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Appeal for assistance in investigating 2010 Smolensk crash of Polish Air Force One

Dear Mr. President,

At a meeting with Polonia in Chicago on September 28, 2016, you made the following important declaration with respect to the 2010 crash of the Polish Air Force One in Smolensk, Russia:

“If I become President, I will certainly intervene and do the best I can to help you.”

In a letter dated January 2, 2017, the Smolensk Commemoration Committee, a Pennsylvania based NGO representing Polish-American organizations from across the USA, appealed to you for help in recovering from Russia the wreckage of the Polish Tu-154M and its black boxes. See Attachment 1. Also during your July 2017 visit to Poland, the government of Prime Minister Szydło asked you for help in recovering the wreckage and black boxes of Tu-154M from Russia.

This is not a trivial matter. The Smolensk tragedy represents a calamity of historic proportions and enduring political implications. It claimed the life of the President of Poland, his wife, and members of the highest level delegation traveling to Katyn for the 70th anniversary of the extermination of Polish officers by NKVD. The investigation of this tragedy had been effectively blocked until 2016. Today, this cover-up reverberates with increasing tensions through Europe and beyond.

In 1940 the NKVD secretly murdered 4,421 Polish POW officers in Katyn, near Smolensk. In 2010 the top Polish generals were killed in the Smolensk crash while traveling to Katyn to pay respect to their forefathers. Among them was General Andrzej Blasik awarded in September 2009 with the Legion of Merit by the US Government for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Groundlessly blamed for causing the Smolensk crash, Gen. Blasik was brutally defamed worldwide while his family was threatened, assaulted and subjected to media assassination.

The Smolensk tragedy resulted in the immediate loss of power of the Law and Justice Party of late President Lech Kaczyński. His political opponents from post-communist left took full control over Poland, relinquished investigation of the Smolensk crash to the Russians, and blocked autopsies of the victims of the crash in contravention of the Polish law.



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At the end of 2015, the Law and Justice Party led by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, a twin brother of the killed President, returned to power. In 2016 the government of Prime Minister Szydło reopened technical and criminal investigations into the Smolensk crash. Finally, six years after their tragic deaths, exhumations and autopsies of all victims began. This process confirmed earlier signals that bodies of the Smolensk victims were fragmented and damaged to an unusual degree and desecrated.

The autopsies also revealed that the most disintegrated and desecrated bodies are those of the top generals of the Polish Army. The coffin of the Commander of the Polish Armed Forces Operational Command General Bronislaw Kwiatkowski contained smaller and larger fragments of other bodies, including head parts, extra hips and pelvis, an extra arm. Among them were fragments of the bodies of the victims who had already been exhumed and reburied. The widow of the Commander of the Polish Navy Admiral Andrzej Karweta reported on the autopsy results of her husband as follows: In the two trash bags found in the coffin, remains of eight different people were found, including those of my husband. There were also two unrecognized pieces of remains, unidentified due to elapse of time. Seven pieces of my husband's remains were found in four other coffins.

On August 9, 2017, the State Technical Subcommittee for Re-Investigation of the Smolensk Crash issued a statement that: 1) destruction of the left wing of Tu-154M was not initiated by a collision with the birch tree on Bodin's plot. Destruction of the left wing began before the birch tree on Bodin's plot; 2) many destroyed elements of the left wing of Tu-154 M bear signature of explosion. These findings directly contradict conclusions presented in the Russian MAK report dated January 11, 2011 and its Polish replica Miller's report of July 29, 2011, which blame the birch tree for disintegration of the Tu-154M in Smolensk. The latest findings clearly point to explosion as the cause of destruction of the left wing of Tu-154M. The Russian MAK investigation and the Polish Miller's investigation ruled out and never pursued these leads at all.

Dear Mr. President, in light of the latest findings please intervene and do your best in helping to recover the wreckage of the Polish Air Force One and its black boxes from Russia. We are asking you, Mr. President, to provide all necessary assistance to the investigation of the Smolensk crash currently conducted by the government of Prime Minister Szydło.

In evaluating this matter, please consider that among victims of the Smolensk crash is a US citizen, Mr. Wojciech Seweryn from Chicago. His American family has been subjected to cruel and inhumane treatment and their rights to due process of law were grossly violated. The Seweryn family did not receive any support from



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the US government. Instead, the family has been effectively stigmatized by the left wing politicians and marginalized by the American government. The condescending neglect of the Seweryn family by the US government and its political class poorly reflects on the American treatment of its citizens, while the suppression of the Seweryn family's horrific experience in the American media demonstrates clear efforts to silence their powerful story.

In light of the gravity of the Smolensk disaster and its shocking aftermath that endures, please issue the Presidential Directive on Assistance in Smolensk Investigation. From the national security standpoint it is imperative to sort out facts from fake news, review all decisions made in this matter by the United States Government in the years 2010-2016, and recommend steps to be undertaken by various agencies of the United States Government in order to assist the investigation conducted by the government of Prime Minister Szydło. Please issue the Presidential Directive on Assistance in the Smolensk Investigation in order to deescalate the growing tension, show due respect to the Seweryn family, and help to bring this matter to some reasonable resolution.

The Katyn lie endured for 50 years. Please do not allow the Smolensk lie to infest and pervade our public life for another dozen of years. Please help us stand up against lies and grave injustice that allows for treating the Smolensk victims as the guilty ones and persecuting all those who stand up for the truth!

Sincerely,

Tadeusz Antoniak,

Chairman - the Smolensk Disaster Commemoration Committee, in the name of the Committee and its member organizations

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