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Kolekcja "Warsaw Flights Commemoration"
okres 1997 - 1998

Tezka No 27/9, zawiąza:

- a) Programy oblotów lotów nad Warszawę
i innych informacji na temat historii
zrzutów, nad Warszawę w czasie II-giej
Wojny Światowej.
- b) Sprawozdania z zebrań Komitetu
Organizacyjnego lotów.
- c) Oficjalne zaproszenia na uroczystość i
podziękowania.
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sponsorsów.
- e) Rozliczenia finansowe.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairmans office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg
9 Lipca 1997 roku

OFFICERS CROSS OF MERIT

Ambasada RP Pretoria
W.P. W. Łukasiewicz

Szanowny Panie Wojciechu!

Sprawa: Medali 400-lecia stołeczności Warszawy dla pozostałych przy życiu członków załóg południowo-afrykańskich samolotów biorących udział w akcji zrzutów dla Powstania w 1944 roku.

W związku z propozycją przyznania medali 400-lecia Warszawy dla pozostałych przy życiu członków załóg eskadr biorących udział w akcji zrzutów w sierpniu / wrześniu 1944 roku przesyłam w załączeniu listę osób, które kwalifikują się do tego wyróżnienia. W załączeniu przesyłam również dane personalne pułkownika van Eyssena t.j.

Jacobus Lodevicus van Eyssen
urodzony 25 marca 1918 w Johannesburgu

ojciec: Jacobus Albertus Lodevicus

matka: Anna Margaretha z domu Ferreira

adres: 308 Summerhill

Sallys Alley

Kent View

Johannesburg 2196

numer identyfikacyjny: 1803255026 003

odznaczenia polskie:

Krzyż Armii Krajowej leg. 11155 wydana 20 września 1972

Krzyż Walecznych leg 2120 wydana 8 grudnia 1989

Krzyż Powstania nadany ok. 1992 przez naszego Ambasadora

Odznaczenie indywidualne w/g płk. van Eyssena potrzebne jest na 22 Sierpnia br. na paradę lotniczą. Odznaczenie grupowe medalu 400-lecia stołeczności Warszawy na 6 września tj. obchody rocznicy lotów nad Warszawę

Serdecznie dziękuję za pomoc w załatwieniu sprawy.

Z poważaniem



Andrzej Romanowicz
Prezes

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg
25 Lipca 1997 roku

DOROCZNE OBCHODY LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 6 WRZEŚNIA 1997

W dniu 6 września, jak co roku, obchodzić będziemy 53-cią rocznicę bohaterskich lotów Południowo-Afrykańskich lotników nad Warszawę. Uroczystość ta wzbogacona będzie pożegnaniem Ekselencji Ambasadora Stanisława Cieniucha, który opuszcza RPA w końcu b.r. W przeszłości Wasza organizacja brała udział w tej uroczystości. Toteż w tym roku mam zaszczyt w imieniu Komitetu zaprosić Pana wraz z małżonką do uczestnictwa w tej tak ważnej dla Polonii imprezie oraz do złożenia wieńca pod Pomnikiem ofiar Katynia - symbolu walki żołnierzy AK oraz pomocy SAAF w walce o naszą wolność.

Bardzo proszę o potwierdzenie uczestnictwa (najpóźniej 21 Sierpnia b.r.) oraz potwierdzenie czy będziecie składali wieniec.

Z poważaniem

Andrzej Romanowicz
Prezes

P.S.

Zwracam się również z uprzejmą prośbą o propagowanie tej imprezy wśród znajomych.

53rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - SEPTEMBER 1997

PROGRAMME

1. KATYN MEMORIAL, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose, Johannesburg.

<u>Time</u>	
10.45.00	Arrival of VIPs
10.58.00	Congregation seated
11.00.00	Opening address by Chairman, Mr A Romanowicz. National Anthems Respects for Warsaw airmen recently passed away
11.06.00	Religious service starts
11.26.00	Religious service ends
11.26.00	Commands to sentries and bugler - "Last Post" starts
11.28.00	"Last Post" ends. Start of 2 minutes silence
11.28.50	DC3s fly past
11.29.10	Spitfire flies past
11.30.00	2 minutes silence ends. "Reveille" sounds
11.31.00	"Reveille" ends. Commands to sentries
11.32.00	Celebrants final blessing - wreath laying starts
11.42.00	Wreath laying ends
11.43.00	Farewell to HE Ambassador Stanislaw Cieniuch

2. SA NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY, Saxonwold

12.45.00	Start of official function Address by Mayor of Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council Address by main speaker, Lt General WH Hechter SD SM MMM
14.10.00	Official function ends
15.00.00	Social gathering ends

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
18 August 1997

Lt General WH Hechter SD SM MMM
Chief of the Air Force
Air Force Headquarters
Private Bag X199
PRETORIA

Attention: Colonel D Page

Dear Sir,

53rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My committee and I confirm with gratitude that you will attend the above service and that you will provide and lay one wreath of behalf of the South African National Defence Force and the South African Air Force, and furthermore that you will deliver the main address at the reception.

As in previous years, we again look to the SAAF for additional favours in the form of a fly past and a group to officiate at the Katyn Memorial. The fly past last year consisted of 4 DC3s and the Spitfire, and it would be greatly appreciated if it could be repeated this year. We realise that it might not always be possible to do so.

Last year a senior NCO took charge of the bugler and 4 sentries. Flag rope men are provided by the Polish Scouts.

Should any of your staff wish to inspect the site or do a practice fly past, Col. JL van Eyssen would be glad to assist. He can be contacted at telephone number (011) 440-1545.

Enclosed is a schedule detailing the programme together with a map showing how to reach the Katyn Memorial and the SA National Museum of Military History.

We look forward to welcoming you and Mrs Hechter.

Yours sincerely

A Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
2-nd September 1997

Mrs. Amina Frense
SABC
fax. no 714 3637

Dear Amina,

53 -rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - 6 September 1997

As in the previous years we will again commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee and myself I have great pleasure in extending to you our sincere invitation to join us for the commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg. It will include religious service conducted by one of the survivors Rev. Bryan Jones and music by the Scottish Pipers of Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band. A highlight of this part will be a flight past by the restored piston driven engine Dakota aircraft carrier and Spitfire fighter aircraft.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens). Programme will include decoration of survivors by the Chairman of the Warsaw Metropolitan Council Mr. Szyszko arriving specially from Poland and farewell to H.E. Ambassador S. Cieniuch returning to Poland at the end of this year. One of former airmen Mr. Nigel Crawford will play Warsaw Concerto to conclude the official part.

Enclosed please find details of the commemoration. If you ever thought about a audio-visual recording of this commemoration for future screening this year will present a splendid occasion.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
4-rd September 1997

Mr. Herbert MABUZA
Sunday Times
Picture Editor
fax. no 280 5150

Dear Sir,

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Enclosed please find details of the commemoration. As discussed with our compatriot **Andrzej Sawa** this years commemoration will have special meaning of having officials of Warsaw Metropolitan Council decorating survivors of the flights what presents splendid opportunity for the photographic record. Kindly make contact with the Writer and we will render to you all the necessary assistance.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

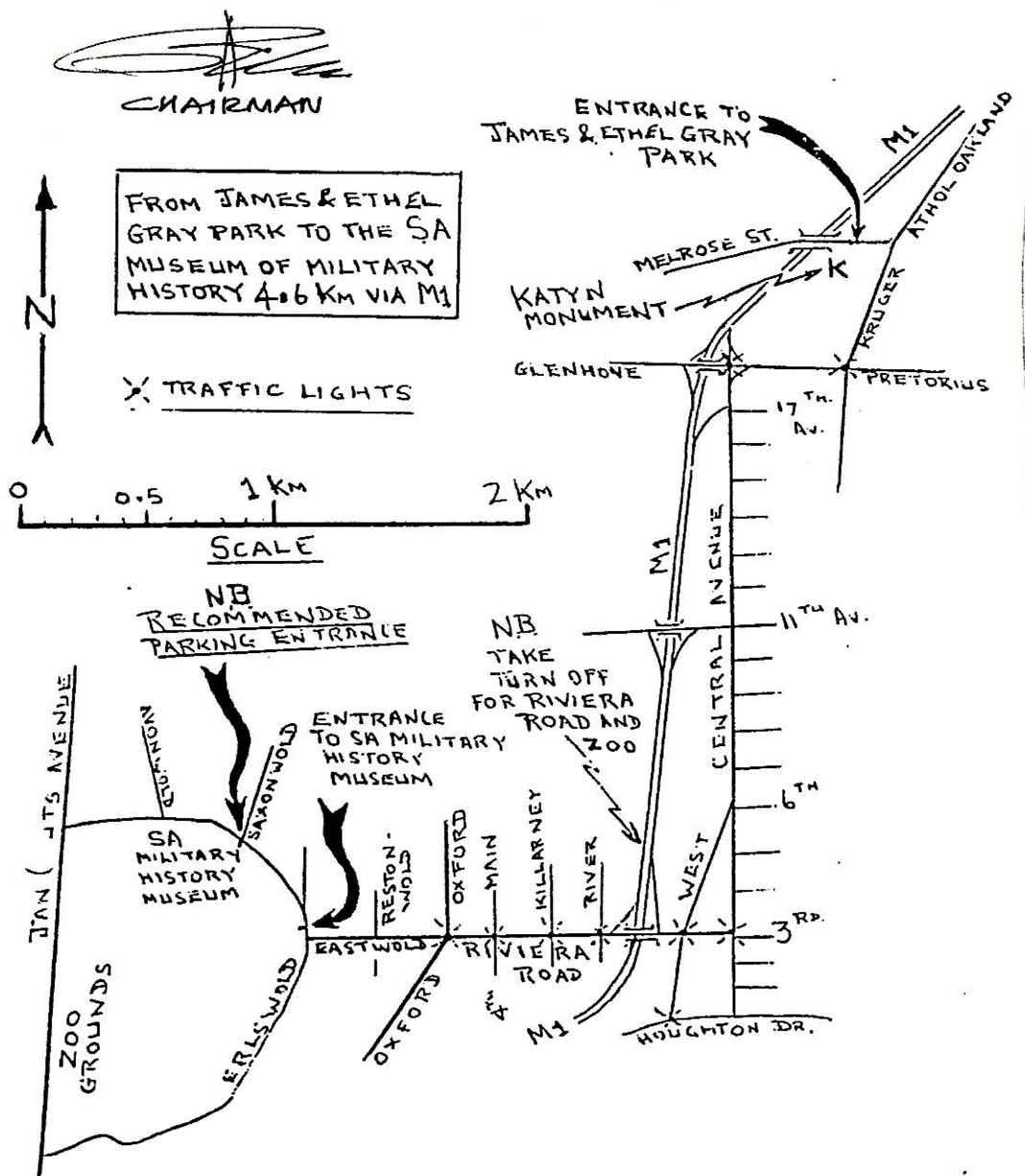
JOHANNESBURG 2.09.1997

To: SAERJANT MAJOR MINAAR (012) 3132285

From: A. ROMANOWICZ (011) 7886577

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND MAP HOW TO GET
TO THE KATYN MEMORIAL. I DID SEND YOU ONE,
BUT IT WAS NOT AS NICELY PRESENTED

GREETINGS, AND SEE YOU THERE
ON SATURDAY 6-TH SEPT. 97



KATYD MEMORIAL - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

PIPE BAND PLAYING

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME }
NATIONAL ANTHEMS } ANDRE

PASTOR OR PADRE BRYAN

- OLD TESTAMENT READING - PSALMS & PSALM 113 ¹¹³
- PRAYER - PRAISE & THANKS
- NEW TESTAMENT READING
- SERMON
- CALL TO REMEMBRANCE (ALL TO STAND)
- LAST POST
- FLY PAST
- REVEILLE
- BENEDICTION

TOUCHO SEXWALE
VA ASSOCIATION FUNDS

OVER TO ANDRE FOR WREATH LAYING.

— FAREWELL TO S. CIENIUCH ^{H.E.}

25 MINS

1. CRANUPTON	DEAD!
2. MARSH	
3. HOUUDAY	
HISTORY STUDENT.	WAR CHRONICLE

ANDRE -

- I REGARD IT AS AN HONOUR TO LEAD THE MEMORIAL SERVICE BUT PLEASE ACCEPT I SHALL NEED TO REPEAT SOME THINGS I HAVE SAID BEFORE
- I AM NOW RETIRED FROM THE CHURCH AND AM NO LONGER REVEREND JONES. SO PLAIN BRYAN JONES OR PASTOR OR PADRE WOULD BE IN ORDER
- IN YOUR WELCOME PLEASE DO NOT SPEAK ABOUT ME OR MY INVOLVEMENT IN 1944. IN PASSING YOU COULD MENTION THAT MY WIFE & I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM WARSAW FOR THE UNVEILING OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON THE SITE OF OUR 1944 CRASH.

Bryan
21/2/92

**PROGRAMME
OF THE
53-RD WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
SATURDAY, 6 -TH SEPTEMBER 1997**

1. AT THE KATYN MEMORIAL, James & Ethel Gray Park, MELROSE, JHB

11:00 Opening : M.C.- A. Romanowicz - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee.

11:01 **Moment of silence** in honour of SA airmen deceased last year

Cpt. "Soapy" Marsh, Maj. Roy Crampton and Capt. Derek Holliday. Lt. A. Israel and SA Army Chaplain - Deacon C. Hyam

11:02 **South - African and Polish National Anthems - Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band.**

11:06 Religious Service. (Rev. Bryan Jones), 11:27 Service ends, orders to sentries & bugler.

11:27 **The Last Post starts.**

11:28 **Silence for 2 minutes starts.**

11:28.50 - Flypast of 44 Squadron, SAAF Dakota.

11:29.10 - Spitfire flies past

11:30 **Silence ends, Reveille, orders to sentries & bugler. Celebrants final blessing.**

11:32 Wreath-Laying ceremony . -(see order list).

2. AT THE FUNCTIONS HALL of the MUSEUM OF S.A. MILITARY HISTORY,

22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, JHB

12:45 Opening M.C.- A. Romanowicz - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee

The M.C. opens the proceedings and calls on the President of Warsaw Metropolitan Council to deliver his address.

2.1. Address by President of the of Warsaw Metropolitan Council Mr. A. Szyszko.

The M. C. introduces the Guest Speaker - Lt. Gen. W.H. Hechter SD, SM, MMM.

2. 2. Address by Chief of the SA Airforce - Lt. Gen. W.H. Hechter SD, SM, MMM.

The M.C. calls on **Mr. Szyszko - President of Warsaw Metropolitan Council** to decorate surviving SA Airmen with the **Medal of 400 years of the City of Warsaw as the Capital of Poland.**

2.3. Decoration of the surviving Airmen who took part in the Warsaw Flights-

F. Austin, B.D. Jones, T. Kipling, G. Rosenthal, H.C.D. Steel, J.L. van Eyssen, in person

J.R. Colman rec . by son Digby, R.R. Klette rec by son Richard,

and posthumously A. Israel rec. by Mr. & Mrs. Ben David.

