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Polska YMCA

Incorporated March 30, 1922
Warsaw, Poland

North American Headquarters
Room 705, 347 Madison Avenue
New York City 17
Paul Super, Gen. Dir.

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President's War Relief Control Board
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March 16, 1945

Mrs. Zofia Krzyzanowska,
Polish YMCA, with 2nd Corps,
Polish Forces C.M.F. 96

Dear Mrs. Krzyzanowska:

This acknowledges receipt of your air mail letter dated February 22, 1945, a good date, for that, as you know, is Washington's Birthday.

It was my hope to be able to send you some athletic supplies, but the funds which Polish War Relief is now donating to the Polish YMCA simply do not make it possible to purchase and ship supplies. It is an unfortunate fact that we receive so little money, but it is a fact to which we have to adjust ourselves.

I had a consultation with one of the Polish officials yesterday who told me of your desire to come to the United States to visit your family here. The official asked me if I could do anything about it. I told him that unfortunately I could not; first, because you are under the administration of our Middle East headquarters in Palestine; second, because of the enormous technical difficulties of getting American visas; and third, because of the expense, for such a trip would cost you over \$1,000. Of course, if it became possible for you to come to the United States, we should welcome you in every way, but unfortunately the Polish YMCA would have no funds which we could devote to this enterprise. The financial problems of the Polish YMCA are very great indeed, and I am now sending pan Hulanicki only \$1,500 a month for the whole Mediterranean Area.

Please look up Wladek Zacharajsiewicz in Rome if you have the opportunity. He is a very experienced and loyal Polish YMCA member, and now has been appointed by the Central Committee of the Polish YMCA in London as their referent for Italy. That does not mean that he exercises authority there.

I cannot tell you how happy I am that Dr. Poniatowski is with you. He stands very high in my estimation, and I am proud to have so capable a gentleman working in the ranks of the Polish YMCA.

Please continue to write to me, not for administrative purposes, for as you know, I do not interfere in the administration of the work in the different countries, but just to keep in friendly contact.

Sincerely yours,


Paul Super

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