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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
(Warsaw, Poland)

For Immediate Release

July 10, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE
BASEBALL EVENT

The Ambassador's Residence
Warsaw, Poland

4:22 P.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Hey, listen, you guys sit down now. Everybody sit down. I'm not going to be that long, but it's more comfortable sitting.

First, I want to thank Ambassador and Mrs. Davis and Doctor Hale, who you just heard from, Ann Kokoshko over here, who is the founder of the Polish Little League Foundation. And I really came to thank all of you because I've been looking forward to this very much.

The Little League program has now come to Poland. And listen to these words from the Little League Pledge: "I trust in God. I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair to strive to win. But win or lose, I will always do my best." Remember those words. Their spirit is Poland's spirit.

You know, I don't know how closely you follow big league baseball in the United States, but I think of some great Polish-American ballplayers when I'm here today -- legends in American sports. Ted Kluszewski, Greg Luzinski, Tony Kubek -- either he's pronouncing it wrong or I am -- I don't know which one. (Laughter.)

You remember the Niekro brothers? Does that ring a bell with any of you guys -- Bill and Joe? These are Polish guys. They won more games than any pair of brothers in big league history. I'm indebted to Rawlings for bringing this equipment. I want to thank the coaches that were here. And again, I want to thank Stan back here of Windham, Connecticut who is just -- his whole life is baseball.

You know, 13 days from now, in the United States, is a big day. For on that day, America's Baseball Hall of Fame will induct the first former Little Leaguer -- first guy to play Little League now going into the Hall of Fame. He's a Polish-American -- Carl Yastrzemski. (Laughter.)

He's a great ballplayer for the Boston Red Sox. We got any Red Sox uniforms? No, okay. But anyway, a great player for the Red Sox. And in that Hall of Fame -- which is the big thing for our game -- he's joining three other Polish-Americans: Al Simmons, Stan Coveleski, and then Stan Musial. You know, he's been here in Poland. Last time I was here I saw him here. That guy was already climbing toward major league fame when the Little League began.

A humble winner, a gracious loser, a man of self-discipline and pride. And really, he became perhaps the most famous Polish-American athlete -- Stan Musial. And he put it very simply. He said, "My greatest thrill was just putting on my uniform every day.

So I just came on over to wish you well. I hope you feel

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the same way about baseball as Sam Musial did. And I just have a wonderful feeling that if I don't see you in the Olympics, I'm going to see some of you guys in the big leagues in the United States.

Good luck to you. All right, let's go over there now. Who's the best pitcher out here? (Laughter.)

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE
WARSAW, POLAND
MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, friends of Poland and America. Thank you for those words of welcome. It is a pleasure for me to be with you in this great and lovely city.

You know, fifty years ago an American institution was born: Little League Baseball. And it's grown to become America's Ambassador of Goodwill, and the largest youth sports program in the world.

This year, that program has come to Poland. As have these words of the Little League pledge: "I trust in God. I love my country, and will respect its laws. I will play fair to strive to win. But win or lose, I will always do my best."

You kids here today -- please remember those words. For their spirit is Poland's spirit. And over the years that spirit has inspired the many Poles who've enriched American baseball.

I think, for instance, of big-leaguers like Ted Kluszewski [Kla ZOO ski] -- nicknamed Big Klu. Or Greg Luzinski [Lou ZIN ski] -- the Bull. Or Tony Kubek [KOO beck] -- now a noted sportscaster. Or the Niekro [NEEK ro] boys -- Phil and Joe -- who won more games than any pair of brothers in big-league history.

Over the years, Poland's given a lot to American baseball. And now, it's our turn to return the favor. For we're here to

present Poland's charters for Little League baseball. And to present enough equipment to field ten teams. Perhaps nothing is more American than Little League Baseball. Well, few things show America's love for Poland like bringing our national pastime to you.

Little League was born on a makeshift diamond -- three teams, 36 kids, a handful of adult volunteers. And it started in Williamsport, Pennsylvania -- a State with many cities with a large Polish population -- Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre.

Since then, more than 20 million youngsters have worn the Little League uniform -- kids in Pennsylvania, and now in Poland. They've had the chance to compete, and the chance to learn. Learn the value of sportsmanship, generosity, and teamwork. Learn the lessons so central to life.

In one sense, then, you kids here are heirs to a tradition. But in another sense, you're pioneers. For you are among the first 1,000 kids to play on 18 Little League teams in four cities -- Rybnik [RIB nik], Kutno [KUT no], Jaslo [YAHS wo], and Wroclaw [VRAHTZ waf]. Joining more than 2,500,000 boys and girls in 32 other countries.

