

Wroclaw
December 22, 1982
8:15PM

American Ambassador
American Embassy
ul. Alajs Fokajm (?)
Warsaw, Poland

Dear Ambassador:

Poland

I am a Mathematician (American Citizen by birth) living 6 years in on a Polish permanent residence permit (Karta Pobytu Stalogo), with a Polish wife, and a home which I bought with money I had ~~earned~~ earned in the USA.

Last October 5, 1982, at least 15 agents of the SB searched my house in Nadolice Wlk., 15 KM south of Wroclaw. In the course of this search they illegally planted printing material and falsely accused me of printing illegal underground material. They are suspicious of me because one of my long-time acquaintances, who is coauthor with me of a mathematical paper published in France, is presently underground and is important in this movement.

Today, at 1:00PM, I went to the bureau of passports here in Wroclaw to arrange a return visa which would allow me to attend an International Mathematical Conference arranged by the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, to which I have been invited, my expenses to be paid for by the organizing committee in Praga. The passport official asked for me to wait, and in a few minutes returned with one of the SB agents who had searched my home in October. They demanded that I stand up, at which time they read to me a purported decision (a document consisting of 2 pages and 4-6 identical copies) demanding that I leave the country by December 31 of this year. Furthermore, they demanded that I arrange my affairs in Nadolice, where my home is, and report to the local police everyday at noon. They told me that one copy was for me, and demanded that I sign the documents. I told them that I did not wish to sign the documents until I had studied it and with the help of a lawyer. When they continued to press me, I agreed to sign the document, but only under the condition that I would be able to write under my signature that my signature only meant that I had received the document, and not that I was legally bound by its contents. They then took away my copy of the document, saying that it was only important that I know its contents, and that they needed all copies. They said that I could only appeal the decision through their ~~it~~ intermediary with the Polish Ministry of Interior, in Warsaw. They then took my Karta Pobytu Stalogo (Permanent Residence Visa) and my American Passport, and told me to wait for them in the waiting room, and that they would take me home to Nadolice. I walked out of the room, and out of the building into the street, and now am in hiding with friends, without my personal documents (Passport & Visa).

Can you help me?? What recourse do I have? They have not returned many of my things, including important scientific correspondences, as well as other personal notes and writings and things that I had in my possession. Since I have a wife, house, my scientific work and contacts, I do not wish to leave Poland at this time, and certainly cannot arrange all matters in one week's time, since I am afraid even to return to my house.

In October, after they searched my home, I met the American Cultural Attachee Officer from Warsaw, a Mrs. Sylvia ?, and I told her about my problems. My American Passport was issued at your Warsaw Embassy in May of this year, if I am not mistaken. She wrote down the number of my passport, and I am sure that you have record of me in Warsaw. Also I have met a number of your consuls at the Embassy.

I believe that I should at least have the right to ~~request~~ a meeting with the Polish Ministry of Interior, without the intermediary of the SB here in Wroclaw. I am quite certain that they do not know of the illegal and wrong doings of the SB in their treatment of me.

Could you please interceed directly to the Polish Ministry of Interior, and make an appeal for them to hear my case. Please advise me what to do. I await your reply in great anxiety for my personal safety.

I am sorry that I have no other choice other than to write to you and trouble you with this serious matter.

Most sincerely yours,

Garret E Sobczyk
Dr. Garret Eugene Sobczyk

Please give your reply to the person who gives you this letter. I believe he will wait for a reply.

Other important addresses:

Director
Institute for Theoretical Physics
University of Wrocław
ul. Cybulskiego 36
5-205 Wrocław

Please reply here if no other alternative

Mrs. Aurellia Sobczyk
Rt. 1, Box 548
Six Mile, SC 29682
USA

Address of my Mother.

ul. Lipowa 15
55-004 Nadolice Wielkie
December 29, 1982

Professor
English Language Studies
Polytechnical University of Wrocław
Wrocław

Dear Professor Sielicki

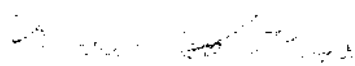
I regret to inform you that I will most likely be unable to fulfill the terms of my teaching contract at your Institute for reasons quite beyond my control. Last Wednesday, December 22, 1982, I was informed by the SB that they were expelling me from the country on the strength of a decision made by the Ministry of Interior on December 13, 1982. In this decision I was accused of illegally printing material for the underground, based on false evidence planted at my home by the 15 or more agents of the SB who searched my home on October 5, 1982. In particular, the SB claimed, falsely, that they found at my home the printing matrix for the August 24, 1982 issue of the illegal press "SWIT", an underground press which I had, up to that time, never even heard of.

