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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS AT CITY HALL
KRAKOW, POLAND
JULY 2, 1996

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Americans of all beliefs admire the Holy Father's message of hope, faith, and human dignity in the face of moral and political evil. And I know that so much of his vision was inspired here in Krakow.

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want to talk about any of this.
Good work!

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KRAKOW

goes to Cathedral - v. symbolic

Intellectuals - press, church,

Kosciuszko - lay flowers

→ City Hall:

tell story of Poland + freedom movement

mention Re Pope -

I wrote Re Pope before I left + tell
him I was coming to his beloved kids



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June 9, 1996

Breast cancer awareness in Poland: request for message of support from Mrs. Clinton

As I mentioned to you over dinner at our Residence when you were through here with the pre-advance team, too many women in Poland are dying of breast cancer. It is estimated that 8,000 new cases are reported annually and, of this number, over half of the women diagnosed do not survive more than 12 months. Lack of awareness and societal attitudes - problems similar to those faced in the U.S. some 20 years ago - stand in the way of early detection and treatment. The shortage of safe and accessible diagnostic equipment is exacerbated by the lack of sufficient trained personnel and funds to operate that equipment.

Over the past year I have worked closely with the Breast Cancer Awareness Program for Poland, founded by my counterpart in Washington, Irena Kozminska, the wife of the Polish Ambassador to the U.S. While she has generated support - both financial and technical - in the U.S., I have worked to build a network of concern and commitment in Poland. Our separate but related efforts are beginning to show results: the challenge of breast cancer in Poland is beginning to move towards the forefront of the public consciousness. There is growing interest both here and in the U.S. in becoming involved in the breast cancer fight in Poland and the voluntary dedication of American expertise and resources is already beginning to be felt. And, most importantly to me, a conference on breast cancer in Poland will take place in Krakow (June 22-23).

Unfortunately, because of the still nascent form of the overall effort and the timing of the conference, there is no obvious possibility of a site-visit. However, as you and I and Neel Lattimore discussed after dinner, a message of support from Mrs. Clinton would be very helpful. I expect to have the opportunity to ask Mrs. Kwasniewska for a statement also.

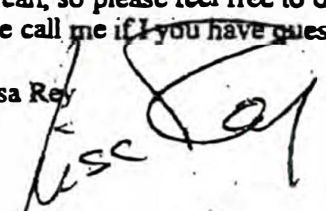
The June 22-23 conference will bring together medical professionals, Polish anti-cancer groups, government and business leaders, representatives of community groups and women's non-governmental organizations, breast cancer survivors and the media. At least 6 American organizations active in the breast cancer field will participate: the Susan G. Komen Foundation, SHARE and the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the National Breast Cancer Coalition, the American Cancer Society and the University of South Carolina Medical Center.

The agenda is aimed at laying the groundwork for future action to reduce the mortality rate from breast cancer and to lessen the impact of the disease by: (1) promoting general health education and breast cancer awareness programs; (2) establishing a modern system of prevention and early detection of the disease; and (3) increasing the availability and quality of diagnostics, cancer treatment, and physical and psychological rehabilitation. I am hopeful that a core of leadership will begin to emerge from among the women participating, and that we will see at least a broad consensus on a strategic approach. At the very least we are providing a valuable opportunity to begin building a network of concerned individuals and groups committed to fighting breast cancer.

Following is a proposed draft for Mrs. Clinton's message, which I would need before June 17 in order to ensure that it is included with the materials distributed at the conference. I am sure that your people can do far greater things with words than I can, so please feel free to do so!

Thanks in advance for your help and please call me if you have questions.

Lisa Rey



Proposed draft message to breast cancer conference in Poland:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Breast cancer is a disease that affects all of us - our mothers and our daughters, our wives and our sisters, our teachers, our colleagues, our friends - and possibly ourselves. Yet it is a disease that, if detected in time, need not be life-threatening. More than twenty years ago in the United States, a few brave women finally brought the issue of breast cancer to public attention. We were allowed to feel comfortable speaking out about breast cancer. Gradually we began to understand the importance of awareness and education and early detection. Grass-roots organizations to raise much-needed funds for research, and advocacy programs to support appropriate government action sprang up. The work continues today. We are far from declaring victory but we have experienced a significant decline in the breast cancer death rate.

I firmly believe that the same can occur in Poland. In the organization of this conference you are beginning to define your own campaign and you are beginning to rally your resources. I commend this effort. Breast cancer awareness, education programs for the general public, early detection capabilities and access to treatment will be the key elements in the struggle against breast cancer in Poland just as they have been elsewhere.

I congratulate you on this initiative and extend my best wishes that this important first step will provide a solid base upon which to build towards the future.