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TO : Embassy WARSAW

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SUBJECT: Visit of Postmaster General Gronowski to Poland

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The Department has received word that the President has designated Postmaster General John A. Gronouski to be US Representative to the 1964 Poznan Trade Fair. Present plans call for him to be in Poland for approximately five days in June. Polish Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Zygmunt Moskwa and the Polish Embassy in Washington have been advised by letter of Mr. Gronouski's desire to come to Poland during the period of the Fair, but Minister Moskwa's invitation has not formally been accepted, since the White House wishes to hold up the public announcement of the trip until early April. This should not prevent the Embassy from discussing details of the visit informally with officials of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

The question has been raised whether the Postmaster General should be present at the Postman Fair on Opening Day, June 7, or on America Day as has been customary for delegates to previous fairs. The greater publicity and press coverage accorded to Opening Day ceremonies might make it desirable from our standpoint for Mr. Gronowski to be present on that day, or even on both days if a suitable itinerary could be arranged. The Embassy's comments are requested.

In addition to attending the Poznan Fair, Mr. Gronowski has indicated that he wishes to call upon representatives of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow to extend congratulations on the occasion of that institution's 600th anniversary celebration. If the Embassy considers it appropriate, he might be willing to address a student group in English.

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while at the University. He would also like to visit the site of the American Research Hospital for Children outside Krakow. In view of Minister Moskwa's invitation, Mr. Gronouski wishes that some aspect of postal operations be included in the Warsaw itinerary. Wherever possible he wants to avoid formal or ceremonial occasions in favor of activities offering maximum opportunity to come in contact with the Polish people. In this context, the Postmaster General has asked to visit one or two of the most important churches in the cities he visits.

No details are as yet available as to the size of the Postmaster General's party, although it appears likely that Mrs. Gronouski will accompany her husband.

Action requested: The Embassy is requested to enter into informal discussion with the appropriate Polish officials regarding preliminary planning of the program for Mr. Gronouski's visit and to forward suggestions to the Department. It would also be helpful if the June 9 date for America Day at the Fair could be firmly established.

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