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SUBJECT: "FREE POLAND": POLISH GOVERNMENT INQUIRY ON
ATTITUDE OF DEPT. OF JUSTICE

REF: (A) WARSAW 6271, (B) STATE 223698

1. ON SEPTEMBER 10, I CONVEYED POINTS IN REFTEL B TO VICE
MINISTER SPASOWSKI, WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT
RESPONSE TO HIS INQUIRY.

2. ON HEARING MY EXPLANATION THAT THE ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE DOES NOT PURPORT TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT
IN EXILE, SPASOWSKI ASKED IF THE REGISTRATION GIVES ANY
KIND OF STATUS TO "WOLNA POLSKA". DOES IT LEGALIZE
IN ANY WAY THE ACTIVITY OF THIS BODY, OR IN ANY WAY GIVE
APPROVAL TO SUCH ACTIVITIES? DOES IT GIVE THE ORGANIZATION
ANY LEGAL RIGHTS?

3. I RESPONDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE USG POSITION WITH REGARD
TO THE RECOGNITION QUESTION WAS ABSOLUTELY UNEQUIVOCAL,
I THOUGHT THESE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CALLED FOR EXPERT
DETERMINATION BY LAWYERS. I SAID I WOULD ASK FOR SUCH A
DETERMINATION AND WOULD CONVEY IT TO THE POLISH AUTHORITIES
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. FY: SINCE THIS REGISTRATION ACTION IS NOT TOTALLY
DISSIMILAR TO THE QUESTION OF PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTION BY
THE POLISH TRADE OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, STATE AND
COMMERCE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS BOTH SUBJECTS
AT THE UPCOMING ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING. THE POLES
CLEARLY INTEND TO RAISE THE TRADE OFFICE MATTER AND WILL
PROBABLY FIND A WAY TO WORK IN "WOLNA POLSKA". DAVIES

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