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Congressman Butler C. Derrick, Jr.
House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Derrick:

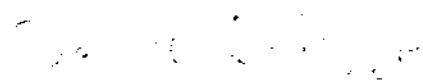
I am very concerned about the physical well being of my friend and former colleague, Dr. Kornel Morawiecki. Kornel was arrested by the Polish secret police last November 11, 1987, and has not been seen nor heard from since.

What is particularly disturbing is that even members of his immediate family have not been allowed any direct contact with him, nor have they received any letters from his prison cell. I well remember the wrath of the Polish authorities when they caught me after I had eluded them for six weeks. Kornel had evaded capture, and been a thorn in their sides for six years! Then, too, I am an American, and he is Polish. I have a Polish doctor friend who had his skull cracked open by the secret police, and had to spend six weeks in the hospital recovering.

Dr. Morawiecki is the last well known Solidarity underground leader to be captured, and I appeal to you in behalf of his friends and family, and in the interest of defending basic human rights, to pressure the Polish government into allowing his family to see him, and indeed, to release this political prisoner. While I understand that the Polish government wants to try him on criminal charges, I know that his only "crime" has been to conspire for Polish Freedom and Independence.

In closing, I want to thank you once again for helping me out in the time of my greatest need when I, myself, was sitting in a Polish jail. I hope that you will also be able to help my Polish friend in his time of even greater need.

Sincerely yours,


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- Enclosures: 1. New York Times article about Dr. Morawiecki's capture.
2. Biography of Dr. Morawicki.
3. Urgent Appeal For Action