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CONSULATE GENERAL
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
IN NEW YORK

New York, March 16, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my great pleasure to extend to you a sincere invitation to a special event the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York and Georgetown University Alumni Association will hold on April 16th, 2009, at 2.30 pm. At that hour, our incessant efforts to commemorate the enduring legacy of Jan Karski, the long unsung Polish World War II hero and longtime Georgetown professor, which began in November 2007 with the grand unveiling of his statue in front of the Consulate, will reach their belated, but full fruition with the official designation of the Madison Avenue and 37 E Street intersection as **Jan Karski Corner**. The memorable ceremony will be uniquely complemented by a directly following, stimulating panel discussion titled *Georgetown Professor Jan Karski: Giving Voice to the Holocaust*.

Jan Karski's name (1914-2000) remains etched in the history annals as the legendary Polish World War II underground courier, a hero of the Polish and Jewish Peoples, who was the first to tell the free world about the Holocaust when there might have been time to stop it. Having personally witnessed the genocide of Jews, in 1942, he contacted the Allied leaders, including W. Churchill and F.D. Roosevelt, whom he personally informed about the tragedy of the Jewish nation. Regrettably, too many simply refused to believe the horrific truth and the German Nazis stopped short of completing their vicious plan of annihilation.

It will be my great honor and privilege to have you join our ceremony and witness the historic event in person together with some special guests, including many Polish government dignitaries, respected Georgetown alumni, as well as a group of elderly heroes - Righteous Among the Nations - flying in from Poland especially for the occasion.

Deeply hoping that you will be able to be with us, please accept the assurances of my highest respect.

Sincerely Yours,

Krzysztof W. Kasprzyk
Consul General