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Dear Mr. Gromada,

Thank you for your kind letter of October 30, 2009, which arrived in Warsaw ten days prior to my arrival. Please accept my apologies for not having written to you sooner. I read with great interest the issue of the Polish Review which you kindly provided me. The essays contained therein have allowed me to learn much about the history of Polish-U.S. relations and to gain from the experience and insights of those who have held this office before me. I cannot think of a better set of essays to read at the outset of my ambassadorship.

I am confident that relations between our two countries are as strong and sound as ever. In fact, I believe that we are on the cusp of a new era of Polish-US partnership that better reflects both Poland's growing stature in the international community as well as the new challenges facing both of our nations.

Since beginning my duties here in Warsaw, I have seen an economy that is dynamic and the envy of much of Europe. I have seen the talent and energy of the Polish people. And I have experienced a palpable sense of optimism about the future. Poland has indeed achieved much in the short span of time since the fall of communism, and I believe that Poland is now both willing and able to assume a greater role in European and global affairs. Therefore, our relationship with Poland should reflect its growing stature within the Euro-Atlantic community. Our relationship also needs to reflect new challenges that we face, including energy security and climate change as well as scientific and technological innovation.

This is an exciting time to arrive in Poland as U.S. ambassador, and I am determined to do my utmost to strengthen and broaden Polish-US partnership. The wisdom, advice and expertise of persons such as you will be invaluable as I go forward, and I hope we will remain in touch. Please do not hesitate to contact me the next time you are in Warsaw.

Sincerely,


Lee Feinstein