This equipment will help you. And I want to thank the Rawlings Company. Let me thank the coaches here -- like I used to when I was coaching Little League, I know you'll have a ball. And a special salute to the man who spurred the drive to bring

Little League to Poland: Stan Kokoska [Ko KO ska] of Windham, Connecticut.

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As the son of Polish immigrants in Donora [Da NOR a], Pennsylvania, Stan Musial had a dream: to make the big leagues. Like so many Poles, hard work made his dream come true.

Stan The Man was already climbing toward the majors when Little League began. He never played it, but he embodied its qualities. For he was a humble winner, and a gracious loser. A man of self-discipline and pride.

In time, Stan Musial became perhaps the most famous Polish-American. And after he retired, he said, simply, what Carl Yastrzemski and millions of other players believe: "My greatest thrill was just putting my uniform on every day."

My friends, I suspect you'll feel the same. Thank you, God bless you, God bless Poland and the United States, and "Podaj pilke" [PO-die PII-keh] -- Play Ball.

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MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989
4:15 P.M.

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BECK] -- NOW A NOTED SPORTSCASTER. OR THE NIEKRO [NEEK
RO] BOYS -- PHIL AND JOE --WHO WON MORE GAMES THAN ANY
PAIR OF BROTHERS IN BIG-LEAGUE HISTORY.

OVER THE YEARS, POLAND'S GIVEN A LOT TO AMERICAN
BASEBALL. AND NOW, IT'S OUR TURN TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

FOR WE'RE HERE TO PRESENT POLAND'S CHARTERS FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. AND TO PRESENT ENOUGH EQUIPMENT TO FIELD TEN TEAMS. PERHAPS NOTHING IS MORE AMERICAN THAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. WELL, FEW THINGS SHOW AMERICA'S LOVE FOR POLAND LIKE BRINGING OUR NATIONAL PASTIME TO YOU.

LITTLE LEAGUE WAS BORN ON A MAKESHIFT DIAMOND -- THREE TEAMS, 36 KIDS, A HANDFUL OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS. AND IT STARTED IN WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA -- A STATE WITH MANY CITIES WITH A LARGE POLISH POPULATION -- PITTSBURGH, PHILADELPHIA, SCRANTON, WILKES-BARRE.

SINCE THEN, MORE THAN 20 MILLION YOUNGSTERS HAVE WORN THE LITTLE LEAGUE UNIFORM -- KIDS IN PENNSYLVANIA, AND NOW IN POLAND. THEY'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO COMPETE, AND THE CHANCE TO LEARN.

LEARN THE VALUE OF SPORTSMANSHIP, GENEROSITY, AND TEAMWORK. LEARN THE LESSONS SO CENTRAL TO LIFE.

IN ONE SENSE, THEN, YOU KIDS HERE ARE HEIRS TO A TRADITION. BUT IN ANOTHER SENSE, YOU'RE PIONEERS. FOR YOU ARE AMONG THE FIRST 1,000 KIDS TO PLAY ON 18 LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS IN FOUR OF YOUR CITIES. JOINING MILLIONS OF BOYS AND GIRLS IN 32 OTHER COUNTRIES.

THIS EQUIPMENT WILL HELP YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK THE RAWLINGS COMPANY. LET ME THANK THE COACHES HERE -- LIKE I USED TO WHEN I WAS COACHING LITTLE LEAGUE, I KNOW YOU'LL HAVE A BALL. AND A SPECIAL SALUTE TO THE MAN WHO SPURRED THE DRIVE TO BRING LITTLE LEAGUE TO POLAND: STAN KOKOSKA [KO KO SKA] OF WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, THESE ARE GREAT TIMES FOR POLAND'S LITTLE LEAGUE. AND ANOTHER GREAT MOMENT WILL COME 13 DAYS FROM NOW. FOR ON THAT DAY AMERICA'S BASEBALL HALL OF FAME WILL INDUCT THE FIRST FORMER LITTLE LEAGUER. HE'S MY GOOD FRIEND CARL YASTRZEMSKI OF THE BOSTON RED SOX. AND HE'S A POLISH-AMERICAN.

IN COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, WHERE THE HALL OF FAME IS LOCATED, YASTRZEMSKI WILL JOIN THREE OTHER POLISH-AMERICANS.

