN AND FRANK WITH THE
POLISH GOVERNMENT.

IT HAS BEEN WISELY SAID THAT, "LIFE IS SHORT, BUT TRUTH WORKS
FAR AND LIVES LONG; LET US SPEAK THE TRUTH."

AND LET US, THROUGH THIS GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT, PUT ASIDE OUR
DIFFERENCES FOR A WHILE AND SEEK OUT THE AREAS IN WHICH WE
CAN AGREE.

JOHN GRONOUSKI IS AN OPTIMIST -- AND SO AM I.

I BELIEVE THAT PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN OUR GENERATION.
BY THIS I MEAN NOT JUST AN ARMED TRUCE. I MEAN AN ATMOSPHERE OF
OF TRUST, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND COOPERATION FOR THE BETTERMENT
OF MANKIND.

BELIEVING THAT, I INTEND TO WORK FOR IT. I INTEND TO ACHIEVE
IT. AND THAT IS WHY JOHN GRONOUSKI, HIS LOVELY WIFE, MARY, AND HIS
TWO DAUGHTERS ARE GOING TO POLAND.

I AM BETTING THAT AN OLD WISCONSIN PROGRESSIVE CAN TRANSLATE
OUR HOPES INTO REALITY.

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