I am presently doing my best to clear myself of this false charge of the SB against me, and to get the Ministry of Interior to reverse this unfounded and unjust decision against me based on this charge. Admittedly, I don't have much hope for success, since the SB has advised me that I must address any appeal for a reversal of this decision to the Ministry of Interior through their intermediary. At the same time, I don't see how it will be possible for me to arrange all my personal affairs so that I could leave Poland by December 31, 1982, as they have demanded.

In the event that my attempts at righting this unfounded and unjust decision fail, and if I am unable to find the occasion to personally come to the Institute and say good-bye, I want to take this opportunity of expressing my pleasure of having had the opportunity to work with you and my colleagues and friends, and students at your Institute. My only regret is that I apparently will be unable to work with you all longer, but I assure you that I will always remember all of you, and keep in touch through the mail in the future. Someday I hope to be able to return to Poland.

I close this letter with hopes for a better future and a brighter NEW YEAR in these uncertain and troubled times. Please share this letter with all my colleagues and friends, and be sure not to forget my dear students.

Most cordially yours,



Dr. Garret Sobczyk

ul. Lipowa 15
55-001 Nadolice Wielkie
December 30, 1982

Prof. dr hab. Wacław Karyszak, Rector
Polytechnical University
wyb. Wyspiańskiego 27
50-370 Wrocław

Dear Sir:

I am a Mathematician (American Citizen by birth) living 6 years in Poland on a Polish permanent residence permit (Karta Politywa Stałego), with a Polish wife, and a home which I bought with money I had earned in the USA. During the years 1977-1979, I had a scholarship at the Institute of Theoretical Physics of the University of Wrocław as part of an Exchange Program with the University of Stony Brook in New York, and since that time I have maintained close contacts with friends and colleagues at the University. In October, 1981, I began teaching English part-time at the Department of English Language Studies at the Polytechnical University in Wrocław. In May, 1982, I accepted the position of "Stary Wykładowca" at the Polytechnical Institute, English Language Studies, and I have been working there until the present.

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I am writing to you because I do not know which way to turn for help in clearing myself of this false and malicious charge by the SB against me, and to get the Ministry of Interior to reverse their unfounded and unjust decision against me based on this charge. Perhaps you could help me in some way? Admittedly, I don't have much hope for success, since the SB have advised me that any appeals I make for a reversal of this decision of the Ministry of Interior must go through their intermediary. At the same time, I don't see how it will be possible for me to arrange all my personal affairs so that I can leave Poland by December 31, 1982, as they have demanded.

In the event that my attempts at righting this unfounded and unjust decision fail, and I am forced to leave Poland against my will, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the warm hospitality that I always experienced in my contacts with people at the Polytechnical Institute. My only regret is that I apparently will not be able to live and work in Poland longer, and to share with my friends and colleagues the bitter-sweetness of life in Poland today, the great hope and disappointment that goes with these difficult times. I would like to assure you that I will always remember my years in Poland as having a special significance in my life. My only hope is that someday

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in the not too distant future that conditions will be such that I will be able to return to Poland.

I close this letter with hopes for a better future and a brighter NEW YEAR, not only here in Poland but all over the world in these uncertain and troubled times. Of course, in the future I plan on keeping in touch with my friends and colleagues by mail.

With a heavy heart,

Garret Sobczyk

Dr. Garret E. Sobczyk
Research Mathematician
Institute for Theoretical Physics

and

Technical English Lecturer
English Language Studies
Polytechnical Institute.

ul. Lipowa 15
55-001 Madolice Wielkie
January 3, 1983

Ministry of Interior
ul. Rakowiecka 2
02-517 Warszawa

Dear Sir:

I am a Mathematician (American Citizen by birth) living 6 years in Poland on a Polish permanent residence permit (Karta Pobytu Stałego), with a Polish wife, and a home which I bought with money I had earned in the USA. During the years 1977-1979, I had a scholarship at the Institute for Theoretical Physics of the University of Wrocław as part of an Exchange Program with the University of New York at Stony Brook, and since that time until the present, I have maintained my close connections with the Institute; I share an office with other members of the Institute, participate in and give seminars on my field of interest, write joint works with other members of the Institute, and direct the work of a Doctoral student. I also have the position of Senior Lecturer of Technical English (Starszy Wykładowca) at the Polytechnical Institute of Wrocław, and, in addition, I have been teaching English as a foreign language several hours a week at the Department of English of the University of Wrocław, over the last two years.

