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SIR KEITH PARK
- MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN -

Her Excellency Barbara Tuge-Erecinska
The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Of the Republic of Poland to the Court of St. James's
Embassy of the Republic of Poland
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Your Excellency,

It is with great sadness that I write to you to express my own condolences and those of the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign on the great loss suffered by the Republic of Poland on the untimely death of President Lech Kaczynski in an aeroplane crash in Russia.

There are a considerable number of Polish citizens resident in the United Kingdom; and last year in Trafalgar Square we also remembered the huge sacrifices that Polish airmen made on behalf of Britain during the Second World War. These have made your loss even more poignant to many people in this country.

President Kaczynski was a true champion of Poland both today and throughout his long public life. He was prominent in the unrest of the 1970's; he gave great service at the time of the emergence of the Solidarity movement in 1980; later as Mayor of Warsaw; in the governments of Poland in the 1990's and as President in 2005. It is a veritable misfortune that his untimely death took place en route to commemorate one of the darkest moments in Poland's history.

Another aspect of this accident is also the passing away of his wife and First Lady, Maria, as well as the large number of the country's highest officials and military officers. May I also extend my sympathy to their families, friends and colleagues at this most difficult of times.

Your Excellency, the United Kingdom has enjoyed a long and invigorating relationship with Poland, may I once again express my heartfelt condolences on your great loss.

Yours sincerely,



Terry Smith
Chairman