

Letter to:

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Ladies and Gentlemen

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Over the past recent years, there have been continuing distortions of Poland's historical record during World War II by the mass media, school books, and even official intervention by foreign governments into Polish internal affairs. Recently a letter was written to Poland's Prune Minister, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (also known as The Helsinki Commission). It was signed by its Chairman, Alcee L. Hastings and members of the committee, Benjamin L. Cardin, Mike McIntyre, Christopher J. Dodd, Hilda L. Solis, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Joseph R. Pitts, John F. Kerry, Gordon H. Smith and Russell D. Feingold. Some of the signatories are prominent members of the United States government, U.S. Senators and even candidates for the office of presidency of the United States.

In the letter to the Polish Prime Minister a concern is expressed for the delay in compensation and resolution of the injustices that have been suffered by the victims of the religious and political persecution of Polish citizens during World War n and the post war period from 1945 to 1989, known as the communist era. It is alleged as a fact that somehow Poland and her government is responsible for the holocaust of the Nazi era and the crimes and confiscation of private property of Poland's citizens by the communist government. The letter calls for restitution and appropriate compensation to the "victims" from the present government of Poland.

As an American citizen I would like to voice my opposition to your letter and your request that Poland should pay restitution and compensate the victims of the holocaust of World War n, the Nazi persecution and the communist era from 1945 to 1989. As a first and foremost objection to your letter and its request it should be noted that the letter is from a foreign body and at the most it only represents the position of the commission and its members. As a second objection, it is an attempt of foreign intervention into internal affairs of another sovereign and independent country, its government and citizens, even though it may involve people from different countries and foreign citizens. It is a matter of Poland's internal affairs, for Poland and its government to resolve without unnecessary intervention by a "self-nominated" commission no matter what it is called.

As a third, and maybe final objection to your letter, I would like to point out that you are in no position to interfere into Poland's internal affairs, even though you call yourself a "Commission", its member, and especially, whether you are the Senator of the United States, or a former or present candidate for the President of the United States. I am not a democrat or a republican, and I would not

vote for you even if I were "paid" for that favor. Nevertheless, some facts have to be noted—Especially those that you ignore. The facts that you and your request in the letter ignore are that Poland was invaded in September, 1939 by Germany and the Soviet Union. Poland was "occupied" by a foreign power (Germany and Russia) from 1939 to 1945. Also, from 1945 to 1989 Poland was occupied by the troops of the Soviet Union, and the Polish communist government was taking orders from the government of the Communist Soviet Union. It should be noted that the period of the "communist occupation" of Poland from 1945 to 1989 was a direct result of the Yalta and Potsdam Conference that decided the fate of Poland by direct endorsement and support of the Western Allies: United States, England and France. It is a well known fact that during that period of time Poland and its government was under strict orders of the Communist Soviet Union that was financially and "morally" supported by their western allies of the United States and England. During that time period, Poland and its communist government could not do anything without the direct order and support from the communist masters in Moscow. Therefore, if anyone, or any country, or its government is responsible for the crimes of that period, it is the government of the Soviet Union and their supporters. Your interference into the internal affairs of Poland is uncalled for, and irresponsible on your part and the office that you hold, or are seeking. I suggest that your letter be withdrawn and you apologize to Poland for your uncalled intervention. I would appreciate a response from you to my letter.

Very truly yours,