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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING SIGNING CEREMONY
FOR PROCLAMATION GRANTING
GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES TO POLAND

The Roosevelt Room

2:04 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Let me just welcome the Secretary of State and, of course, Secretary Mosbacher and Derwinski. It's a great pleasure to have Carla Hills here -- Ambassador Hills, our USTR. Chairman Boskin, the head of our economic advisors. Who am I missing? We'll get to the Ambassador in just a minute. Ed Derwinski, I mentioned.

Let me just give a special welcome today, Mr. Ambassador, to you, Ambassador Kinast, and just say how pleased we are you're here.

The past year has been one of outstanding change in Eastern Europe. One country after another has embarked upon it, each in its own way, down the path of peaceful democratic reform. But it was the brave people of Poland, under the banner of Solidarity, that led the way, beginning with the roundtable agreement of last spring and continuing with the formation of the first noncommunist government in Eastern Europe in more than 40 years. Poland has blazed the trail -- the freedom trail.

And so I'm here today to fulfill one of the pledges that I made during my visit to Poland in July, granting the nation access to our Generalized System of Preferences -- the GSP. This special GSP treatment means that Polish exports will enjoy the most liberal access possible to the American market. And it will pave the way for increases in Polish exports to the United States -- a vital contribution to Poland's economic recovery.

It's going to open the door for investment, trade and the interaction of two free peoples. And it's among the most important steps we could possibly take to help the people of Poland. And yet, this measure is just one of many steps that the United States and our economic partners are taking to help Poland at this historic moment.

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So let me say it again, as I said out in Hamtramck last April. Poland is not alone; America stands with you.

And now, let me make all of this official. Mr. Ambassador.

(The proclamation is signed.) (Applause.)

Well, let me just at least say Happy New Year to everybody. I know our other guests would like to do that.

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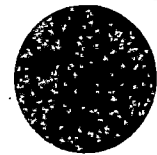
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REMARKS:

COMMENTS ARE NEEDED ASAP, NOLATER THAN 11:30 am TODAY to CHRIS WINSTON'S WITH A COPY TO THIS OFFICE. THANK YOU.

RESPONSE:

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Would like to add acknowledgement of any Members (none have been confirmed at this time - 11 AM)

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