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*Ekscelencjo, Szanowny Panie Ambasadore,*

Niefortunna wypowiedź Dyrektora FBI Jamesa Comey'a w Muzeum Holokaustu w Waszyngtonie wzbudziła w Polsce duże poruszenie. Jesteśmy głęboko przekonani, że nie było to wyrazem jego złej woli, lecz wynikało ze słabszej znajomości zawitych dziejów Europy Środkowej. Mając to na uwadze szefowie najważniejszych polskich placówek historyczno-edukacyjnych postanowili wystosować do pana dyrektora Jamesa Comey'a zaproszenie do złożenia wizyty studialnej w Polsce, by mógł lepiej zapoznać się z dziejami naszego kraju i Europy w XX wieku. W załączeniu przekazuję list, który podpisali:

Łukasz Kamiński, Prezes Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej,

Piotr M. A. Cywiński, Dyrektor Państwowego Muzeum i Miejsca Pamięci Auschwitz-Birkenau,

Robert Kostro, Dyrektor Muzeum Historii Polski,

Paweł Machcewicz, Dyrektor Muzeum II Wojny Światowej,

Jan Oldakowski, Dyrektor Muzeum Powstania Warszawskiego,

Dariusz Stola, Dyrektor Muzeum Historii Żydów Polskich POLIN,

z uprzejmą prośbą o przekazanie go panu dyrektorowi Comey'owi. Ponieważ list powstał w trybie konsultacji roboczych, nie było możliwe umieszczenie pod nim odręcznych podpisów sygnatariuszy.

Korzystając z okazji pragnę przekazać Panu Ambadorowi wyrazy głębokiego szacunku i szczerzej sympatii.

*Z wyrazami szacunku,*



Warsaw, 21 April 2015

Mr. James Comey  
Director  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Comey,

We are deeply concerned about the words you have said in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. For the sake of better understanding of Polish, Jewish and world history of the 20th century, we would like to invite you to pay a visit to Poland. As the heads of our country's most important museums and educational institutions dealing with the history of the period, we would like to offer you a study visit which will allow you not only to get to know, but also to understand in a more complete way the twists and turns of history of the occupied Europe. This, in the future, could prevent you from making mistakes leading to negative repercussions in the friendly relations between our countries and peoples. We believe that a high official of the US administration as yourself, will show concern about these issues.

Poles, and especially Polish citizens of Jewish origin, suffered immensely during the Second World War. We are all aware of different attitudes of human individuals, during the turmoil of the war and the Holocaust, however, it was Poland who was first to oppose the absolute evil embodied by the Third Reich led by Adolf Hitler. In the absence of military action on the part of Western allies Poland was divided between two most murderous totalitarian regimes in human history - the German Nazism and Soviet Communism. It was Polish soldiers who fought "for our freedom and yours," being the only ones from the very first to the last day of the war. It was in Poland that hiding Jewish people led to extermination of whole families. And yet the largest group of "Righteous Among the Nations" come from our country. Finally, it was Poland which after the war Western Allies left to Stalin and in consequence it was enveloped in the darkness of Communism for the next 45 years. Thus, you should not be surprised by the turmoil your words caused in Poland.

We highly appreciate your declaration that every FBI official will be bound to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. We also would like to invite them to visit Poland, in belief that the experience of the German terror in Central Europe is important and the Americans should expand their knowledge and develop sensitivity in this regard. They are very much welcome in our facilities.

We believe that your visit to Poland will be a gesture that will not only soothe the public, but also will become a symbol of the good will of the American People towards the Polish Nation.

Yours sincerely,

*Lukasz Kamiński*

*President of the Institute of National Remembrance*

*Piotr M. A. Cywiński*

*Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum*

*Robert Kostro*

*Director of the Polish History Museum*

*Paweł Machcewicz*

*Director of the Museum of World War II*

*Jan Ołdakowski*

*Director of the Warsaw Rising Museum*

*Dariusz Stola*

*Director of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews*