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The Honorable Mr. Jim Strickland  
Mayor of the City of Memphis  
The City of Memphis

Dear Honorable Mayor,

On behalf of the Polish-American Society I would like to thank you sincerely for your letter of endorsement to the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw. We have received assurances from the U.S. Embassy that the project "Memphis in Poland" will be sponsored by the Embassy.

The Polish-American Society Team is working together with the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, University of Memphis School of Music and with the National Civil Rights Museum to prepare an attractive program which will include the artistic part and the educational element about the recipients of the Freedom Award. Our partners in Poland are the Mayor of the City of Sopot, Baltic Artistic Agency and the European Solidarity Center in Gdansk. We are also getting support from the Polish Embassy in the U.S. and, especially, from the former Ambassador to the U.S., Ryszard Schnepf.

We will be meeting with the Vice-Mayor of Sopot, Ms. Joanna Cichocka-Gula, and her Staff on December 30<sup>th</sup> to review the status of the project and plan next steps. Also, in the beginning of January we will meet with the Leadership of the European Solidarity Center where Lech Walesa, recipient of the 1999 Freedom Award, has his office.

We appreciate your support and would like to keep you posted about the progress of the Memphis in Poland initiative.

Please accept our best wishes of a great Holiday Season and a Prosperous, successful and happy New Year.

Yours Faithfully,

Jacek K. Dutkiewicz  
President