The MC calls on HE. Ambassador S. Cieniuch to decorate Polish Combatants **Mr. E. Szudrawski** with Military Cross of Polish Allied Forces and **Mr. S. Pietruszka** posthumously with the Military Cross of Polish Allied Forces and Medal of Defensive War of 1939 given by the President of Poland

2.4. Decoration of Mr. E. Szudrawski and Mr. S. Pietruszka with Polish Crosses and Medal.

2.5. Farewell to H.E. Ambassador Stanisław Cieniuch

The M.C. calls on Mr. Zyg Fudakowski to deliver tribute to HE. S. Cieniuch

Tribute by Mr. Z. Fudakowski - former long standing Chairman of the Committee.

Reply by H.E. Ambassador - S. Cieniuch.

Presentation of the farewell gift from the Committee & Polish Engineers

2.6. "Warsaw Concerto" played by Mr. Nigel Crawford. Medley of Polish music - A. Muzyk.

Social gathering until 15:00.

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
6-TH SEPTEMBER 1997
ORDER OF WREATH-LAYING

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| 1. | THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND | - H. E. AMBASSADOR MR.S. CIENIUCH |
| X 2. | WARSAW METROPOLITAN COUNCIL | - MR. A. SZYSZKO - President of the Council |
| 3. | SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE
& SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE | - LTN. GEN. W.H. HECHTER SD SM, MMM -
Chief of the Airforce |
| 4. | SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY | - REAR ADMIRAL H.J.M. TRAINOR SD,SM, MMM |
| 5. | REPRESENTING U.K. DEFENCE ATTACHÉ | - COMMANDER A. AULD DSC |
| 6. | POLISH COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION | - MR. G. LISOWSKI - National Chairman |
| 7. | GAUTENG COMMAND | - COL. M.J. DU TOIT MMM |
| 8. | 31 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE | - COL. J VAN EYSSSEN DFC, CW - Poland |
| 9. | 34 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE | - LT. B.E. EGAN |
| 10. | 178 SQUADRON RAF | - CPT. G. ROSENTHAL DFC |
| 11. | 148 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE | - P. MC LEAN- Chairman of RAF Association |
| 12. | 1586 SQUADRON RAF (Polish) | - MRS. M. SOBCZYK - Participant of W-w Uprising |
| 13. | POLISH COUNCIL IN SOUTH AFRICA | - MR. J. SADOWSKI- Chairman |
| 14. | POLISH ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA | - MRS. L. WIERZBICKA - Chair Lady |
| 15. | POLISH AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION | - MR. R. BOBROWICZ |
| 16. | POLISH ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION | - MR K. GOLDA |
| 17. | S.A. AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION | - CPT. M. RAYMOND |
| 18. | BELGIAN SAAF & RAF EX-SERVICEMEN | - COL. C.C. HUYGHE |
| 19. | ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION | - MR. J.T. Mc ALLISTER |
| 20. | GUNNERS ASSOCIATION | - LFT. COL. R. LUDEMAN |
| 21. | SAPPERS ASSOCIATION | - SAPPER A. ROYAL |
| 22. | SOUTH AFRICAN LEGION - | - LGR. R. HAVARD. |
| 23. | M.O.T.H. | - MR. S. ALLMAN |
| 24. | RAF OFFICERS CLUB | - FL. LT. P. TOBIN |
| 25. | POLISH-SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | - MR M. SEKULA- Chairman |
| 26. | POLISH CLUB - PRETORIA | - MR. A. MUZYK |
| 27. | POLISH ASSOCIATION - VAAL TRIANGLE | - MR J. CHMELA |
| 28. | POLISH ASSOCIATION - KWA-ZULU-NATAL | - MR. H. SULEJ |
| 29. | GREATER JOHANNESBURG MINI COUNCIL | - T.CRONJE - Deputy Mini Mayor
& A. PANTONOWITZ - Chairman of the Management |
| 30. | FAMILIES & FRIENDS | |

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
6-TH SEPTEMBER 1997
LIST OF SPONSORS

1. EMBASSY OF POLAND.
2. ASSOCIATION OF POLISH ENGINEERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
3. POLISH ASSOCIATION IN KWA-ZULU-NATAL.
4. POLISH ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.
5. SAAF & GAUTENG COMMAND.
6. SEEMENS BUTCHERY.
7. JAN & RAYMOND DRZEWICKI.
8. STELLENBOSH FARMERS WINERY
9. SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES.
10. POLISH CLUB PRETORIA
11. AERO TRAVEL TOURS
12. PICK'n PAY STORES
13. PEOPLE ON DUTY DONATING LABOUR

POLISH LADIES

Krystyna Romanowicz
Eugenia Malinowska
Ewa Chojnacka
Ala Pyzikowska
Elzbieta Kiepas
Ala Rendecka
Lena Sochanska
Madzia Liberda & Polish girls

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Andrzej Muzyk
Marek Lyzwa
Jacek Turek
Antoni Urban
Gregory Cort,
Polish Scouts

**LOTY ZRZUTOWE NAD WARSZAWĄ - SIERPIEŃ 1944
53 OBCHODY ROCZNICY LOTÓW W JOHANNESBURGU
6 WRZEŚNIA 1997 ROKU**

Trochę historii. W okresie od 13 sierpnia do początku września 1944 roku lotnictwo południowo-afrykańskie odbyło 196 lotów bojowych z miejscowości Foggia we Włoszech niosąc pomoc żołnierzom Powstania Warszawskiego. Odległość - 1600 km. ponad wspaniale zorganizowaną niemiecką obroną. Stalin odmówił praw lądowania na prawym brzegu Wisły, zmuszając lotników do powrotu bez lądowania t.j. pokonania trasy w obie strony liczącej w sumie 3200 km. W tych trudnych warunkach z ogólnej liczby 186 startujących tylko 92 załogi dotarły do celu przy stratach 31 samolotów. 69 lotników, głównie południowo-afrykańczyków, w poległo podczas wykonywania tej bohaterskiej misji.

Tegoroczna uroczystość. Zgodnie z tradycją sięgająca 1947 roku, 6 wrześniu br., odbyła się w Johannesburgu doroczna uroczystość upamiętniająca ten bohaterski czyn. Składa się ona zwykle z dwóch części: nabożeństwa pod pomnikiem ofiar Katynia oraz przyjęcia w sali recepcyjnej Muzeum Historycznego Wojska RPA.

Nabożeństwo pod pomnikiem. W nabożeństwie na wolnym powietrzu, uczestniczyli po raz pierwszy przedstawiciele Rady Miasta Stołecznego Warszawy w osobach Przewodniczącego p. Andrzeja Szyszko oraz jego zastępcy p. Grzegorza Zawistowskiego. Przybyli aby odznaczyć pozostałych przy życiu pilotów odznaką 400-lecia stołeczności Warszawy. Stronę polską poza miłymi gośćmi z Warszawy tradycyjnie reprezentował ambasador Stanisław Cieniuch. Udział wzięły również lokalne osobistości świata militarnego - Generał Hechter - dowódca Lotnictwa, reprezentujący również Szefa Obrony Kraju, admirał Trainor - reprezentujący dowódcę Marynarki oraz komendant Auld - reprezentujący Brytyjskiego Attache Wojskowego. Stowarzyszenie Polskich Kombatantów reprezentował p. Gabriel Lisowski uczestnik walk pod Monte Cassino. Przybyli również przedstawiciele władz organizacji polonijnych oraz Rodacy zamieszkali w pobliżu Johannesburga. Wśród obecnych było wielu uczestników tej operacji. Religijna część była prowadzona przez pozostałego przy życiu byłego nawigatora jednego z lotów, straconego nad Warszawą - pastora Briana Jonesa zakończyła się apelem poległych oraz przelotem samolotów - zrekonstruowanej Dakoty oraz Spitfire. Następuje moment składania wieńców. Pierwszą osobą składającą wieniec był przedstawiciel polskiego rządu Ambasador Stanisław Cieniuch, następnie Przewodniczący Rady Miasta Stołecznego Warszawy, dowódcy sił zbrojnych RPA oraz aliantów, potem przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych i kombatanckich i na zakończenie rodziny i przyjaciele.

Przyjęcie w Muzeum Historii Wojska. Następnie uczestnicy przenieśli się do sali recepcyjnej Muzeum, gdzie odbyła się akademія i przyjęcie. Na początek pozdrawia zebranych Przewodniczący Rady Miasta Stołecznego Warszawy. Po nim głos zabrał główny mówca, dowódca sił lotniczych RPA generał Hechter. Przedstawił on polityczne i militarne tło wydarzeń 1944 roku. Wspaniale podsumowuje atmosferę tamtych dni wypowiedź byłego premiera brytyjskiego - lorda Atlee: " Powstanie Warszawskie było najbardziej bohaterskim epizodem drugiej wojny światowej. Walka toczyła się nie tylko na ulicach Warszawy ale również w kanałach. Przegrano ją w wyniku haniebnego postępowania Stalina. Historia wojen nie zna przypadku żołnierzy tak opuszczonych w walce o wolność." Chwała pilotom południowo-afrykańskim za ich ofiarę krwi, która niosła pomoc w tym opuszczeniu.

Dekoracja żyjących uczestników Lotów medalem 400 lecia stołeczności Warszawy. Przewodniczący Rady Miasta Stołecznego Warszawy p. Andrzej Szyszko udekorował pozostałych przy życiu uczestników lotów medalem 400 lecia stołeczności Warszawy. Pozostało ich w sumie tylko 22. Nie wszyscy byli w stanie przybyć z odległych części kraju. Medale otrzymali: osobiście - Lt. F. Austin, Lt. B.D. Jones, Sec. Lt. T. Kipling, Kpt. G. Rosenthal, Lt. H.C.D. Steel, Płk.J.L. van Eyssen, przez członków rodziny - Lt. J.R. Colman, Lt. R.R. Klette oraz pośmiertnie Lt. A. Israel. Przedstawiciele polskich kombatantów również zostali udekorowani przez ambasadora Cieniucha. Edmund Szudrawski i Staszek Pietruszka (pośmiertnie) otrzymali Krzyż Wojskowy Polskich Sił Zbrojnych na Zachodzie, a Staszek Pietruszka (pośmiertnie) dodatkowo Medal Wojny Obronnej 1939 roku. Na zakończenie zegnaliśmy w imieniu Komitetu powracającego do kraju ambasadora Stanisława Cieniucha. Wprawdzie ambasador powraca dopiero w końcu roku, ale to był to jego ostatni udział w obchodach Lotów. Pożegnalne przemówienie wygłosił p. Zygmunt Fudakowski - wieloletni Prezes Komitetu, senior Polonii. Podkreślił on zasługi ambasadora oraz fakt, że był pierwszym reprezentantem 3-ciej Rzeczypospolitej. Ambasador Cieniuch w krótkich słowach podziękował za miłe słowa oraz poparcie, którego doznawał w trakcie swojej kadencji. Na zakończenie p. Nigel Crawford, znany pianista i były członek załogi lotniczej Liberatora, odegrał "Koncert Warszawski" Pomimo konkurencji telewizyjnej transmitującej pogrzeb Księżniczki Diany na przyjęcie przybyło 215 osób, które nie zdołały skosztować wszystkich przysmaków przygotowanych przez nasze panie.

Andrzej Romanowicz - 9 września 1997

KOMITET OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ

Johannesburg ,27 Lipca 1998 roku

Obchody rocznicy lotów nad Warszawę - 5 września 1998

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54th ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS TO WARSAW - 5 SEPTEMBER 1998

PROGRAMME

1. KATYN MEMORIAL, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose, Johannesburg.

Time

- 10.45 Arrival of VIPs
- 10.48 Congregation seated
- 11.00 Opening address by Chairman, Mr A Romanowics
National Anthems
Respect for Warsaw Airmen recently passed away *LEFT RABIE*
- 11.06 Religious Service starts
- 11.26 Religious Service ends
- 11.26 Commands to sentries and bugler - "Last Post" starts
- 11.28 "Last Post" ends - start of 2 minutes silence
- 11.29 DC3 flies past
- 11.30 2 minutes silence ends
- 11.31 Commands to sentries
- 11.32 Celebrant's final blessing, Wreath laying starts
- 11.42 Wreath laying ends

2. SA NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY, Saxonwold

- 12.45 Start of official function
Address by Chairman of Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council
Address by main speaker, General WH Hechter SD SM MMM
- 14.00 Official ceremony ends *← MRS. Z. KURATOWSKA*
- 15.00 Social gathering ends

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**PROGRAMME
OF THE
54-TH WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
SATURDAY, 5 -TH SEPTEMBER 1998**

1. AT THE KATYN MEMORIAL, James & Ethel Gray Park, MELROSE, JHB

10:45 Arrival of VIP's

10:48 Congregation seated

11:00 Opening : M.C.- A. Romanowicz - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee.

11:01 **Moment of silence** in honour of SA airman deceased last year: **Lft. L. Rabie** *KEN ZASMAN*

11:02 South - African and Polish **National Anthems** - **Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band**.

11:06 Religious Service. (Rev. Dr. J. Jaworski), 11:26 Service ends, orders to sentries & bugler.

11:26 Commands to sentries and bugler, the "Last Post" starts.

11:28 Silence for 2 minutes starts.

11:29 - Flypast of SAAF Museum Dakota DC-3 Aircraft..

11:30 2 minutes silence ends, Reveille, orders to sentries & bugler.

11:32 Celebrants final blessing.

11:34 Wreath-Laying ceremony commences . -(see order list).

2. AT THE FUNCTIONS HALL of the MUSEUM OF S.A. MILITARY HISTORY,

22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, JHB

12:30 Congregation in the Hall

12:45 Opening M.C.- A. Romanowicz - Chairman of the Commemoration Committee

The M.C. opens the proceedings and calls on the Mayor of Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Transitional - Councillor I. Mogase to deliver his message.

2.1. Message by the Mayor of Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Transitional Council - Councillor I. Mogase

The M. C. introduces the Guest Speaker - Lt. Gen. W.H. Hechter SD, SM, MMM. *2:50 TIME*

2. 2. Address by Chief of the SA Airforce - Lt. Gen. W.H. Hechter SD, SM, MMM.

The M.C. calls on Mr. Jerzy Marek Nowakowski - Under-secretary of State in Polish prime minister's office to deliver his address.

2.3. Address by Mr. Jerzy Marek Nowakowski - Under-secretary of State

in Polish prime minister's office

2.4. Presentation of the map of aircraft crash sites to the Museum of S. A. Military History.

Col. J. van Eyssen to Cpt. Tony Speir

Social gathering until 15:00.

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION

5-TH SEPTEMBER 1998

ORDER OF WREATH-LAYING

1. THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND - UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE IN PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE - MR. M. NOWAKOWSKI
& H. E. AMBASSADOR PROF. Z. KURATOWSKA
2. THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY - CHARGE D'AFFAIRS - MR. J. GYURIS
3. GREATER JHB METROPOLITAN COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR I. MOGASE
4. SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE
& SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE - LT. GEN. W.H. HECHTER SD, SM, MMM
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6. REPRESENTING US DEFENCE ATTACHE - COMMANDER D.J. ALLEN
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10. GAUTENG COMMAND - COL. P. BURGER
11. 31 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE - CPT. R.H. Mc GREGOR
12. 34 SQUADRON, S.A. AIR FORCE - WARRANT OFFICER - 1 - M. VAN HEERDEN
13. 178 SQUADRON RAF - CPT. G. ROSENTHAL DFC
14. 148 SQUADRON, ROYAL AIR FORCE - MAJOR. P. MC LEAN- Chairman of RAF Association
15. 1586 SQUADRON RAF (Polish) - MR. S. CZUBA
16. No 10 BOMBER GROUP USAAF - COMMANDER D.J. ALLEN
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WARSAW AIR LIFT - HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

August and September 1944 have poignant memories for Poles and South African airmen.

