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Memoriał ukraińskiego  
Komitetu Kongresowego  
do Prezydenta Roosevelta.  
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Przedstawiam w załączeniu memoriał  
"Ukraińskiego Komitetu Kongresowego" do Prezydenta  
Roosevelta. Memoriał ten publikowany był w prasie  
ukraińskiej w Stanach Zjednoczonych.

Memoriał ukazał się pod następującym  
podtytułem:

"Potępia akcje amerykańskich Polaków  
o integralność dawnych granic Polski na Wschodzie,  
broni Aktu Złączenia ziem ukraińskich z 22 stycznia  
1919 r., i proponuje plebiscyt na zachodnio ukraińskich  
ziemiach, jeżeli istnieją wątpliwości co do woli  
ludności nie pozostawiania ani pod Polską ani pod Rosją.

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- do wiadomości.

The President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

Deeply concerned as you are with securing peace in post-war Europe, you received last Wednesday, October 11, the Memorial Committee of the Polish American Congress and listened to its view on, among other things, the future eastern boundaries of Poland.

Since before the war, the eastern boundaries of Poland embraced Western Ukraine with its some seven million Ukrainian population, we believe that for the same reason that you heard the Polish American delegation you will likewise give heed to the Ukrainian American view on those boundaries, as expressed below by the undersigned Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, which represents communities, organizations and parishes throughout the country composed of both older and younger generation Americans of Ukrainian descent, the older generation being born and raised in Western Ukraine and the younger generation here in America.

At the very outset we are obliged to call your attention to a very important fact which, judging by press reports, the Polish American delegation unconscionably and completely ignored in its inferential references to the current Soviet-Polish border dispute. That fact is that the preponderant majority of the population involved in the Soviet-Polish border dispute is neither Polish, as the Polish delegation would have it appear, nor Russian, but purely Ukrainian, approximately seven million in number, and an integral part of the over 40 million Ukrainian nation which before the war was mostly under Soviet or Polish occupation.

Although it is their fate that hinges on the outcome of the border dispute and although actually they are a third and certainly the most important party to it, these seven million Western Ukrainians are denied, by those who rule them or, by those who pretend to speak for them, the slightest opportunity of freely expressing their will in the matter. Obviously that is contrary to the Atlantic Charter which clearly and unmistakably lays down as a principle the right of a people to determine their political destiny.

May we respectfully remind you, Mr. President, that this denial to the Western Ukrainian population involved in the Soviet-Polish border dispute, of the right to express their will concerning it, will make impossible any just and permanent settlement of the dispute.

Moreover, it will leave the post-war situation there fraught with considerable danger to peace, for a people who are bartered away by the powers that be without the slightest regard to their wishes and rights are bound to be restive. Pre-war history of the Ukrainian people

under both Soviet and Polish domination abounds with evidence of such restiveness, especially in times when the foreign occupants of their native land subjected the Ukrainians to oppression and "pacifications" in Western Ukraine and to purges, forced labor, and terrible man-made famines in Eastern Ukraine. Similar evidence can also be found during the recent period of Nazi occupation of Ukraine when the Ukrainian people constantly fought against and harassed their brutal occupants and did not produce from their midst even a single quisling.

Since, however, the Ukrainians over there are denied an opportunity to express their sentiments concerning their post-war fate, and since, moreover, Polish propoganda virtually ignores the very existence of the Ukrainians as such, while Communist propoganda would have the world believe that the Ukrainians under Soviet rule are a happy and contented lot, we, their American kinsmen, removed from them at most by one generation and in the great majority of cases bound to them by family ties, are conscience-bound to speak out in their behalf, as we have so often done in the past.

Accordingly we earnestly petition you, Mr. President, to recommend to the Allied conferences in Washington, London, and Moscow on matters relating to the Soviet-Polish border dispute that, in order to promote peace and security in post-war Eastern Europe, a plebiscite be held in the territory involved in the dispute, namely, Western Ukraine, for the purpose of determining the true wishes of the population therein on the question of their future national allegiance.

In order, however, that the proposed plebiscite in Western Ukraine be fair and convincing, in order that, in the words of the Atlantic Charter, it constitute "the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned," we respectfully suggest that it be held without the presence of Soviet or Polish troops or police, and with local order to be maintained by a United Nations police force, recruited from nationals of countries that have no direct interest in the outcome of the vote.

It is our deep conviction, based on our intimate knowledge of our kinsmen and relatives in Western Ukraine, that the plebiscite we propose would clearly reveal that the Ukrainians there prefer neither Polish nor Soviet Russian rule, but only free and independent Ukrainian rule. And this they would attain only if they would be permitted to reassert their centuries-old freedom-loving traditions by invoking the historic Act of November 1, 1918 establishing the Western Ukrainian Republic, and the historic Act of January 22, 1919, uniting their republic with the Ukrainian National Republic, and proceed as then, twenty-five years ago, to unite themselves with their fellow kinsmen of Eastern Ukraine and establish, within Ukrainian ethnographic boundaries and embodying the entire 40 million Ukrainian nation, a free and independent and sovereign Ukrainian national state, founded on the traditionally Ukrainian democratic principles, and living in peace, security, and close economic collaboration with the neighboring states.

In a word, it is our sincere and well-founded conviction that the unbreakable and centuries-old will to control their own national destinies and to live their own national life would be again clearly demonstrated by our Ukrainian kinsmen in their war-torn native, but foreign-occupied land if they would get the opportunity to express their will and wishes in the matter freely and without alien coercion or interference.