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*The Vice-Minister of Finance of the Polish People's Republic to the  
Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada.*

Ottawa, October 15, 1971

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today which reads as follows:

"I have the honour to refer to discussions concerning the transfer of certain funds between Canada and Poland.

I wish to confirm the understanding reached that the Government of the Polish People's Republic will authorize the transfer in Canadian dollars at the generally accepted rate of exchange of the funds of Canadian citizens which are at present in blocked bank accounts in Poland constituting compensation for property for Canadian citizens expropriated for public purposes by Polish authorities.

The Government of Canada will accord the same treatment to Polish citizens on the basis of reciprocity."

I wish to confirm the understanding contained in your letter with the following reservation: that it will not apply to Canadian citizens who according to Polish law have retained their Polish citizenship.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

MARIAN KRZAK

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp,  
Secretary of State for  
External Affairs of Canada.