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Re: Letter of congratulations and best wishes for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year

Sept. 1, 2024

Dear Maria,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I send along to you and all our colleagues in Śrem the best wishes and fondest regards from myself and all my faculty members as you begin another academic year. Your visit to us with the administrative members of your school and students last February is still the subject of my faculty members who remember the event with great happiness.

I was also deeply touched by your personal invitation to attend the first day of school, and only wish that I could have arranged to be with you all. My association with your school over these past many years has been a wonderful highlight in my career. Truly, to have been involved with the instruction of your students has not only been a privilege, but also a great honour to have been shown your trust.

I am also thinking today about this date in the history of your beloved nation. As September 1st arrives each year, my feelings and thoughts immediately transfer to Poland and the courage, determination, and example of faith it displayed so many years ago to the entire world. There is a simple prayer I often say here in the USA, and that is "Peace in Poland forever".

In this year ahead, I hope we will be able to continue our association. Please never hesitate to call on me if there is any way in which I may assist you in promoting the goals of your school, faculty, and students. It will always be my pleasure to respond to you as I am able.

Most warmly,



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