

October 26, 2007

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the heinous, terrorist attack on you and the members of your security detachment.

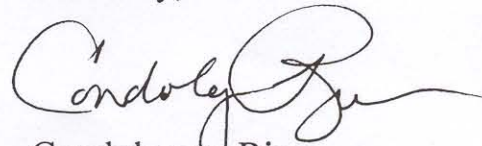
My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Bartosz Orzechowski, who gave his life in helping to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq. I join the government and people of Poland in honoring his bravery and sacrifice.

I wish you and the members of the detachment injured in the attack the most rapid and complete recovery.

This tragic event has brought into sharp relief the dangers that you, the embassy personnel, and Poland's troops have faced in advancing freedom in Iraq. It also underscores the full extent of Polish bravery in confronting these dangers.

Poland has been and continues to be an invaluable ally.

Sincerely,



Condoleezza Rice

His Excellency  
Edward Pietrzyk,  
Ambassador of the Republic of Poland  
to the Republic of Iraq.