By August 1, 1944, the Russians had advanced to within a few miles east of Warsaw. General "Bor" Komorowski and other leaders of the Polish underground resistance (the 'Home Army') judged the time right for rebellion against the Nazi occupying forces. (UNCLE)

Stalin thought otherwise, for he had his own plans for post/War Poland. He halted his troops 15 miles east of the Vistula River, despite previous promises of support within 48 hours when the Home Army decided to go into action.

In desperation, the Home Army appealed to Britain and America for much-needed arms, ammunition, and medical supplies. These could only be delivered by air-drops. Again Stalin said 'Nyet': this time to the suggestion that aircraft might land in Russian-held territory to re-fuel.

The only aircraft with the range to tackle the double journey without refuelling were the Liberators of SAAF 2 Wing - 31 and 34 Squadrons - based at Foggia in Southern Italy, and Halifaxes, flown by the RAF, whose 148 and 178 Squadrons, as well as Polish Flight No. 1586, also took part.

The proposed supply-drops meant a journey of 1 600 km out over heavily defended occupied territory; roof-top height approach to the dropping zones in Warsaw, at lowest possible air-speed, through heavy anti-aircraft fire and the smoke and flames of the burning city; and another 1 600 km back to base - if they were lucky.

Out of 186 sorties, 92 were considered successful. That is, the Home Army were able to retrieve some of the 'material' dropped. Thirty-one aircraft were lost - 17 on the four terrible nights of August 13-16.

The Poles have long memories for their friends. To this day, flowers are laid on the graves of the airmen who did not 'make it'; a special memorial has been placed in St Anne's Church, Warsaw; and another at Michalin where a Liberator crashed after the supply drop. with the loss of three crew members.

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Jack

Minister Nowakowski, Prof. Kuratowska, Councillor Mogase, General Hechter, Military Attaches, Combatants, Airmen, Compatriots, Ladies & Gentlemen. On behalf of our Committee I have a pleasure to welcome you to our annual commemoration of gallant relief flights to Warsaw which took place some 54 years ago. Events of this year are giving us particular chance to look at them in perspective of Poland's planned entry to NATO and United Europe. We took the liberty to invite for the first time our former adversaries who become present partners in above organisations. Special welcome to representatives of the Republic of Germany - col. Kroeger, Republic of Hungary - Mr. Gyuris and Ukraine Mr. Mykhailow. I also extend warm welcome to our new Nato ally Canadian Forces Adviser Col. Wansink. For years during this commemorations we have exploited the only possible positive element of hopeless effort of Home Army and South Africans - Friendship, humane help and camaraderie in arms. Present situation of Poland proves that South African and Home Army effort was more than that. It clearly emerges as the link in the chain leading to finally achieved objective - free and democratic Poland !

We also welcome new ambassador of Poland Prof. Kuratowska and some of the new personnel of the Embassy. But most of all warm welcome to our distinguished Airmen of SAAF.

Welcome again ! Hope you enjoying some of Polish cooking !
Message.

Intro. & C.V. of Gen. Hechter

Address of Minister Nowakowski

Call to Jack and Tony

Thank you. Thanks to the sponsors.

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OBCHODY 54 TEJ ROCZNICY LOTÓW ZRZUTOWYCH NAD WARSZAWĘ. JOHANNESBURG - 5 WRZEŚNIA 1998 ROKU

Zgodnie z doroczną tradycją 5 września br., odbyła się w Johannesburgu uroczystość upamiętniająca bohaterskie czyny lotnictwa Republiki Południowej Afryki czyli tzw. "Warsaw concerto", jak z uczuciem nazywają tą akcję pozostali przy życiu piloci RPA. Uczestniczyli w niej po raz pierwszy przedstawiciele naszych byłych przeciwników, a obecnie aliantów. Dzieje się to w ramach stworzenia w Europie i na świecie nowych układów polityczno-ekonomicznych tj. przystępowania Polski do Nato i wspólnoty europejskiej. Po raz pierwszy zaprosiliśmy wszystkie państwa posiadające wojskowych attache oraz ważniejsze państwa wspólnoty europejskiej I tak Republika Węgier była reprezentowana przez charge d'affairs p. Janosa Gyurisa, Republika Federalnych Niemiec przez wojskowego attache pułkownika Kroegera. Udział po raz pierwszy wziął również przedstawiciel Kanady, pułkownik Wansink. Stronę polską reprezentował miły gość z Warszawy p. Jerzy Marek Nowakowski - podsekretarz stanu w gabinecie Premiera RP. Był to również pierwszy udział w tej uroczystości p. Prof. Kuratowskiej - nowego ambasadora RP. Udział wzięły również lokalne osobistości świata militarnego - Generał Hechter - dowódca Lotnictwa, reprezentujący również Szefa Obrony Kraju, pułkownik Burger - reprezentujący dowódcę kwatery Gautengu. Poza tym udział wzięli - komendant Allen - reprezentant USA oraz brygadier Wildman - Brytyjski Attache Wojskowy. Polskich Kombatantów reprezentował p. Stanisław Czuba - uczestnik walk na polskim okręcie podwodnym "Wilk". Niestety Zygmunt Fudakowski nie był w stanie przybyć z powodu obłożnej choroby. Major miasta Issak Mogase reprezentował władze lokalne. Wśród obecnych było wielu byłych lotników - uczestników tej operacji.

W nabożeństwie na wolnym powietrzu, pod pomnikiem ofiar Katynia, uczestniczyło duże grono osób. Tradycyjne już odegranie hymnów państwowych przez szkockich kobziarzy poprzedziło powitanie przez prezesa komitetu obchodów. Minutą ciszy uczciliśmy pamięć pilotów zmarłych w ostatnim roku - Ift. L. Rabie oraz Kena Zasmama. Religijna część była prowadzona przez Ks. Infułata Dr. Jana Jaworskiego. Koncelebrowało wielu księży katolickich. Bardzo ciekawie wypadł udział dzieci recytujących wiersze. Nabożeństwo zakończyło się apelem poległych oraz przelotem samolotów. Następnie - składanie wieńców. Pierwszą osobą składającą wieniec był jak zwykle przedstawiciel polskiego rządu tym razem - p. Jerzy Marek Nowakowski - podsekretarz stanu w gabinecie Premiera RP wraz z p. prof. Kuratowską - Ambasadorem., następnie dowódcy sił zbrojnych RPA oraz przedstawiciele sił zbrojnych aliantów, przedstawiciele organizacji polonijnych, kombatanckich i na zakończenie rodziny i przyjaciele.

Druga część uroczystości to akademia i przyjęcie w sali recepcyjnej Muzeum Historycznego Wojska RPA. Na początek pozdrawia zebranych Major miasta - I. Mogase. Po nim głos zabrał główny mówca, dowódca sił lotniczych RPA generał Hechter. Następnie głos zabrał p. Nowakowski przekazując pozdrowienia z Ojczyzny. Na zakończenie akademii Komitet Obchodów przekazał dla muzeum mapę miejsc gdzie strącone zostały maszyny SAAF niosące pomoc Warszawie. Mapę naszkicował pułkownik Jack van Eyssen, a ostateczną formę graficzną na komputerze wykonał Antek Urban ze Stowarzyszenia Techników Polskich.

Pomimo konkurencji telewizyjnej transmitującej wyprawę Fidela Castro do Soweto, na przyjęcie przybyła rekordowa liczba osób, które tym razem zdołały skosztować wszystkie przysmaki przygotowane przez nasze panie oraz pomóc w wypiciu małego morza trunków.

Andrzej Romanowicz - 13 września 1998

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING No 02/97
held on Monday 21 July 1997
held at Polish Embassy, Amos Street, Pretoria

1. P
2. REV. JONES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

A. Romanowicz - Chairman. *AA* J. van Eyssen *A.P.*
M.K. Bates Z. Dziembowski, J. Sadowski - Polish Club, P-ta
W.D. Morris *AP* S. Czuba
E. Sawicki - Polish Embassy *A.P.*

1.2. APOLOGIES

D. Dwyer L. Wierzbicka - Polish Association *✓ AP*
M. Liberda *AP* P. McLean *✓ AP*
J. Cort M. Ranoszek *✓*

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record. Proposer: J. van Eyssen
seconded: J. Sadowski *REV. B. JONES*

OUT!

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Reception will be held at the Museum function hall. ~~Costs~~ Costs of reception agreed as last year: R 30 each, R 50 couple, R 5 for children. Muriel suggests to mark all doors "Private function" to make it difficult for the free loaders to enter. Doug to establish amount of the donation to the Museum. *?*

ST.P.P

3.2. Polish Ladies will prepare the meal at the cost agreed in advance.

MEAT? WHAT? POSSIBILITY CHEESE COLD MEAT OCCULTIVE SAVANAS

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

4.1. Return address for the invitations will be: "Warsaw Flights" P.O.Box 653109 BENMORE 2010 tel. (011) 784 5491/2 for att. of Viola or Wacek. A question will be asked in the this year's invitation - "Would you like reserved seat provided?" *✓*

4.2. We have a problems with getting update of the addresses. Muriel suggests that they should be traced trough the personnel records of SAAF. She will also contact Joy Cameron-Dow of SA-fm radio with appeal to help to trace this people. Up-date of the addresses will be given to Jurek for posting of the invitations. Mr. E. E. Venter (P. O. Box 39528 UVONGO 4270) looks for the lift from Natal. Muriel to check on her Durban contact. *✓*

3.7

MAY GEN.

4.3. Mr. Sawicki suggests that we should include in VIP invitations military attaches of the other NATO countries. Embassy to provide addresses. Mayor Mogase accepted invitation. Will be asked to pass the message at reception. *✓*

W.G.

4.4. Gen. Lombard is the O/C of the Wits Command. Marek to contact him.

4.5. Muriel to follow publicity with Radio Today and 702 and papers. Andrzej will follow with Sunday Times. Jadwiga will contact Amena Frense of SABC.

4.6. Jack to ensure cleaning -up of the Katyn Monument environment.

4.7. Pastor Jones proposed following order of his service.

- ↑ Chairman's welcome - Andrzej
- National Anthems - Scottish Pipers
- Old Testament Reading - Psalm 8, Psalm 113 - 1/3
- Prayer, Praise, Thanks
- New Testament Reading
- Sermon
- Call to Remembrance (all to stand)
- Last Post
- Fly Past
- ↓ Reveille

Benediction

4.8 Wreath Laying - Polish Engineers

Polish Ambassador Farewell proceedings.

4.8. Jack to contact Guest speaker ensuring his readiness for reception ..

4.9. Muriel will contact Nigel Crawford asking him to play "Warsaw Concerto". Mr. Muzyk will also be at hand to provide background music and the instrument. Mr. Dziembowski will provide some tapes with Polish music. Flights route and map of the crashes to be displayed during reception.

5. GENERAL

5.1. Rev. Jones expressed his appreciation to Staszek, 44 Club and Polish Embassy for help in organising his visit to Warsaw next month.

5.2. Survivors "Soapy" Marsh, Roy Crampton and Cpt Holliday have passed away during this month.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1. Next meeting - At 15-00 hours Wednesday 20 August 1997 at the Polish Embassy. Departure for Pretoria from Wanderers Main Club parking lot. (corner of North and Rudd Roads) ILLOVO at 14-00 hours.

7. DISTRIBUTION

J. van Eyssen	P. McLean	M.K. Bates
S. Czuba	Polish Association	Polish Club-Pta
Z. Dziembowski	J. Cort	M. Ranoszek
M. Liberda	W.D. Morris	Z. Fudakowski
R.F. Haywood	A. Romanowicz	E. Sawicki

MEDALS — INFO — 1.

1ST OF SEPT. — DECISION → MEDAL 100 ANNIVERSARY.

DELIVERY ON 2ND OF SEPTEMBER 1997.

WHEN? AND HOW? NO OBSTACLES WILL OCCUR!

INFO — 2

COL. VAN EYSSEN → ORDER OF MERIT
OFFICER'S CROSS.
ACC. BY SA AUTHORITIES
PHL → TOMORROW

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING No 03 / 97 held on Wednesday 20 August 1997 at 15-00 at Polish Embassy, Amos Street, Pretoria

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

A. Romanowicz - Chairman.	M.K. Bates
Sadowski - Polish Club,P-ta	D. Dwyer
S. Czuba	E. Sawicki, W. Łukasiewicz - Polish Embassy
M. Ranoszek	J. Cort
Z. Fudakowski	

1.2. APOLOGIES

Z. Dziembowski,	L. Wierzbicka - Polish Association
M. Liberda	P. McLean
W.D. Morris	J. van Eyssen

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record with the following corrections: omission of Rev. B. Jones from attendance register, incorrect insertion of 4.9 under "Matters arising". Proposer: S. Czuba, seconded : J. Sadowski

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1. Doug still to establish amount of the donation to the Museum.
 - 3.2. Polish Ladies will prepare the meal at the cost agreed in advance, Pretoria Ladies offered tripe's and hunters dish, but this will not be appropriate for the mixed congregation. A cold meats finger lunch buffet with some pastries will be more appropriate. Ladies to have a meeting at the Museum to check on the facilities.
 - 3.3. Vacek is receiving replies at Aero Travel Tours offices.
 - 3.4. Mr. E. E. Venter and four of his friends have got their lift and accommodation organised.
 - 3.5. The Embassy provided the list of Nato military attaches.
 - 3.6. Gen. W. G. Lombard is the O/C of the ~~Wits~~ Command (GAUTENG) (OPE).
 - 3.7. Muriel advised that she had made contact with Will Bernard (SAfm), Amena Frense (SABC-tv), Joy Cameron-Dow (SAfm) Robin Alexander (Radio Today) and Denis Smith (702). Gordon Mulholland was suggested as alternative for Radio Today. Andrzej Sawa will be asked to do a special feature on Jack.
 - 3.8. Memorial grounds: clean-up has been arranged, and Marek will arrange to get the key from Jack. 300 chairs will be provided.
 - 3.9. Jack confirmed that Gen. Hechter (CAF) will deliver the speech at the reception. Spitfire and four Dakotas are expected to fly-past. Mayor Mogase will bring the message of greetings from the City of JHB.
 - 3.10. Muriel confirmed that Nigel Crawford has been asked (him) to play "Warsaw Concerto" and will provide his own equipment. Mr. Muzyk will also be at hand. Mr. Dziembowski will provide some tapes with Polish music.
 - 3.11. Flights route and ~~map of the crashes~~ ^{NOT} to be displayed during reception. Pipers will play anthems at the Memorial.
- 3.11. Marek reported that arrangements for chairs were in hand with Gauteng Command, and Staszek confirmed that P/A system at the

Memorial will be provided by Signals Unit. Only VIP's will have seats reserved.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

- 4.1. All VIP invitations have been sent by the Chairman. Tokyo Sexwale declined, Mayor Mogase accepted.
- 4.2. Polish Ambassador Farewell proceedings. It has been agreed after considerable discussion, that Mr. Fudakowski would pay tribute to the Ambassador, on behalf of the Warsaw Flights Committee after wreath laying at the Katyń Memorial. This will be included in the programme. H.E. Mr. Stanisław Cieniuch will than have short reply.
- 4.3. Muriel will provide armbands for the Ushers.
- 4.4. Traffic and security has been advised.
- 4.5. Flags will be available for Museum Reception and Tony Speir will be advised to display copies of the relevant maps.