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I am writing directly to you at the Ministry of Interior because I do not know where to turn for help in clearing myself of this false and malicious charge of the Wrocław SB against me, and to try to get your Ministry to reverse its decision to expel me based on this charge. At the same time, I have found it impossible to arrange all my personal affairs so that I would be able to leave Poland by December 31, 1982, as they demanded.

In addition to making various threats against my personal safety, the Wrocław SB have not given me back many of my personal possessions, including:

1. 30 or more rolls of film negatives (developed), black and white and color - I am an amateur photographer.
2. Copies of letters I have written to Newsweek, The National Science Foundation, United States Congressmen, and a number of important scientific correspondences.

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3. About 100 addresses of friends and scientific correspondences over the years.
4. 35 pages of close-spaced typewritten pages of personal notes and reflections, and other writings.
5. Important letters of scientific recommendation.
6. Letters from the Editors of book publishing companies.

Until the Ministry of Interior can

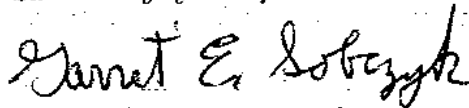
1. Guarantee my personal safety from the Wroclaw SB,
2. Guarantee the return of all my personal possessions listed above and illegally held by the Wroclaw SB,
3. reconsider the unfounded and unjust decision of December 13, 1982, regarding my expulsion from Poland,

I feel that I have no other alternative than to await justice when the full facts of my case can be brought to light, and my innocence can be established.

I am truly very sorry that my long stay in Poland has come to this end. I have always considered Poland to be my friend, and I have tried hard to make a life for myself here. When I finished my doctorate in Mathematics in the USA, I was unable to find the possibility of continuing my scientific work either in the USA or Western Europe; I found that opportunity here in Poland, and I will always be grateful to Poland for that opportunity. The result of my scientific work in Poland has been the publishing of 8 scientific papers and articles, and the writing of two books. Whatever value my scientific work finds in the scientific community, I will be the first to acknowledge that it owes its existence to the opportunity that I found here in Poland.

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Sincerely yours,



Dr. Garret E. Sobczyk
 Research Mathematician
 Institute for Theoretical Physics
 The University of Wroclaw

P.S. I can be contacted through the intermediary of the American Embassy in Warsaw.

(X) I must emphasize, that inspite of my protests, the Wroclaw SB took away from me my copy of the decision, as well as my passport and Karta Pobytu Stalego, leaving me with no documents. A copy of this decision is absolutely necessary for me to proceed further in this matter.

- Copies sent to:
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| 1. Sejm - PRL | 4. Ambasada - USA |
| 2. Gen W. Jaruzelski | 5. Gazeta Robotnicza - Wroclaw |
| 3. Premier M. Rakowski | 6. SB - Wroclaw |
| 7. University and Technical University - Wroclaw | |
| 8. PRON - Wroclaw | |
| 9. I Secretary - Wroclaw (T. Porebki) | |

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ul. Lipowa 15
85-001 Madalico Wielkie
January 4, 1983

Holy Father

Dear Holy Father

I am writing this open letter to you in the hope that you will share it with the people of Wroclaw with whom I have had the joy of sharing everyday life and worship on Sundays, over the past 5 years. With sorrow I must tell you that for reasons quite beyond my control, I will not be able to do so in the future.

Let me begin by telling you more about myself. I am a mathematician (American Citizen by birth) living 6 years in Poland on a Polish permanent residence permit (Karta Pobytu Stałego), with a Polish wife, and a home which I bought with money I had earned in the USA. During the years 1977-1979, I had a scholarship at the Institute for Theoretical Physics of the University of Wroclaw as part of an Exchange Program with the University of New York at Stony Brook, and since that time until the present I have maintained my close connections with the Institute; I share an office with other members of the Institute, participate in and give seminars on my field of interest, write joint works with other members of the Institute, and direct the work of a Doctoral student. I also have the position of Senior Lecturer of Technical English (Starszy Wykładowca) at the Polytechnical Institute of Wroclaw, and, in addition, I have been teaching English as a foreign language several hours a week at the Department of English of the University of Wroclaw, over the last two years.

