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Ambassador Gronouski reports from Warsaw as follows:

Polish Government, press, and public each expressed in their own way warm appreciation for consideration shown by U. S. Government in honoring late Polish Ambassador to the U. S. , Edward Drozniak.

Government of Poland gratitude was epitomized by Chairman of State Council Ochab who thanked Ambassador Gronouski with obvious feeling for actions taken by President Johnson and U. S. officials to bring Drozniak's body back to Poland on Presidential jet with honor escort led by Deputy Assistant Secretary Stoessel.

Press reported these actions prominently on front page along with detailed items on airport departure ceremony and calls by Vice President Humphrey, Secretaries Rusk, Freeman, Senator Fulbright and others to sign condolence book at Polish Embassy. Polish radio and T. V. carried similar reports.

Ordinary citizens were overheard on trams and buses extolling President for his thoughtfulness.

Embassy wishes to add its gratitude for rapid, thoughtful action taken by Department and White House.