5. GENERAL

- 5.1. One of the survivors, who died has been identified as Capt. Derek Holliday.
- 5.2. Dave suggested Muriel prepare cards foe Rev. Jones to indicate approach of the flypast.
- 5.3. Mr. Łukasiewicz reported that reward of medals by the City of Warsaw to the 24 survivors of Relief Flights was expected to be approved by September 1 and that they will be airlifted to South Africa to arrive next day. The Embassy will send the telegrams to the recipients to confirm Jack's notification by phone.
- 5.4. With regard to the presentation of the Officer's Cross, Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland to Jack van Eyssen, the Chairman undertook to check immediately with O/C WATERKLOOF AFB if it had been intended to include this in the Medal Parade on August 22. The Embassy was concerned that the Ambassador had not been approached in terms of protocol and would prefer that presentation be made on September 6.
- 5.5. Jadwiga has organised donations of cheese, cold meat, white wine and cocktail sausages. She would like to get some red wine. Muriel to approach Douglas Green/Bellingham.
- 5.6. Usual letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Bryszewski for invitations printing.

6. NEXT MEETING

- 6.1. Next meeting - Date, time and place still to be agreed. Muriel suggests to make it late on Sunday morning, followed by lunchtime braai.

7. DISTRIBUTION

J. van Eyssen	P. McLean	M.K. Bates
S. Czuba	Polish Association	Polish Club-Pta
Z. Dziembowski	J. Cort	M. Ranoszek
M. Liberda	W.D. Morris	Z. Fudakowski
R.F. Haywood	A. Romanowicz	E. Sawicki

ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES

VIP + UNPARLAMENTARY + TOURING CARE.

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS 1997

J. SADOWSKI

DURBAN 1 APRIL 1998

5.09.1998.

P. JUREK TO CONTACT. RE VISITORS BOOK.

1. List of addresses - update
List of addresses - computer record ✓ STBD!
2. Invitations - printing ✓ USUAL TRANS TO WARSAW
3. Liaison with VIP's MEETING
4. Liaison with military VIP's
5. GJTMC :Mayor's Office ✓ AMBASSADOR CAUTIONS.
6. Liaison with WITS Command ✓ MAJ. GEN. LOMBARDO CHAIRS, SEATING
7. Publicity BRYAN JONES. B. KLETTE GORDON
8. Access to the Katyn Memorial grounds
9. Ushers / Seating arrangement / VIP seating
10. Public address system MUSIC FOR RECEPTION.
11. Religious service FR. JAWORSKI
12. Guest Speaker NO REPLY?
13. Flags for reception
14. Traffic / Security liaison LETTERS
15. Fly Past / Guard of Honour deployment TO EARLY TO TELL
16. Storage & transport of flags and flagpoles ✓ DISPLAYS → POLES
17. Flags lowering at religious service
18. Wreath-laying
19. Reception + NISSEL + MURIEL! Bar Bar MUSIC. RADIO TODAY + 702 Dave Dwyer
20. Sponsorships of goods for catering & bar ()
21. Acceptance list / Receiving confirmations
22. Hostesses / Reception G.M.S.
23. General coordination

Cpt. D. Dwyer, Jack van Eyssen, Jurek Sadowski

Jurek Sadowski

Andrzej Romanowicz

Jack van Eyssen

Andrzej Romanowicz ✓

Andrzej Romanowicz ✓ D. Dwyer, Marek Ranoszek ✓

Muriel Bates ✓ WU BARNARD, 702 - DENNIS SMITH.

Jadwiga Cort ✓ Polish Associations ✓ SEND LETTER.

Jack van Eyssen KEY IX

Marek Ranoszek, Dave Dwyer, Polish Scouts FOR US.

Staszek Czuba ✓

Pastor Bryan Jones ✓

Lt.Gen. W.H. Hechter ✓

Peter McLean ✓ AKONE

Andrzej Romanowicz ✓

Jack van Eyssen ✓

Staszek Czuba ✓

Peter McLean ✓ Polish Scouts ✓ WRITE

Polish Engineers. + PETER ✓ Polish Scouts

Krystyna Romanowicz, Doug Morris, Polish Engineers MEETING

Jadwiga Cort ✓

Viola Pietak, Aero Travel ✓

Magda Liberda ✓

Andrzej Romanowicz

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING NO 01 / 98
Held on Tuesday 27 January 1998 at 16-00
at Polish Embassy, 14 Amos Street, Colbyn, Pretoria

02/98

1. ATTENDANCE	
1.1. PRESENT	
A. Romanowicz - Chairman. ✓	M.K. Bates
Sadowski - Polish Club, P-ta ✓	D. Dwyer
S. Czuba	Z. Fudakowski
Z. Kuratowska - Ambassador, E. Sawicki, W. Łukasiewicz Polish Embassy	M. BARK. J. Cort
M. Ranoszek	J. van Eyssen
W.D. Morris ✓	P. McLean
L. Wierzbička - Polish Association - Kokuloko.	

1.2. APOLOGIES
Z. Dziembowski, M. Liberda

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record - unanimously

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1. The Ambassador welcomed all present. The Chairman called on Zyg who asked for moments silence in memory of Jean Levieux, whose support for many years had been most valuable, especially with regard to the Committee's accounts and computerisation of the address list.

3.2. The Chairman then suggested that this meeting be a combined "Post Mortem" and new year's planning meeting - Agreed ✓

3.3. "Post Mortem"

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The Chairman thanked following people for their contributions in the last year's commemorations - Jurek and Witek for printing and despatch of invitations, Jack for liaison with SAAF- Guard of Honour, bugler and flypast (Jack reported that Spitfire had electrical problem), Muriel and Jadwiga for assistance in publicity, Staszek for P/A system, Rev. Jones for conduct of his service, Gen. Hechter for an excellent address, Peter for control of the flags and decorations in the reception hall, Polish Engineers for Wreathlaying and bar attendance, Polish Ladies for catering (too much food prepared this time), Doug for organising of the bar, Jadwiga for sponsorships, Aero Travel Tours for handling of the replies to invitations, Marek and Dave for the seating arrangement and ushers, Magda for reception, Zbyszek for the music and Scottish Pipers for the music. Mayor of Warsaw was a welcome guest replacing Mayor of Johannesburg who cancelled in the last moment. He presented survivors with the medal of 400 years of Warsaw being a capital of Poland. Gordon Mulholland of Radio Today interviewed Chairman in the week of the last commemoration. It was noted that media had been involved with the Olympic bid and Princess Diana's funeral. Jack reported that Gauteng Command truck damaged a water main at the entrance to the grounds. Agreed that Park Superintendent, Mr. Newton be given letter of thanks along with the bottle of Scotch - R 50-00 budgeted. Committee congratulated Ladies, especially Mrs. Romanowicz for catering efforts. Letter of thanks should be sent by the Chairman to the Scottish Pipers to ensure their support for 1998. Jack proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was agreed unanimously.

3.4. Chairman presented the accounts for last year which showed the profit of R 829-68 (despite additional expenses in presentation to the Ambassador Cieniuch and entertainment of the Mayor of Warsaw). Due to wise investment balance of funds is now R 7 487-27. Zyg congratulated the Committee for this satisfactory position.

3.5. Remaining medals of Warsaw 400 years will be presented and despatched by Embassy not later than the end of February.

3.6. Planning for 1998 ceremony.

a) Date of this years commemoration will be September 5. Agreed

b) The Embassy provided the list of Nato military attaches. Discussion ensued whether we should invite them to this years commemoration. It was agreed to hold this until Poland's entry into NATO. Mr. Sawicki would discreetly enquire why the French had not been represented in the recent years.

c) Jurek advised that he may be transferred away from Pretoria, but could handle revisions to the lists and invitations printing if updates were done in 4 weeks time. Dave and Jack to meet urgently. Mr. Tumiel can also be of assistance in printing of invitations. Marek asked for the cut-off date in the invitations to avoid constant re-juggling of the seating plan for reserved seats. Only wreath layers and VIP's will have marked seats.

d) Copy of the poem written about aircrew who died on night flights to be provided by Muriel.

e) Guest speaker in order of preference: Gen. G. Meiring (Jack to approach), Comm. Auld (Peter to approach), Brig. Wildman, Admiral Traynor, Gen. Dennis Earp. Gen. Meiring subsequently agrred.

f) Zyg asked that Visitors Book be traced. Chairman to check with Piotr Jelonek.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

4.1. Attached to this meeting minutes.

5. GENERAL

5.1. With regard to the presentation of the Officer's Cross, Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland to Jack van Eyssen Ambassador invited all members of the committee with their spouses to a function at the Embassy at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 3 March 1998.

5.2. Chairman closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to Ambassador and the Embassy staff for their hospitality and reception which did follow.

5.3. Peter to be reimbursed R 136-00 for framing of the Michalin Memorial picture.

5.4. Peter came with excellent idea of producing and selling Warsaw Flights commemorative tie. To be followed by the quotation.

5.5. List of recent addresses and telephone numbers of committee members to be attached to the minutes.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1. Next meeting - At the Embassy on Tuesday 21 July. 16-00 Hrs.
Departure of people from Johannesburg - Wanderers 15-00 Hrs.

7. DISTRIBUTION

J. van Eyssen	P. McLean	M
S. Czuba	Polish Association	P
Z. Dziembowski	J. Cort	M
M. Liberda	W.D. Morris	Z.
R.F. Haywood	Fr. J. Jaworski	E.
BD. Jones	A. Romanowicz	

JACK R 48-95 whisky
KRYSZYNA R 209-00
M. STRANTON
PETER R 136-00
DOUG 70-00
ANDRZEJ 200-00
TOTAL R. 663-95
664.-

JACK 48.95M
KRYSZYNA 209.M
PETER 136.M
WREATH DOUG (RAF) 70.M
ANDRZEJ 200.M
663.950M

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
 ORGANISING COMMITTEE
 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS
 1998

289 invitations
 104 replies
 52 accepted
 56 received!

1. List of addresses - update ()
 List of addresses - computer record ()
 APOL. 246 FODAKOWSKI
 D. Dwyer, J van Eyssen
 Jurek Sadowski
 WACEK SIMMONDS.
2. Invitations - printing Jurek Sadowski
3. Liaison with VIP's / INVITATIONS OF VIP +
 MR. NOWAKOWSKI
 GEN. NYANDA. Andrzej Romanowicz NATO
 CTRP.
4. Liaison with military VIP's / COMBATANTS ORG. ✓ Jack van Eyssen
5. GJTMC :Mayor's Office ISAAC MOGASE ✓ Andrzej Romanowicz
6. Liaison with Gauteng Command SEATING DONE! ✓
 Dave Dwyer ✓
 Marek Ranoszek ✓
7. Publicity TV, CITIZEN, RADIO TODAY, A. FRENSE
 WIL BERNARD, APOL. Muriel Bates ✓ A. ROMALOWICZ
 Jadwiga Cort AMBASSADOR
 Polish Associations - NOWAK LETTERS
8. Access to the Katyn Memorial grounds ✓ Jack van Eyssen STAZEK
9. Ushers / Seating arrangement / VIP seating
 Marek Ranoszek ✓
 Dave Dwyer ✓
 Polish Scouts ✓
10. Public address system APOL. Staszek Czuba ✓
11. Religious service SUBCSJ. (FR. BENI MAKOBANE) APOL. Rev. Jan Jaworski RABBI KARLES
12. Guest Speaker ~~Gen. G.L. Meiring~~
 GEN. S. NYANDA ✓
13. Flags for reception / Scottish kilts Peter McLean ✓
14. Traffic / Security liaison ~~LETTERS~~ ✓ Andrzej Romanowicz ✓
15. Fly Past / Guard of Honour deployment "BAYOTA" Jack van Eyssen (PREPARE!)
 (HOTEL)
16. Storage & transport of flags and flagpoles Staszek Czuba ✓
17. Flags lowering at religious service Peter McLean ✓
 Polish Scouts ✓
18. Wreath-laying Polish Engineers. ✓ M. KYZWA.
 Polish Scouts
19. Reception ← COST OF IT CRAPUL
 Bar MAP OF SITES, APOL. Krystyna Romanowicz ✓
 Bar Doug Morris, Dave Dwyer ✓
 Polish Engineers ✓
20. Sponsorships of goods for catering & bar ✓
 HIRE OF THE FLOWERS
 Jadwiga Cort ✓
21. Acceptance list / Receiving confirmations APOL. Wacek Simmonds, Aero Travel
22. Hostesses / Reception APOL. Magda Liberda ✓
23. General coordination Andrzej Romanowicz

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING NO 02 / 98 Held on Tuesday 21-st July 1998 at 16-00 at Polish Embassy, 14 Amos Street, Colbyn, Pretoria

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. PRESENT

A. Romanowicz - Chairman.	M.K. Bates - Hon. Sec
Sadowski, Z. Dziembowski - Polish Club,P-ta	D. Dwyer
Z. Kuratowska -Ambassador, E. Sawicki, M. Bark	Polish Embassy
W.D. Morris	J. van Eyssen
B. Kukulska - Polish Association	P. McLean

1.2. APOLOGIES

S. Czuba, Z. Fudakowski , M. Liberda, M. Ranoszek, J. Cort, W. Simmonds ✓
Msg. Jaworski, L. Wierzbicka - Polish Association

2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1. Approved as a true record. Proposed - J. van Eyssen, seconded - D. Dwyer.
Correction - date 1998.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1. The Chairman welcomed all present.
- 3.2. Peter reported that he contacted Cmdr Auld as possible Guest Speaker, but he will be out of the country.
- 3.3. Mr. Sawicki reported that he was still following up the reason for French non-attendance in recent years.
- 3.4. Piotr Jelonek subsequently to the meeting denied having a Visitors Book.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.

- 4.1. Attached to this meeting minutes.
- 4.2. Jack reported that of 289 invitations sent in 1997 only 104 replies had been received - half had accepted. Many names were not in current telephone directories. People moved to the new areas. George will return to Jack updated list after sending 1998 invitations. "No" replies after 2/3 years will be deleted from the record.
- 4.3. Mr. Sawicki provided Andrzej with the list of NATO and other Embassies in SA. Military Attaches of NATO countries will be invited as VIP's to this years commemoration. Other "friends of Poland will be provided by Mr. Sawicki of the Polish Embassy.
- 4.4. Jurek asked for confirmation of the prices to be charged for this years reception. Agreed to hold at R 30.- single, R 50.- double, R 5.- children. Cut-of date for replies 21 August. Extra covers for invitations are to be printed for this year and future years use.
- 4.5. Liaison with VIP's and military VIP's is in hand. Access to the Memorial as well.
- 4.6. Mr. Mogase - Mayor of GJTMC accepted invitation. Muriel will provide notes for his address.
- 4.7. Gauteng Command - Dave, Staszek and Marek have it all under control. Name of commanding officer to be supplied by them for issue of the invitation.
- 4.8. Publicity. Muriel reported that she had already inserted a notice in SAAFA JHB and National newsletters. She would also ask Joy Cameron-Dow (Safm - Sat am) to remind people to contact Wacek at (011) 784 4591 to phone in change of addresses if applicable.

