

this situation as appropriate and to the extent permitted by law.

This memorandum does not obligate any agency to reimburse another agency for the resources used to address the UAC humani-

tarian situation nor does it limit the use of the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535), as appropriate.

BARACK OBAMA

Remarks With President Bronislaw Komorowski of Poland to United States and Polish Troops at Warsaw Chopin Airport in Warsaw, Poland

June 3, 2014

President Komorowski. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honor for me to be able to welcome the President of the United States here to the airport against the background of the F-16 aircraft, Polish and American aircraft.

It is [a]^o very significant symbol of Polish-American military cooperation. This symbol has a long history. It is enough to remember Tadeusz Kościuszko. Mr. President, you just visited West Point; there's a beautiful monument to Tadeusz Kościuszko there. And it is also a reminder of the special brotherhood-in-arms that goes back to the 18th century; I'm talking about the Polish-American brotherhood-in-arms.

Here, because of the F-16s here, I would like to remind you that we have already had an opportunity to host American pilots in the Polish skies. It was at a very important moment in Poland. It was back in 1920 when the first Polish squadron was fighting against the Bolsheviks' wave, and it was established on the basis of the American pilots, mainly those of Polish origin from Chicago and other American towns. But these were American pilots.

That is why it is important for us to be able to really mark the lasting Polish-American brotherhood-in-arms. And I think that F-16—while “F” can stand for fighter, but “F” can also stand for freedom, Mr. President. And I'm convinced that it matches perfectly well the 25th anniversary of Poland's regaining its freedom and that it's really worthwhile being strengthened and to become a permanent, stable element to make Poland secure and safe—

the security of Poland and the whole of region. It's also about Polish-American cooperation; it is also about the presence of American troops in Poland, in the Polish territory, at the time when we are all experiencing this crisis that is unfolding just across the Poland's border, just across the border of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in Ukraine.

Mr. President, once again, thank you very much for coming here, and thank you very much for the opportunity to mark together the lasting Polish-American brotherhood-in-arms.

President Obama. *Dzień dobry!* Good morning, everybody. Thank you, Mr. President, for the kind words. It is wonderful to be back in Poland, one of our great friends and one of our strongest allies in the world.

It is a special honor to be here as Poles celebrate the 25th anniversary of the rebirth of Polish democracy. And this year also marks the 15th anniversary of Poland's membership in NATO. I'm starting the visit here because our commitment to Poland's security, as well as the security of our allies in Central and Eastern Europe, is a cornerstone of our own security and it is sacrosanct.

And during my visit here 3 years ago, I said that the United States would increase our commitment to Poland's security. The United States honors our commitments, which you see in the aviation detachment at Łask Air Base. It is a commitment that I—is particularly important at this moment in time.

We just had a chance to meet some outstanding servicemembers—both Americans and Poles—who serve and train here together.

^o White House correction.

er. They're part of the backbone of an alliance and part of the long history, as Mr. President alluded to, of Poles and Americans standing shoulder to shoulder for freedom. And we are so grateful to all of you for your service.

Given the situation in Ukraine right now, we've also increased our American presence. We've begun rotating additional ground troops and F-16 aircraft into Poland. And this is going to help our forces train together. It's going to help our forces support NATO air missions. It's also part of NATO's stepped-up presence

across Central and Eastern Europe. And I look forward to announcing some additional steps later today.

So, President Komorowski, it is wonderful to be here. I want to thank you and the Polish people for welcoming me. As friends and as allies, we stand united, together and forever. *Na zawsze razem*. Thank you so much.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 10:05 a.m. in an aircraft hangar. President Komorowski spoke in Polish, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter.

The President's News Conference With President Bronislaw Komorowski of Poland in Warsaw

June 3, 2014

Moderator. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I would like to welcome you very cordially to the press conference of the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Bronislaw Komorowski, and the President of the United States of America, Mr. Barack Obama. The President and—Bronislaw Komorowski, can you please take the floor?

President Komorowski. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, it really is a great joy and a great satisfaction for me to be able to host the President of the United States to Poland on the 25th anniversary of the regaining freedom by us.

It is also a great satisfaction and a great hope to host the President of the United States of America in a situation when, with concern, we are watching the crisis situation developing across the eastern border of Poland and across the eastern border of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, across the eastern border of the European Union in Ukraine.

That is why I am so glad that this meeting, that these talks signify also the reassurances of the security guarantees of this region of Europe. And they also signify the joint aspiration to strengthen the roles, significance, and the strength of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. I am also very satisfied to be able to know that, actually, in all the areas that have

been raised during our conversation, we are on the same page fully, and we also get full understanding of our intentions.

I would like to stress the Polish satisfaction that the President of the United States of America speaks in a very clear voice about the necessity to strengthen the role of the article 5 of the Washington Treaty. Poland has been really making efforts to get at this. And here and now, I would like to thank very much for the engagement of the United States in the actions to confirm in practice the declarations on the significance of NATO under the Washington Treaty for the security of Poland and the whole region; I mean here also other countries that are located along the eastern flank of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

I also wish to stress that it is our common concern—is that at the Wales summit of NATO reconfirm the need for the greater engagement of NATO in the development of infrastructure that would facilitate the reception of the reinforcement forces in case of threat.

I also fully appreciate that we are of the same opinion as far as the need of the update and the continuous exercises of the armed forces from the perspective of the contingency plans is concerned. I also would like to stress that we are also of an absolutely the same opinion about the necessity to increase our