AL SIMMONS AND STAN COVELESKI [COV EL EH SKI]. AND THE MAN OF WHOM IT ONCE WAS SAID: "HERE STANDS BASEBALL'S PERFECT WARRIOR. HERE STANDS BASEBALL'S PERFECT KNIGHT."

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STAN THE MAN WAS ALREADY CLIMBING TOWARD THE MAJORS WHEN LITTLE LEAGUE BEGAN. HE NEVER PLAYED IT, BUT HE EMBODIED ITS QUALITIES. FOR HE WAS A HUMBLE WINNER, AND A GRACIOUS LOSER. A MAN OF SELF-DISCIPLINE AND PRIDE.

IN TIME, STAN MUSIAL BECAME PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS POLISH-AMERICAN. AND AFTER HE RETIRED, HE SAID, SIMPLY, WHAT CARL YASTRZEMSKI AND MILLIONS OF OTHER PLAYERS BELIEVE: "MY GREATEST THRILL WAS JUST PUTTING MY UNIFORM ON EVERY DAY."

MY FRIENDS, I SUSPECT YOU'LL FEEL THE SAME. THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES, AND "PODAJ-PILKE" [PO-DIE PIL-KEH] -- PLAY BALL. # # #

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/30/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE
WARSAW, POLAND

SUBJECT: MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JUNE 30, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *w*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE EVENT

I. SUMMARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: PATRICIA MACK BRYAN *DMB*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Little League

Pursuant to James W. Cicconi's staffing request of July 3, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks. We have no legal objection to the contents of these remarks.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 6/27/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 6/29/89 NOONSUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, no later than NOON, Thursday, June 29, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

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RESPONSE:

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NO COMMENTS

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June 29, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NELSON LUND *NL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Polish Little League

At the request of James W. Cicconi, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned draft remarks. We have no legal objections.

We appreciate having had the opportunity to review these draft remarks.

cc: James W. Cicconi



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June 28, 1989

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Polish Little League

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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DATE: 6/27/89

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

6/29/89 NOON

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, no later than NOON, Thursday, June 29, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

June 29, 1989

The NSC concurs with the attached draft.

Brent Scowcroft
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cc: Jim Cicconi

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLISH LITTLE LEAGUE
WARSAW, POLAND
MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, friends of Poland and America. Thank you for those words of welcome. It is a pleasure for me to be with you in this great and lovely city.

You know, fifty years ago an American institution was born: Little League Baseball. And it's grown to become America's Ambassador of Goodwill, and the largest youth sports program in the world.

This year, that program has come to Poland. As have these words of the Little League pledge: "I trust in God. I love my country, and will respect its laws. I will play fair to strive to win. But win or lose, I will always do my best."

You kids here today -- please remember those words. For their spirit is Poland's spirit. And over the years that spirit has inspired the many Poles who've enriched American baseball.

I think, for instance, of big-leaguers like Ted Kluszewski [Kla ZOO ski] -- nicknamed Big Klu. Or Greg Luzinski [Lou ZIN ski] -- the Bull. Or Tony Kubek [KOO beck] -- now a noted sportscaster. Or the Niekro [NEEK ro] boys -- Phil and Joe -- who won more games than any pair of brothers in big-league history.

Over the years, Poland's given a lot to American baseball. And now, it's our turn to return the favor. For we're here to

present Poland's charters for Little League baseball. And to present enough equipment to field ten teams. Perhaps nothing is more American than Little League Baseball. Well, few things show America's love for Poland like bringing our national pastime to you.

Little League was born on a makeshift diamond -- three teams, 36 kids, a handful of adult volunteers. And it started in Williamsport, Pennsylvania -- a State with many cities with a large Polish population -- Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre.

Since then, more than 20 million youngsters have worn the Little League uniform -- kids in Pennsylvania, and now in Poland. They've had the chance to compete, and the chance to learn. Learn the value of sportsmanship, generosity, and teamwork. Learn the lessons so central to life.

In one sense, then, you kids here are heirs to a tradition. But in another sense, you're pioneers. For you are among the first 1,000 kids to play on 18 Little League teams in four cities -- Rybnik [RIB nik], Kutno [KUT no], Jaslo [YAHS wo], and Wroclaw [VRAHTZ waf]. Joining more than 2,500,000 boys and girls in 32 other countries.

This equipment will help you. And I want to thank the Rawlings Company. Let me thank the coaches here -- like I used to when I was coaching Little League, I know you'll have a ball. And a special salute to the man who spurred the drive to bring

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