She will contact Will Barnard to organise interview with Prof. Kuratowska and SAAF survivor on the last week in August. G. Mulholland of Radio Today, A. Frense of SABC and Radio 702 will also be approached.

4.9. Jadwiga will help with her contacts on publicity and fund raising.

4.10. Religious service will be conducted by Msg. Jaworski. Possibility of inclusion of Chief Rabbi to be discussed.

4.11. Guest Speaker. In view of Gen. Meiring's early retirement, Gen. Sipiwe Nyanda had accepted the invitation. Jack to liaise with General regarding speech, which should not be another re-hash of events. Muriel offered to help.

4.12. Peter to contact Scottish Pipers and make sure about decorations of the hall and the flags.

4.13. Jack reported that Spitfire will not be available for this years fly-past as Col. Knoesen would be overseas. In view of the limited flying hours for the Air Force, it might only be possible to have single Dakota flying during the Service.

4.14. Madzia wrote a letter of resignation from the Committee but was persuaded by Andrzej to stay and organise Hostesses with the help of Polish Association.

4.15. Acceptances will be received as in the previous year by Wacek Simmonds of Aero Travel Tours tel. (011) 784 ~~4591~~ 5491

4.16. Reception will be organised by Krystyna Romanowicz with the help of Polish Ladies.

4.17. It was not anticipated that any further meeting would be required all queries will be dealt on the individual basis direct by Andrzej who will co-ordinate entire commemoration. We are trying this year to limit number of the meetings in order to save costs and time. Should it not work we should review it next year.

5. GENERAL

5.1. Jack asked that the map of aircraft crash sites be displayed this year. Tony Urban of Polish Engineers is busy with computerised map presentation. It was noted that all sites in Poland have plaques placed on them.

5.2. Mr. Nowakowski - Secretary of State in The Office of the Polish Prime Minister was expected in South Africa at the time of Commemoration.

5.3. Prof. Kuratowska will be prepared to be interviewed on the radio regarding her role in Warsaw Uprising.

5.4. Peter did not manage to conclude quotations for Warsaw Flights commemorative tie.

5.5. Peter has be^{en} reimbursed R 136-00 for framing of the Michalin Memorial picture, Jack R 49-00 for whisky for the Parks Dept., Krystyna R 209-00 for breakfast with Polish Ladies, Doug R 70-00 for laying the wreath fir RAF memorial and Andrzej R 200-00 for half of expenses in providing dinner for Gordon Mulholland and Andrzej Sawa.

5.6. Chairman closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to Ambassador and the Embassy staff for their hospitality and drinks which did follow.

6. NEXT MEETING

6.1. Next meeting - date and place to be advised.

7. DISTRIBUTION

J. van Eyssen

S. Czuba

Z. Dziembowski

M. Liberda

R.F. Haywood

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Polish Club-Pta

M. Ranoszek

Z. Fudakowski

E. Sawicki

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List of addresses - computer record | D. Dwyer, J van Eyssen
Jurek Sadowski |
| 2. | Invitations - printing | Jurek Sadowski |
| 3. | Acceptance list / Receiving confirmations | Wacek Simmonds, Aero Travel |
| 4. | Liaison with VIP's | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 5. | Liaison with military and combatant VIP's | Jack van Eyssen |
| 6. | GJTMC :Mayor's Office | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 7. | Liaison with Gauteng Command | Dave Dwyer
Marek Ranoszek |
| 8. | Publicity | Muriel Bates
Jadwiga Cort
Polish Associations |
| 9. | Access to the Katyn Memorial grounds | Jack van Eyssen |
| 10. | Ushers / Seating arrangement / VIP seating | Marek Ranoszek
Dave Dwyer
Polish Scouts |
| 11. | Public address system | Staszek Czuba |
| 12. | Religious service | Rev. Jan Jaworski |
| 13. | Guest Speaker | Gen. Siphwiwe Nyanda |
| 14. | Flags, decorations for reception
Scottish Pipers | Peter McLean |
| 15. | Traffic / Security liaison | Andrzej Romanowicz |
| 16. | Fly Past / Guard of Honour deployment | Jack van Eyssen |
| 17. | Storage & transport of flags and flagpoles | Staszek Czuba |
| 18. | Flags lowering at religious service | Peter McLean
Polish Scouts |
| 19. | Wreath-laying | Polish Engineers.
Polish Scouts |
| 20. | Reception
Bar | Krystyna Romanowicz
Doug Morris, Dave Dwyer
Polish Engineers |
| 21. | Sponsorships of goods for catering & bar | Jadwiga Cort |
| 22. | Hostesses / Reception | Magda Liberda |
| 23. | General co-ordination | Andrzej Romanowicz |

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MR & MRS B ELDER - Z

MRS M BARRETT - Z

LT. GEN & MRS P WALLS - Z

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
13-th November 1996

Major-General
Philip Pretorius SD SM
S.A. War Museum of
Military History
22 Earlswood Way
Saxonwold
2196

Dear General,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My committee and I are delighted to learn through Mr. Doug Morris, that you have agreed to provide us with the venue for this year reception to commemorate Warsaw Flights .

Accordingly, I hereby confirm the reservation of the reception hall for Saturday 6 September 1997 for the function to be held between 12-15 and 14-30 Hrs. Further details will be discussed with you and your Staff at a later date. Catering and bar arrangements are being made by ourselves as previously. It was decided to provide a donation to the Museum of the value still to be agreed.

Thanking you for your cooperation
Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
13-th November 1996

Lieutenant General W.H. Hechter SD, SM,MMM
Chief of S.A. Air Force
Private Bag X 199
PRETORIA
0001

Dear Sir,

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53-RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 9 SEPTEMBER 1997

My committee and I are delighted to learn through Hon. Colonel Mr. Jack van Eyssen, that you have agreed to deliver the main address on the occasion of Warsaw Flights Commemoration Day on 6 September 1997.

The religious service and wreath-laying will take place at the customary venue, i.e. Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, at 11:00 Hrs. The reception will follow, hosted by the our Committee at South African Museum of Military History, Saxonwold, where your speech will be delivered and refreshments served. May we please receive by return post your C.V. for the introduction prior to the address at the function.

Yours sincerely,

*Godwin Bale
+ details for
Jack.*

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

FAXED To 8369334
ON 9.12.1996.

Johannesburg
9-th December 1996

Mosima Gabriel
Sexwale
P.O.Box 1829
HOUGHTON
2041

Dear Sir,

53 -rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW-6 September 1997

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the 53-rd Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee and following our meeting for Regina Mundi dinner I have pleasure in extending to you, Sir, your wife and your father our sincere invitation to join us for the commemoration. The guests of honour in addition to yourself and your father will be War Veterans, Chairman of Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council, Chiefs of the Defence Force, Military Attaches and prominent members of Polish Community in S.A.

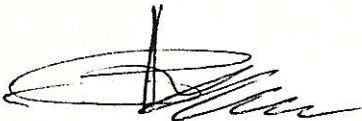
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11:00 Hrs - Service followed by the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

12:00 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

We would appreciate confirmation whether you, your father and your wife will attend the service and reception. We would also be delighted if you can lay the wreath at the memorial and make short address at the reception. Details will be sorted out later, but kindly diarise it now the date of Saturday 6-th of September 1997.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS
COMMEMORATION ORGANISING
COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
14 May 1997

The Mayor
Transitional Metropolitan Council
P O Box 1049
JOHANNESBURG
2000
Attention: Councillor Isaac Mogase
fax no 407 7528 *tel.*

Dear Councillor Mogase,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

We are pleased to advise the date of this year's Commemoration , marking the 53-rd anniversary of the heroic flights to Warsaw by squadrons of the South African Air Force in August and September 1944. As before the open air service will take place at 11h00 on Saturday 6 September 1997 at the Katyn Memorial in the James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate Johannesburg. The reception will follow shortly after 12h00.

We would be honoured and delighted if you and Mrs Mogase could attend both the service and the reception. We would be further honoured if as in the previous years. you lay a wreath at the service and deliver an address at the reception.

We have missed you last year, but hope that your wife has enjoyed the commemoration.

We have also learned trough common friends that a possibility exists of this year's reception being hosted by Yourself at the Transitional Metropolitan Council offices.

Although provisional booking of the reception hall has been made for the South African Museum of the Military History, offering it in the municipal rooms will be a great help for our Polish community and the combatants who are mostly on pension. Should this be possible, kindly contact the writer in order to make necessary arrangements. Your urgent reply will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain

Yours Sincerely



A Romanowicz
Chairman

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairmans office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

GENERAL :

Johannesburg
3 czerwca 1997

Ambasada Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
14 Amos Street
COLBYN
PRETORIA 0083

J.E.Ambasador
Stanislaw Cieniuch

Drogi Panie Ambasadorze !

53-cia ROCZNICA LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 6 WRZESIEŃ 1997

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę pragnę serdecznie zaprosić Pana wraz z małżonką do wzięcia udziału w uroczystości oraz tradycyjnego złożenia wieńca pod pomnikiem. Jednocześnie na Pana ręce składam zaproszenie dla 4 wybranych przez Pana osób z grona pracowników Ambasady. Tegoroczna uroczystość odbędzie się zgodnie z następującym programem:

Godzina 11-00 - Nabożeństwo pod Pomnikiem Ofiar Katynia - James Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

Godzina 12-00 - Przyjęcie w South African War Museum, 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown, obok ogrodu zoologicznego w Johannesburgu.

Byłoby nam bardzo miło gdyby zechciał Pan powiedzieć parę ciepłych słów na przyjęciu. Oczekuję potwierdzenia zaproszenia kreśląc się z wyrazami szczerego szacunku.

Jednocześnie pragnę podziękować za ofertę goszczenia w ambasadzie zebrań Komitetu Obchodów, które pragnęlibyśmy zaproponować na następujące daty:

21 lipca 1997 ok. godz. 14-00

18 sierpnia 1997 ok. godz. 14-00

Serdecznie dziękuję za poparcie i proszę o potwierdzenie terminów.

Łączę wyrazy szczerego szacunku

A Romanowicz
Prezes

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS . COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

SEND BY FAX.

Johannesburg
3 czerwca 1997

Ambasada Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
14 Amos Street
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J.E.Ambasador
Stanislaw Cieniuch

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Su
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Drogi Panie Ambasadrze !

53-cia ROCZNICA LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 6 WRZESIEŃ 1997

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A Romanowicz
Prezes

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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26 June 1997

Brigadier ML Wildman B Sc Eng
British Military Adviser
British Embassy
255 Hill Street
Arcadia
Pretoria
0083

(012) 433121

Dear Sir,

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION : 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My organising committee and I would be delighted if you and Mrs Wildman could attend the above service at the Katyn Memorial in Johannesburg at 10.45 and the reception afterwards at the South African National Museum of Military History.

Should it be possible to attend, and we trust this will be the case, we would like to ask you further to lay a wreath.

Every year without fail since 1944, the local Polish community has paid tribute to the airmen of the South African Air Force, Royal Air Force, Polish Air Force and United States Army Air Force, who lost their lives bringing vital supplies to the Polish Home Army inside Warsaw in August and September 1944.

Once in receipt of your reply and nearer the time further details will be supplied.

Yours sincerely

A Romanowicz
Chairman : Warsaw Flights Committee

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26 June 1997

Colonel K Betch
United States Defence Attache
United States Embassy
PO Box 9536
PRTORIA

(012) 342 1048

Dear Sir,

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My organising committee and I would be delighted if you and Mrs Betch could attend the above service at the Katyn Memorial in Johannesburg at 10.45 and the reception at the South African Museum for Military History afterwards.

Should it be possible for you to attend, and we trust that this will be so, we would like to ask you further to bring and lay two wreaths - the first in your capacity as US Defence Attache and the second in memory of the American airmen of No. 10 Bomber Group of the US Army Air Force, who perished on a high level supply drop to Warsaw in September 1944.

Once in receipt of your reply and nearer the time further details will be advised.

Yours sincerely

A Romanowicz
Chairman : Warsaw Flights Committee



Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION

(JOHANNESBURG BRANCH)

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14th July 1997

The Chairman
Organisation of Warsaw Flights
P O Box 2615
NORTHCLIFF
2115

Dear Sir

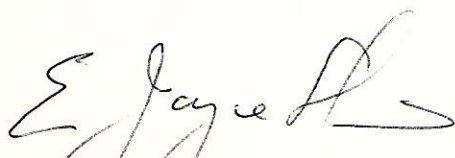
The Chairman and Committee of the Johannesburg Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association invite you to attend a Memorial Service to commemorate the 57th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain to be held in St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Harper Road, Bedfordview on Sunday, 21st September at 11h30. Decorations may be worn.

It is suggested that the time of arrival be 11h00 and it would be appreciated if you could be seated by 11h15. During the Service a collection will be taken for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Immediately following the Service a Chairman's Reception will be held in the Light Horse Regiment Officer's Mess, Mount Collins, Southway, Kelvin. There will be a Hot and Cold Finger Buffet at R40.00 per head and a Cash Bar.

If you are unable to attend we would appreciate your sending a representative in your stead.

Yours faithfully



E. J. SHORT (MRS)
HON. SECRETARY

c)

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
21-st July 1997

GREATER JOHANNESBURG
MINI COUNCIL & JUNIOR COUNCIL
P.O. Box 2380
JOHANNESBURG
2000

Att. Mrs. A. Rebeck
fax no ~~493-8217~~
4938218

Dear Madam,

53 -rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - 6 September 1997

On Saturday of above date we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee I have pleasure in extending to you our sincere invitation to join us for the commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

11:45 Farewell to H.E. Ambassador S. Cieniuch returning to Poland.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

We would also be delighted if you can lay the wreath at the Memorial. Kindly confirm with the Writer before end of August weather you will be able to attend and lay the wreath.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

cc: BRIG. JANSE VAN REESBURG
(012) 6724044.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

Johannesburg
25-th July 1997

Deputy Minister
of Defence
Mr. Ronnie Kasrils
Private Bag
PRETORIA
0001

Dear Sir,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW-6 September 1997

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the 53-rd Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom.

I had a pleasure to learn through Ambassador of Poland H.E. Stanislaw Cieniuch that you may be available to attend above function and have a great pleasure in extending to you, Sir, our sincere invitation to attend this Commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious Service followed by the wreath laying and farewell to H.E. Ambassador S. Cieniuch, returning to Poland. Venue: the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

We would appreciate your early reply whether you and your wife will attend the reception and whether you intend to lay a wreath.

Yours sincerely



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
29-th July 1997

Lt. General R. Otto, SD, SM, MM
Chief of S.A. Army
Private Bag X 172
PRETORIA
0001

Dear Sir,

53-RD ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the heroic flights over Warsaw by the Polish Home Army and civilian population during the mortal struggle for freedom. Following your previous functions, I have pleasure in extending to you an invitation to join us at the Katyn Memorial annual venue of this function.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:
11:00 Hrs - Service at the Katyn Memorial Estate, Johannesburg (map enclosed)
11:40 Hrs - Farewell to H. E. Ambassador departing to Poland at the end of this year.
12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoo). Kindly confirm with the writer before Friday attend. *AND LAY THE W*

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Johannesburg
29-th July 1997

General G.L. Meiring SSAS, SD, SM, MM
Chief of S.A.N.D.F.
Private Bag 159
PRETORIA
0001

Dear Sir,

53-RD ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African members of the Polish Home Army and civilian population during the mortal struggle for freedom. Following your previous functions, I have pleasure in extending to you an invitation to join us at the Katyn Memorial annual venue of this function.

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
29-th July 1997

Lt. General D.P. Knobel SSA, SD, SOE, SM, MM
Chief of S.A. Medical Services
Private Bag X 102
HENNOPSMEER
0046

Dear Sir,

53-RD ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW FLIGHTS

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African members of the Polish Home Army and civilian population during the mortal struggle for freedom. Following your previous functions, I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife, Sir, an invitation to join us at the Katyn Memorial in Melrose Johannesburg, which is the annual venue of this function. Details of the ceremony are as follows:

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Yours sincerely,



Embassy of the United States of America

DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE
Pretoria, South Africa

U-369-97

29 July 1997

Mr. A. Romanowicz
Chairman, Warsaw Flights Committee
P.O. Box 905
Northlands 2116

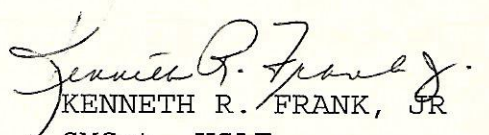
Dear Mr. Romanowicz:

On behalf of Colonel Keith A. Betsch, I am delighted to inform you that he will attend your ceremony on 6 September 97.

Col Betsch asked that I convey his desire of laying only one wreath. He would like to present a wreath in his capacity as the United States Defense Attache. He is willing to come forward a second time but instead of laying a wreath, he would prefer the gesture of laying of hands on the first wreath to symbolize the sacrifice of those airmen who perished. I hope this gesture meets with your approval.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Respectfully,


KENNETH R. FRANK, JR
SMSgt, USAF
Operations Coordinator

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
6-th August 1997

Naval & Air Adviser
BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
Fax no: (012) 433 207
Attention: Commander A. D. Auld

GEN. FLEWTER
WILL COME ONCE
SANDF OF SAAF
COMING MONDAY.

Dear Commander,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

Thank you for your fax of 30 July 1997. We gladly accept your offer to send representation to our commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Service at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum-22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Should you require the map we shall send it to you.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

SENT 15.08.1997

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
13-th August 1997

Dr. John Mare
Department of Foreign Affairs
Private Bag X 152
PRETORIA
0001
Fax. no. (012) 351 0261

Dear Sir,

53 -rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - 6 September 1997

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee I have pleasure in extending to you our sincere invitation to join us for this commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

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11:45 Farewell to H.E. Ambassador S. Cieniuch returning to Poland.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Kindly confirm with the Writer before 26-th of August this year weather you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN



Embassy of the United States of America
Defense Attaché Office
Pretoria, South Africa

U-385-97

18 August 1997

Mr. A. Romanowicz
Chairman, Warsaw Flights Committee
P.O. Box 905
Northlands
2116

Dear Mr. Romanowicz,

My letter of 29 July 97 refers. It is with extreme regret that I must inform you that all military attachés assigned to the U.S. Embassy will be out of the Johannesburg area on the day of your annual Warsaw Flights Commemoration. Please accept my sincere apologies for our inability to attend with my assurances that we will make every effort to be present at next year's event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith A. Betsch".

KEITH A. BETSCH
Colonel, U.S. Air Force
Defense and Air Attaché

P. o. box 28,
BLOODRIVER. 3102.
19th AUGUST 1997.

The Chairman,
WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMITTEE.
P O BOX 653109.
2010 BENMORE.

DEAR SIR,

I thank you ever so much for the invite to the
annual commemoration of the WARSAW FLIGHTS.

I feel that this year I shall have to give the occasion
a bye. AS I feel to travel by car to Johannesburg by car by ones self
is a little bit beyoud me at the moment. I would have liked to have
seen my mates once again.

And in lieu of that I enclose a cheque for R50 and hoping
that you all have a very good occasion. My thoughts will be with
you on the 6th sept. at 11 Hrs.

Kindest regards.

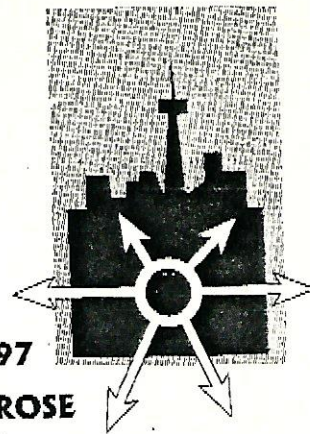
Bill

Bill Coley.

DONATION
ONLY
NO ATTENDING

SENT. 19.08.1997

GREATER JOHANNESBURG TRANSITIONAL METROPOLITAN COUNCIL



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FILE NO.
 FUNCTION TO BE ATTENDED BY **THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS**
 DAY **SATURDAY** DATE **6 SEPTEMBER 1997**
 VENUE **KATYN MEMORIAL IN THE JAMES & ETHEL GREY PARK, MELROSE ESTATE, JOHANNESBURG**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE G J T M C BEFORE:

(**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**)
 failing which attendance will not be possible. Any subsequent changes to be in writing

NAME OF ORGANISATION	WARSAW FIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE		
PERSON TO CONTACT	A. ROMANOWICZ - CHAIRMAN		
TELEPHONE NO.	BUS (011) 7886577	HOME (011) 7886577	
NATURE OF FUNCTION Please advise whether any other function is linked with main event	RELIGIOUS SERVICE FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION		
NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS OF PERSONS ON HAND TO MEET THE MAYOR AND HIS SPOUSE ON ARRIVAL	A. ROMANOWICZ - CHAIRMAN Z. FUDAKOWSKI - SENIOR OF POLISH COMMUNITY		
EXACTLY where should the Mayor's car arrive	AT THE ENTRANCE TO JAMES & ETHEL GRAY PARK		
TIME	(a) Specific time of arrival 10:50	(c) Duration 2.5 HOURS	(d) Convenient time for departure 13:30
IS AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE OR GREETING FROM THE CITY REQUIRED? (TICK APPROPRIATE SQUARE)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Active Participation TO LAY THE WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL	
	Time Allocated 3 MINUTES		
NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS OF OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT	H.E. AMBASSADOR OF POLAND MR. S. CIENIUCH CHIEF OF THE AIRFORCE - LT. GEN. W.H. HECHTER REPR. CHIEF OF THE NAVY - REAR ADMIRAL H.J.M. TRAINOR REPR. BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE - COMM. A. AULD		
WHO WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THIS FUNCTION?	MR. S. CIENIUCH		
DRESS (TICK APPROPRIATE SQUARE)	Black Tie <input type="checkbox"/>	Short Frock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Lounge Suit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Long Frock <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Hat <input type="checkbox"/>	Hat <input type="checkbox"/>	

Detailed attention must please be given to protocol and security arrangements referred to in annexure

SIGNATURE AND DESIGNATION

A. ROMANOWICZ - CHAIRMAN

DATE

19 AUGUST 1997

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
22 August 1997

Captain Philippe
Dupont
Defence Attaché
EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE
807 George Avenue
ARCADIA
0083
Fax. no. (012) 435 552

Dear Captain Dupont,

53 -rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - 6 September 1997

On Saturday 6-th September 1997 we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, locked during Warsaw Uprising 1944 in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee I have pleasure in extending to you our sincere invitation to join us for this commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

11:45 Farewell to H.E. Ambassador S. Cieniuch returning to Poland.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Kindly confirm with the Writer before 26-th of August this year weather you will be able to attend and weather you wish to lay the wreath. I extend my sincere apologies for the late invitation resulting from the break of communications and hope to see you there.

Map of the places is hereby enclosed.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN



STOWARZYSZENIE POLSKIE
W
K W A Z U L U N A T A L

P.O. Box 70154, OVERPORT 4067, RSA

Durban, 28 sierpień 1997

Prezes
Andrzej Romanowicz
KOMITET ORGANIZACJI
OBCHODÓW LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
P.O. Box 905
NORTHLANDS
2116


Szanowny Panie Prezesie!

Bardzo dziękuję za zaproszenie na uroczystości związane z lotami nad Warszawę. Z przykrością muszę jednak zawiadomić, że nie będę mógł przybyć osobiście z powodów ode mnie niezależnych.

Prosimy pana Prezesa o zakupienie w imieniu naszej organizacji wieńca, który zostanie złożony przez naszego przedstawiciela pana Henryka Suleja.

Załączam post order na sumę R250. Po odciążeniu kosztów wieńca resztę proszę przyjąć jako donację dla Komitetu Organizującego te uroczystości.

Z poważaniem


Jerzy Krajewski
Prezes

ZARZĄD:

Prezes J.T. KRAJEWSKI, Wice-Prezes R. WIŚNIEWSKI, Sekretarz K. JAWOROWSKA, Skarbnik M. SZKUDLAREK,
Członkowie: M. MALEK, S. NOGAJCZYK

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's office

Johannesburg
2-nd September 1997

Mrs. Eleonor MOORE
RADIO 702
fax. no 883 1922

Dear Eleonor,

53 -rd ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHTS OVER WARSAW - 6 September 1997

As in the previous years we will again commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. The purpose of this commemoration is to honour men who fell bringing help to their allied friends. On behalf of our Committee and myself I have great pleasure in extending to you our sincere invitation to join us for the commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg. It will include religious service conducted by one of the survivors Rev. Bryan Jones and music by the Scottish Pipers of Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band. A highlight of this part will be a flight past by the restored piston driven engine Dakota aircraft carrier and Spitfire fighter aircraft.

12:45 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens). Programme will include decoration of survivors by the Chairman of the Warsaw Metropolitan Council Mr. Szyszko who arrives specially from Poland and farewell to H.E. Ambassador S. Cieniuch returning to Poland at the end of this year. Former SA airmen Mr. Nigel Crawford will play Warsaw Concerto to conclude the official part.

We would appreciate a little help in bringing this commemoration closer to the hearts of the young people of South Africa. Enclosed details of the ceremony. Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely,



Andre Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

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Witold Bryszewski
P.O. Box 73002
0040 LYNNWOOD RIDGE

Tel/Fax: (012) 348-4641, e-mail: wbryszew@mweb.co.za

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Andrzej Romanowicz
PREZES
The Warsaw Flights Commemoration
Organizing Committee
P.O. Box 905
2116 NORTHLANDS

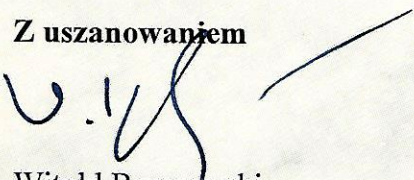
Szanowny Panie

12 września 1997

Bardzo dziękuję za zaproszenie do uczestnictwa w obchodach 52 Rocznic Lotów
Zrzutowych nad Warszawą.

Niestety z przyczyn nie zależnych od nas nie mogliśmy wziąć udziału w tych obchodach. Jeśli
chodzi o pomoc przy drukowaniu zaproszeń to cieszę się, że mogłem pomóc.

Z uszanowaniem


Witold Bryszewski



Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION

(JOHANNESBURG BRANCH)

P.O. Box 3785 - Johannesburg 2000

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P O Box 1592
BEDFORDVIEW
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10th March 1998

Tel: 011-849-8496
Fax: 011-425-4692

The Chairman
Organisation of Warsaw Flights
P O Box 2615
NORTHCLIFF
2115

Dear Sir

The Annual Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony to remember the members of the Royal Air Force who died in South Africa during the Second World War will be held on Sunday, 5th April 1998 at 11h30 at the Royal Air Force Memorial, Joffe Park, Abbotsford.

You are cordially invited to attend, or to send a representative, to lay a Wreath on behalf of your organisation at this Ceremony. It would be appreciated if you could be seated by 11h15. Refreshments will be served after the Ceremony.

Dress: Gentlemen - Military Dress or Dark Lounge Suit.

Medals will be worn.

Ladies - Afternoon Frock with Hat. *R48-95 JACU wisely.*

Yours faithfully

E. J. SHORT (MRS)
HON. SECRETARY

c)

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
21-st April 1998

General G.L. Meiring SSAS, SD, SM, MMM
Chief of S.A.N.D.F.
Private Bag X 414
PRETORIA
0001

Dear Sir,

54-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 5 SEPTEMBER 1998

My committee and I regret to learn about your resignation as a Chief of the S.A.N.D.F. but will be delighted if you can deliver the main address on the occasion of Warsaw Flights Commemoration Day on Saturday 5 September 1998. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the splendid career in South African army and wish you a happy retirement. Kindly confirm with the writer that you will be able to deliver the address. Details of commemoration were given in the previous letter but for the record the are as follows:

The religious service and wreath-laying will take place at the customary venue, i.e. Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, at 11:00 Hrs. The reception will follow, hosted by the our Committee at South African Museum of Military History, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, where your speech will be delivered and refreshments served. May we please receive by return post your C.V. for the introduction prior to the address at the function. Further details required for preparation of your speech can be supplied by Col. J. van Eyssen tel. (011) 440 1545.

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

C/c Col. J. van Eyssen

P.O. BOX 905 NORTHLANDS 2116 TEL / FAX (011) 788 6577 JOHANNESBURG

Ref: C SANDF/513/7
Tel: (012) 355-6000
Enquiries: Gen S. Nyanda



Chief of the SA National Defence Force
Private Bag X414
Pretoria
0001

2 June 1998

The Chairman
The Warsaw Flights Commemoration Organising Committee
P.O. Box 905
Northlands
2116

Dear Mr Romanowicz

54 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 5 SEP 98

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 April 1998, inviting General Meiring to deliver the main address on the occasion of 5 September 1998.
2. General Meiring has asked that he be excused from officiating in this capacity, in view of his recent retirement. He asked me specifically to convey this personally, as I did telephonically in a conversation with yourself on 2 June 1998.
3. I would like to suggest that you invite the new Chief of the SA National Defence Force, General S. Nyanda, MMM, to deliver the main address.

(C.S. STEYN)

PERSONAL STAFF OFFICER OF THE CHIEF OF THE SANDF: BRIGADIER
GENERAL

(DE LANGE)

3556016 FAX
B.R.
AT. - CPT. STICKELLS

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairmans office

KOMITET ORGANIZACJI OBCHODU LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ
BIURO PREZESA

Johannesburg
3 czerwca 1998

Urząd d/s Kombatantów
i osób represjonowanych
Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
WARSZAWA

Kierownik Urzędu
P. Minister
Jacek Taylor

Drogi Panie Ministrze !

54 ROCZNICA LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 5 WRZESIEŃ 1998

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę oraz Środowiska kombatanckiego pragnę serdecznie zaprosić Pana wraz z małżonką do wzięcia udziału w powyższej uroczystości oraz złożenia wieńca. Tegoroczna uroczystość odbędzie się zgodnie z następującym programem:

Godzina 11-00 - Nabożeństwo pod Pomnikiem Ofiar Katynia - James Ethel Gray Park,
Melrose Estate, Johannesburg.

Godzina 12-00 - Przyjęcie w South African War Museum, 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown,
obok ogrodu zoologicznego w Johannesburgu.

Byłoby nam bardzo miło gdyby zechciał Pan powiedzieć parę ciepłych słów na przyjęciu.
Oczekuję potwierdzenia zaproszenia kreśląc się z wyrazami szczerego szacunku



A Romanowicz
Prezes

C/c St. Czuba Prezes Stowarzyszenia Kombatantów w prowincji Gauteng.

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
22-nd June 1998

General S. Nyanda, MMM
Chief of S.A.N.D.F.
Private Bag X 414
PRETORIA
0001
Att. Cpt. Stickells

Dear General,

54-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 5 SEPTEMBER 1998

On Saturday 5-th September 1998 we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. The purpose of this commemoration is to honour men who fell bringing help to their allied friends. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of the Metropolis, Chiefs of the SANDF and foreign military attaches.

On behalf of our Committee I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife our sincere invitation to join us for this commemoration and lay the customary wreath on behalf of the SNDF. We are also delighted to learn through Brigadier C.S. Steyn that you may deliver the main address on the occasion.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

The religious service and wreath-laying will take place at the customary venue, i.e. Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, at 11:00 Hrs.

The reception will follow, hosted by the our Committee at South African Museum of Military History, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, Johannesburg, where your speech will be delivered and refreshments served.

Should you be kind to accept to deliver the main address, we would like to receive by return post your C.V. for the introduction prior to the address at the function. Historical details of the flights can be supplied by Hon. Colonel J. van Eyssen, who personally took part in this flights in 1944 under tel. no (011) 440 1545.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

C/c Col. J. van Eyssen

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

c)

Johannesburg
30-th June 1998

General S. Nyanda, MMM
Chief of S.A.N.D.F.
Private Bag X 414
PRETORIA
0001
Att. Cpt. Stickells

Dear General,

54-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 5 SEPTEMBER 1998

We are also delighted to learn through Cpt. Stickells that you will deliver the main address on this occasion. Kindly confirm taking part in the wreath laying ceremony.

Details of the ceremony for your records are as follows:

The religious service and wreath-laying will take place at:

Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg

Time - 11:00 Hrs.

The reception will follow, hosted by our Committee at South African Museum of Military History, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, Johannesburg, where your speech will be delivered and refreshments served.

Thank you for your C.V. which will be used for the introduction prior to the address at the function. Enclosed please find short historical background with relevant map and sketch of the routes leading to the function. Additional details of the flights for preparation of your address will be supplied by Hon. Colonel J. van Eyssen, who personally took part in 1944 under tel. no (011) 440 1545.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

C/c Col. J. van Eyssen

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

COMBATANTS +
MILITARY VIP
ACC. TO ADDRESS
LIST.

Johannesburg
27-th July 1998

Dear Sir,

54-th ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW FLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 5 1998

On Saturday 5-th September we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. Following your interest shown in this function, I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife, Sir, our sincere invitation to join us at the Katyn Memorial in Melrose Johannesburg, which is the annual venue of this function.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Service at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg (map enclosed). Wreath laying will conclude the proceedings.

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens). General S. Nyanda Chief of SNDF will make a key note address.

Kindly confirm with the writer before Friday 21-st August whether you will be able to attend and lay the wreath on behalf of your organisation.

Yours sincerely

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
5-th August 1998

Major General J.J. Botha SD, SM, MMM
Chief Director Air Policy & Plans
Fax no : (012) 312 2231

Dear Sir,

55-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 4 SEPTEMBER 1999

My committee and I are delighted to learn through Hon. Colonel Mr. Jack van Eyssen, that you have agreed to deliver the main address on the occasion of Warsaw Flights Commemoration Day on Saturday 4 September 1999.

The religious service and wreath-laying will take place at the customary venue, i.e. Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg, commencing sharp at 11:00 Hrs. Kindly confirm, that you will lay the customary wreath on behalf of the Chief of the South African Air Force.

The reception will follow, hosted by our Committee at South African Museum of Military History, 22 Earlswood Way, Saxonwold, where your speech will be delivered and refreshments served. May we please receive by return post your C.V. for the introduction prior to the address at the function. Enclosed short historical background and orientation map, further details for the address can be supplied by Col. J. van Eyssen tel. (011) 440 1545.

Yours sincerely,

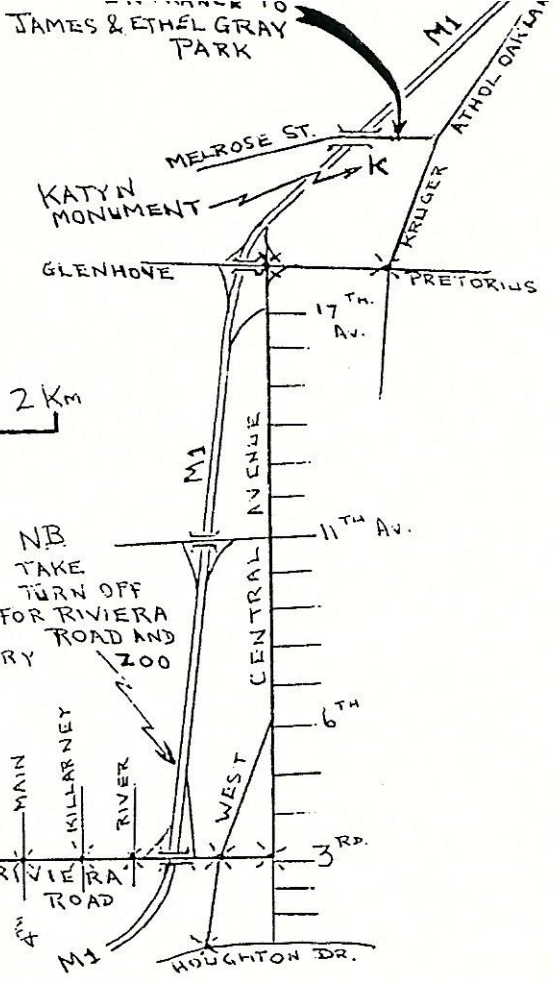
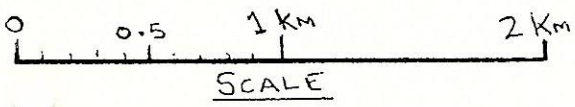


A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

C/c Col. J. van Eyssen

FROM JAMES & ETHEL GRAY PARK TO THE SA MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY 4.6 KM VIA M1

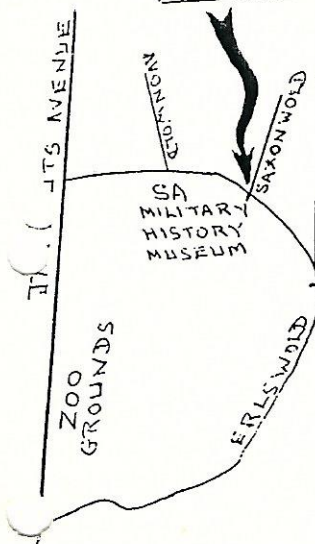
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NB. RECOMMENDED PARKING ENTRANCE

NB. TAKE TURN OFF FOR RIVIERA ROAD AND ZOO

ENTRANCE TO SA MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM



P. O. BOX 28,
BLOODRIVER 3102.

11th August 1998.

The Chairman,
WARSAW FLIGHTS,
COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

YES NO
DONATION

Dear Fellow Aviators,

I thank you for the invitation to the Commemoration of the 54th Anniversary of the Warsaw uprising. But regret that I cannot attend owing to the fact that I have not driven in Johannesburg by myself during the last fifteen years.

I wish you all a very wonderful commemoration service and wish I were there to celebrate with you. I am still in contact with Ewa Balukiewicz who was attached to our group in Warsaw during the commemoration services about five years ago.

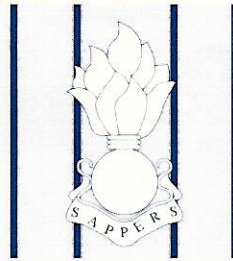
I enclose a cheque for R200.00. And hope that it will help in some way.

Have a wonderful day.

from -
Bill Bohy

DONATION R 200.00 -

TELEPHONE: +27 12 2071306
FAX: ' +27 12 2071372



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INSTITUTE FOR MILITARY ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
(A Division of the Foundation for Military Engineering Excellence in Southern Africa)

17 August 1998

The Chairman
The Warsaw Flights Commemoration
Organising Committee
P O Box 905
Northlands
2116

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your invitation dated 27 July 1998 for the 54th Anniversary of Flights over Warsaw to be held at the Katyn Memorial on Saturday 5 September 1998. Our Honorary President will attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Sappers Foundation.

It would be appreciated if you would amend your records. The Sappers Association was transformed into the Sappers Foundation and our offices in Braamfontein have been closed. In future, we would appreciate you addressing all correspondence to our organisation as follows :

The Honorary President
Institute for Military Engineering Excellence in
Southern Africa
P O Box 14
Skeerpoort
0232

Tel. No. (012) 207-1306
Fax No. (012) 207-1372

Yours faithfully,

Spr Agnes Perry
Administration Manager.

c)

**THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

Johannesburg
19 August 1998
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Mr. Gordon Mulholland
Radio Today
fax. no 482 6761

Dear Gordon,

OUR COPY,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 5-th SEPTEMBER 1998

On Saturday 5-th September we will commemorate the 54-th Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee I have pleasure in extending to you our sincere invitation to join us for the commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, Melrose Estate, Johannesburg. This will include music of the Scottish Pipers and fly past of museum aircraft.

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earswold Way, Parktown (next to the Zoological Gardens).

Tickets for the reception (Religious service is free) are available from Vacek Simmonds at Aero Travel Tours. Tel. (011) 7845491

Prices : R 50.-/ couple, R 30.-/ single, R 5.- / children up to 12 years of age.

We would appreciate your help in providing our South African Airmen and their friends with some form of radio coverage announcing this commemoration. It will also help to re-establish contact with Airmen, their families and friends who through the years who have lost contact with us. Best regards from Andrzej Sawa.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

P.S. Enclosed short historical background, which would have been so handy last year.

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
23-rd August 1998

Volodymyr Y. Mykhaiylov
Ukrainian Embassy
Fax (012) 46 1944

Dear Sir,

54-th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 5 SEPTEMBER 1998

On Saturday 5-th September 1998 we will commemorate the Anniversary of the heroic flights over Warsaw by South African and Allied airmen to drop supplies to the Polish Home Army and civilian population of Warsaw, at that time locked in a mortal struggle for freedom. On behalf of our Committee I have pleasure in extending to you and your wife our sincere invitation to join us for this commemoration.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

11:00 Hrs - Religious service and the wreath laying at the Katyn Memorial, James and Ethel Gray Park, cor. Athol-Oaklands and Melrose Str. Melrose Estate, Johannesburg. (Take Glenhove Road off-ramp turn left, and left into Athol-Oaklands Road.)

12:30 Hrs - Reception by the Organising Committee at South African War Museum- 22 Earlswood Way, Parktown (next to the Johannesburg Zoological Gardens).

Kindly confirm with the Writer before 29-th of August whether you will be able to attend and if you wish to lay the wreath.

Yours sincerely,



Andrzej Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

Your copy

Tel: (011) 788-6577

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PO Box 905
Northlands
2116
4 August 1998

General WH Hechter SD SM MMM
Chief of the Airforce
Private Bag X199
Pretoria

Attention Col D Page

Dear Sir,

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION DAY : 5 SEPTMBER 1998

My committee and I are delighted that you will deliver the main address at the above function and that you have seen fit to permit a fly-past. It is understood that the Spitfire will not be available, but we will be grateful to have a DC3 come over, preferably the Museum aircraft with its piston engines.

We are further grateful that you will be able to provide a senior NCO, a buglar and 4 sentries. The Polish Scouts will provide the flag rope men.

A copy of the programme is enclosed.

Should a practice run and an inspection in loco be required, please have your staff contact Mr JL van Eyssen at telephone number (011) 440-1545. He will be happy to assist.

We look forward to welcoming you and Mrs Hechter at about 10.45 on that day.

Yours faithfully

A Romanowics
CHAIRMAN : WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMITTEE

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
21-St August 1997

STELLENBOSH FARMERS WINERY
Attention: Yvonne Haas
fax no 827 7615

Dear Madam,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee I thank you; Sir, for supplying us with a generous donation in form of 3 boxes of wine for our reception at SA Museum of the Military History. On behalf of our Guests of Honour - War veterans, Mayor of Johannesburg Metropolis, Chiefs of the SADF, foreign military attaches and general public I thank you for your help. May I also extend sincere invitation to join us for this solemn occasion.

Details of the ceremony are as follows:

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Kindly notify the Writer before the end of August weather you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

St. J.

Johannesburg
21-th August 1997

COCA COLA
COMPANY

Attention: Ms Susan USHER
Fax no: (011) 624 1793

Dear Madam,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee was kind enough to make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you with a following request:
In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you; Madam, with request to supply us with donation in form of refreshments for our reception. Number of people expected is around 200. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Chiefs of the SNADF and foreign military attaches.
Your generous help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With best regards, I remain, Madam

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

St. J.

Johannesburg
21-th August 1997

SOUTH AFRICAN
BREWERIES

Attention:
Mr. Norman Adami
Mrs. Jeanine VICHE
Fax no: (011) 881 8510

Dear Sirs,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee was kind enough to make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you with a following request:

In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you with request to supply us with donation in form of refreshments for our reception. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Chiefs of the SANDF and foreign military attaches.

Your generous help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

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Johannesburg
21-th August 1997

PICK AND PAY
NATIONAL

Attention:
Mr. Martin ROSEN
Mrs. Brenda VAN DER SCHYFF
Fax no: (011) 455 1780

Dear Sirs,

53-rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

Mrs. Jadwiga Cort, a member of our committee was kind enough to make initial contact with you and suggested that I write to you with a following request:
In the name of the Organising Committee I approach you with request to supply us with donation in form of vouchers for groceries for our reception. Number of people expected is around 250. Guests of Honour are the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Chiefs of the SANDF and foreign military attaches.
Your generous help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With best regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
21-St ~~September~~ 1997
August

SSEMAN'S QUALITY
MEAT PRODUCTS
Attention: Mark Jereceovich

Dear Sir,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee I thank you; Sir, for supplying us with a generous donation in form of cheeses for our reception at SA Museum of the Military History. On behalf of our Guests of Honour - War veterans, Mayor of Johannesburg Metropolis, Chiefs of the SADF, foreign military attaches and general public I thank you for your help. May I also extend sincere invitation to join us for this solemn occasion.

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Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

KWA - ZUW - NATAL
sprawozdanie

Johannesburg
21-St September 1997
August ←

CATERIX c.c.
The Cheese Company
Attention: Raymond Drzewicki

Dear Sir,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee I thank you; Sir, for supplying us with a generous donation in form of cheeses for our reception at SA Museum of the Military History. On behalf of our Guests of Honour - War veterans, Mayor of Johannesburg Metropolis, Chiefs of the SADF, foreign military attaches and general public I thank you for your help. May I also extend sincere invitation to join us for this solemn occasion.

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Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

21 August 1997

A. Romanowicz
Chairman
The Warsaw Flights Commemoration
P.O Box 905
Northlands
2116

Dear Mr/s Romanowicz,

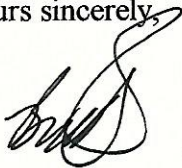
Thank you for your letter dated the 21 August 1997, regarding a financial contribution towards the 53rd Anniversary of the Warsaw Airlift.

Our budget for this financial year is already sorely stretched due to dozen of requests of a similar nature. We would however, like to be of some assistance, and have pleasure in confirming that Pick 'n Pay have agreed to donate a once-off contribution of gift vouchers to the value of R700.00 (Seven Hundred Rand).

It would be appreciated if you would kindly contact me, in order to make arrangements for the collection of the vouchers, as we do not like to mail them for obvious reasons. The vouchers will be available for collection on receipt of this letter.

Thank you for having approached us in this regard and may I take this opportunity of wishing you every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,



BRENDA GROSSMANN
COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING MANAGER

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's Office

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Johannesburg
3 października 1997 roku

W.P. Ludmiła Wierzbicka
Polish Association
in Johannesburg
P.O.Box 2474
PARKLANDS
2121

Droga Pani Prezes !

53-CIA ROCZNICA LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 6 WRZESIEŃ 1997

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę oraz swoim własnym pragnę serdecznie podziękować za udział w uroczystościach, złożenie wieńca oraz donację w wysokości R 500-00 (Pięćset Randów), którą niniejszym kwituję. Mam nadzieję, że w przyszłym roku będziemy również mieli zaszczyt powitać na obchodach. Jednocześnie pragnę podziękować za tak miłą współpracę.

Łączę wyrazy szczerego szacunku.

A Romanowicz
Prezes

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
3 października 1997 roku

Ambasada Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
14 Amos Street
COLBYN
PRETORIA
0083

J.E.Ambasador
Stanisław Cieniuch

Drogi Panie Ambasadorko

53-CIA ROCZNICA LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 6 WRZESIEŃ 1997

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę oraz swoim własnym pragnę serdecznie podziękować za udział w uroczystościach, dekorację zasłużonych oraz donację w wysokości R 500-00 (Pięćset Randów), którą niniejszym kwituję. Mam nadzieję, że w przyszłym roku będziemy również mieli zaszczyt gościć kolegów z Ambasady na tym dorocznym obchodzie. Panu życzymy powodzenia w nowej karierze dla dobra Ojczyzny.

Łączę wyrazy szczerego szacunku.

A Romanowicz
Prezes

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**THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Mr. Bill Coley
BLOODRIVER
3102

Dear Mr. Coley,

53 ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My committee and I are extending their thanks and gratitude very for your generous donation of R 50.- to help in financing this commemoration. I found your letter so touching that I did take the liberty to read it to the congregation during reception at SA Museum of the Military History. I hope that will not miss next year commemoration and would like to this opportunity to thank you again for all the thoughts. God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Andrzej Romanowicz.
CHAIRMAN

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**THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Boksburg Caledonian
Pipe Band
P.O.Box 17011
SUNWARD PARK
1470

Att. Bill Holland

Dear Bill,

53 ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My committee and I are extending their thanks and gratitude very for your participation in our annual commemoration and providing wonderful music. Please convey it to all the members of the band. As usual people approached me with very favorable comments on your performance. Your interpretation of the national anthems and the lament during the last post was very good indeed. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the personal gift of the book about SA Aviation. I hope that will not miss next year commemoration . God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Andrzej Romanowicz.
CHAIRMAN

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Lt. General W.H. Hechter SD, SM, MMM
Chief of the Airforce
Private Bag X 199
PRETORIA
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Dear General,

53 ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

On behalf of the Committee and myself I would like to extend special greetings and thanks for the wonderful address which you have delivered during our annual commemoration of the Warsaw Flights. We are also very grateful for providing of the aircraft for the fly-past as well as the bugler and the sentries. I hope that you have enjoyed the service and reception and will consider joining us in the forthcoming year.

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Pastor B.D.Jones
P.O.Box 56
RIVERCLUB
2149

Dear Pastor,

53 ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

My committee and I are extending their thanks and gratitude very for your participation in our annual commemoration and conducting of the religious service. As usual people approached me with very favorable comments on your service and address. Your subsequent interview for the TV was also very good. I am also glad that the medals from Warsaw did come to make this occasion memorable. God bless.

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Major-General
Philip Pretorius SD, SM, MMM
S.A. National Museum of
Military History
P.O.Box 52090
Saxonwold
2132

Dear General

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

Thank you again for making available wonderful venue which the reception hall of your Museum has become for our annual reception. Our commemoration thus has become very successful. Please convey our special thanks to Cpt. Tony Speir and other members of the staff for their hard work. We are very anxious to held our next commemoration in your hall.

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Major-General W.G. Lombard SD, SM, MMM
G.O.C. GAUTENG Command
Private Bag 1035
VOORTREKKERHOOGTE
0143

Dear General,

53 ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee and myself I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for supplying us with the chairs and public address system for our annual commemoration of the Warsaw Flights. I am pleased to confirm you that our function was a success in which your Command have taken usual part.

With best regards, I remain, Sir

Yours sincerely,

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

10.10.97

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Mrs. Amena Frense
SABC
fax. no 714 3637

Dear Amena,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6-th SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee I thank you very much for providing us with usual TV coverage for the occasion. Our Guests of Honour being the SA War veterans greatly appreciated your help in informing the general public about the heroic events which have taken place some 53 years ago. Interview with Pastor Jones on his return from Poland was very good indeed.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Just. 10.10.97

Johannesburg
9 October 1997

Mr. Gordon Mulholland
Radio Today
fax. no 482 6761

Dear Gordon,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6-th SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee and myself I have a pleasure in extending our thanks and gratitude for providing our South African Airmen and their friends with the radio coverage announcing this commemoration. We greatly appreciate this opportunity to inform general public about the heroic events which have taken place some 53 years ago. Best wishes to continue for many years your "laid back" but informative and classy programme.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

Johannesburg
10 October 1997

The Executive Director
Cultural and Recreational Department
Johannesburg City Council
P O Box 2824
JOHANNESBURG
2000

Dear Sirs,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6 SEPTEMBER 1997

On behalf of my committee and myself I would like to thank you very much for excellent job done in cleaning of the environment of the Katyn Memorial in James and Ethel Gray Park for our annual function of above date which thanks to your contribution was a great success.

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

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THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
Chairman's Office

Johannesburg
10 października 1997 roku

W.P. Jerzy Krajewski
Polish Association
KWA-ZULU NATAL
P.O.Box 70154
OVERPORT
4067

Drogi Panie Prezesie !

53-CIA ROCZNICA LOTÓW NAD WARSZAWĘ - 6 WRZESIEŃ 1997

W imieniu Komitetu Obchodów Lotów nad Warszawę oraz swoim własnym pragnę serdecznie podziękować za udział w uroczystościach, złożenie wieńca oraz donację w wysokości R 150-00 (Sto pięćdziesiąt Randów), którą niniejszym kwituję. (Koszt wieńca 100 Randów). Mam nadzieję, że w przyszłym roku będziemy również mieli zaszczyt powitać na obchodach. Jednocześnie pragnę podziękować za tak miłą i owocną współpracę, polecając się na przyszłość.

Łączę wyrazy szczerego szacunku.

A Romanowicz
Prezes

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman's office

Johannesburg
10 October 1997

The Executive Director
Department of Public Safety
Johannesburg City Council
P O Box 4068
JOHANNESBURG
2000
Att. Mr. d Le Roux

Dear Sir,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT-6 SEPTEMBER 1997

On behalf of my committee and myself I would like to express our gratitude for assistance obtained in providing security and traffic officers at the entry to the grounds of the James and Ethel Gray Park during our function on above date.

Yours sincerely,

A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN

THE WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

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Johannesburg
10 October 1997

PICK AND PAY
NATIONAL

Attention:
Mrs. Brenda Grossmann
Fax no: (011) 455 1924

Dear Brenda,

ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW AIRLIFT - 6-th SEPTEMBER 1997

In the name of the Organising Committee I thank you for supplying us with donation in form of the gift vouchers of the value of 700 Rand for the food and refreshments for our reception. Our Guests of Honour being the War veterans, Mayor of Metropolis, Chiefs of the SADF and foreign military attaches and general public greatly appreciated your help. I hope you will find the time to join us for a get together we plan to be held to thank our donors in November this year.

Yours sincerely,



A. Romanowicz
CHAIRMAN



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2 September 1998

Mr A Romanowicz
The Warsaw Flights Commemoration

Accompanying this compliment slip, please accept fifteen (15) cases of beer as a donation towards the 54th anniversary of the Warsaw airlift.

With Compliments
Norman Adami
Managing Director


JANINE VEITCH
SECRETARY TO MR N J ADAMI

By Hand
Saturday 5th September 1998

PAMELA D. SOLARSH
GARDEN WING ONE, NORTHDENE
THREE, PRINCESS PLACE
PARKTOWN 2193, JOHANNESBURG
P.O. BOX 4445, JHB. 2000 SOUTH AFRICA
TELEPHONE: (011) 642-7777

Dear Mr Chairman

My connection with the SAAF Warsaw Supply Dropping flights goes back to the very first commemorative service at the Johannesburg Cenotaph. The late Swaff Szymkowiak and my brother-in-law Professor Ignacy Goldberg ex Capalhar Brigade at Tobruk, both worked at the Polish Consulate in St Andrew's Building Rissik & Market Sts. This was before the Communist regime took over.

I wonder if anyone still has the original story of the flights compiled by Swaff & Ignacy? The latter may have one. He is to be found at Apartment 307, 907 South Surf Road, Hollywood Florida 33019, USA.

May I suggest you make contact? He could give you a great deal of data. He & Jack van Zeyssen were very close.

Have you thought of creating a Kater Memorial Grove of Trees to honour the Polish officers massacred here? The Melrose site could perhaps be explored. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

The Chairman

Yours sincerely
P D Solarsh

Warsaw Supply Dropping flights
Polish Assn of South Africa
Kater Memorial, Melrose

MEDAL • MEDALJE
Parade



Die Bevelvoerder Lugmagbasis Waterkloof,
brigadier MCP. Janse van Rensburg, MCMM
het die genoeë om

uit te nooi na 'n
Medalje-parade
op Vrydag, 22 Augustus 1997 om 10:00
te 41 Eskader Lugmagbasis Waterkloof

RSVP voor/op 15 Augustus 1997:
Me A. Zeelie (012) 672-3099

Drag :
Militêre Gaste : Drag Nr 1.6
Burgerlike Gaste : Daggak met medaljes
Dames : Toepaslik met hoed

Gaste word versoek om hul sitplekke teen 09:45 in te neem / Verversings sal na afloop van die parade bedien word

The Officer Commanding Air Force Base Waterkloof
Brigadier MCP. Janse van Rensburg, MCMM
cordially invites

Mr & Mrs A. Romanowicz
to a
Medal Parade
at 41 Squadron Air Force Base Waterkloof
on Friday 22 August 1997 at 10:00

RSVP before/on 15 August 1997:
Ms A. Zeelie (012) 672-3099

Dress :
Military Guests : Dress No 1.6
Civilian Guests : Lounge Suit with medals
Ladies : Appropriate with hat

Guests are requested to be seated by 09:45 / Refreshments will be served after the parade

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION - 1997

INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

CHEQUES & CASH RECEIVED: R6170.-
 INCLUDING DONATIONS AS BELOW:

Polish Association	R 500.00
Polish Association Dbn	R 250.00
Polish Embassy	R 500.00
Polish Engineers	R 500.00
Bill Coley	R 50.00

EXPENSES

PRINTING / TYPESETTING OF INVITATIONS & REPLY SLIPS	:	Donation of
POSTAGE/ FAXES /PHONE	:	of Polish Club -Pta.
STAMPS	:	R 350.00
PHOTOCOPIES - PROGRAMME	:	R 70.00
LIQUOR - BOTTLE STORE/ SZYSZKO	:	R 85.00
S.A. WAR MUSEUM DONATION	:	R 941.74
WREATHS : ENGINEERS / NATAL	:	R 400.00
CATERING: POLISH LADIES	:	R 150.00
REFRESHMENTS : MEETINGS	:	R 2 693.64
GIFT TO AMBASSADOR	:	R 249.94
	:	R 400.00

TOTAL INCOME	R 6 170.00
PROFIT	: R 6 170.00 less R 5 340.32 =

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	:	R 5 340.32
PROFIT	:	R 829.68
OPENING BALANCE	:	
AS ON 7.11.1995	:	R 5 588.11
ADD PROFIT	:	R 829.68
ACCRUED INTEREST	:	R 1 069.48

CLOSING BALANCE	:	R 7 487.27
AS ON 31. 12. 1997		

GOODS /SERVICE DONORS BELOW:

PnP Stores	R 700.00 vouchers
SAB	6 cases of beer
Polish Club Pretoria	invitations printing / posting
Seemens Butchery	Meat, sausages
Drzewicki's family	cheese
Stellenbosh Farmers	3 boxes of wine for reception
Gauteng Command	chairs & public address system
Aero Travel Tours	acceptance receiving
Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band	

WARSAW FLIGHTS COMMEMORATION - 1998

INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME

CHEQUES & CASH RECEIVED: R 4920.00
 INCLUDING DONATIONS AS BELOW:

Polish Engineers	R 500.00
Polish Association Dbn	R 125.00
Bill Coley	R 200.00
R.C. Slabbert	R 200.00

EXPENSES

PRINTING / TYPESETTING OF INVITATIONS COVERS PURCHASE	:	R 1 210.00		: Donation of Polish Club -Pta.
POSTAGE/ FAXES /PHONE	:	R 475.00		
STAMPS	:	R 100.00		
PHOTOCOPIES - PROGRAMME	:	R 120.00		
LIQUOR - BOTTLE STORE/ MAKRO	:	R 1 247.97		
S.A. WAR MUSEUM DONATION	:	R 500.00		
WREATHS : RAF MEMORIAL	:	R 70.00		
CATERING: POLISH LADIES	:	R 2 154.82		
REFRESHMENTS : MEETINGS	:	R 300.00		
BARBECUE	:	R 1 306.06		

TOTAL INCOME R 4 920.00.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE R 7 483.85
 LOSS (R 2 563.85)

OPENING BALANCE
 AS ON 31.12.1997 : R 7 487.27
 ADD PROFIT : (R 2 563.85)
 ACCRUED INTEREST : R 754.68

CLOSING BALANCE
AS ON 13. 11. 1998 : R 5 678.10

GOODS /SERVICE DONORS BELOW:

SAB	12 cases of beer
Polish Club Pretoria	invitations printing / posting
Seemens Butchery	Meat, sausages
Gauteng Command	chairs & public address system
Aero Travel Tours	acceptance receiving
Boksburg Caledonian Pipe Band	music