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Presently, I am doing everything in my power to try and clear myself of this false and malicious charge against me by the SB. In particular, I am trying to get the Ministry of Interior to reverse their unfounded and unjust decision based on this charge, but, admittedly, I don't have much hope for success, since the SB have advised me that any appeals I might make to the Ministry of Interior, must go through their intermediary. At the same time, my situation has become much more serious and complicated, because, since I was unable to arrange all my personal affairs so that I could leave Poland by December 31, 1982, as they had demanded, I have been forced to seek refuge in hiding.

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In the event that all my attempts at righting this unfounded and unjust decision fail, and I am forced to leave Poland against my will, I want to take this opportunity of expressing through you my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the people of Wrocław for their warm hospitality, and their willingness to share with me their everyday lives and worship. Although I found life during my 6 years in Poland to be very different than my life in the USA, I have loved everyday of my life in Poland.

My only regret is that I apparently will not be able to live and work along side of you in Poland longer, and to share with my friends and fellow Wrocławians the bitter-sweetness of life in Poland today, both the great hope and the great disappointment that goes with these difficult times. I shared with you the great joy of the Pope's triumphant return to his native land. The return of the Pope was especially meaningful to me, because I had also, in coming to Poland, returned to the land of my forefathers and rediscovered the meaning of my Polish Heritage. I was also by your side during the year of great hope when the Solidarity Trade Union came into being. And I have been here to suffer with you the tragic aftermath of the last year, a year of so many innocent victims for whom I have prayed along side of you on the 13th of every month. I will always remember my years in Poland as having a special significance in my life, and my only hope is that someday, in the not too distant future, that conditions will be such that I will be able to return.

I close this letter with hopes for a better future and a brighter NEW YEAR, not only here in Poland, but all over the world in these uncertain and troubled times. Please share this letter with your parishioners, and tell them that while I am leaving Wrocław with a heavy heart, there will always remain the bright spot in my memory of my years in Wrocław with them. I wish you and your Parishioners all the best in the New Year.

With great reverence and affection,

Garret E. Sobczyk

Dr. Garret E. Sobczyk
Research Mathematician
Institute for Theoretical Physics
University of Wrocław

Please accept the enclosed offering for the church and for the benefit of the poor and needy of Wrocław.

Ambassador
American Embassy
ul. Aleja Pokoju
Warsaw

Dear Ambassador:

I am writing this letter to bring the embassy up to date on my present circumstances, and to explain the steps I have taken in protest of the decision of the Polish authorities to expell me from the country by December 31, 1982.

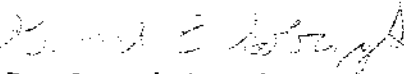
On January 3, 1983, I wrote to the Polish Ministry of Interior asking them to review the decision, and requesting them to guarantee my personal safety from the Wroclaw SB, as well as to see to it that the Wroclaw SB returned the remainder of my personal possessions to me. I sent nine copies of this letter to various places including: Gen. W. Jaruzelski, PM M. Rakowski, the Polish Sejm, PRON - Wroclaw, and etc., as well as to the American Embassy. I wrote additional letters complaining about my treatment to the Rectors of both the University and Politechnical Institute of Wroclaw, as well as to various Directors of institutes to which I had been affiliated. I also wrote open letters to a number of priests at catholic churches in Wroclaw. At least one of these letters was read at a Mass on January 13 for victims of the current political situation. In short, my case is becoming widely known and sympathised in Wroclaw.

During a recent meeting between my wife and the Wroclaw SB, they told her that it was no longer a question of expelling me from Poland, but of putting me on trail. In the meantime I've been experiencing ~~health~~ disturbing health problems: First, I developed a pain in the left side of my chest, and more recently, perhaps not independent of the first problem, I have developed a partial paralysis in my right leg.

I don't know if the Polish Ministry of Interior is reviewing their decision in my case or not, or even whether or not they received my letter, but I feel that I've made about as big a protest of their treatment of me that I am capable of mustering, and I want to get out of my present situation as soon as possible. I would like to come to the Embassy in Warsaw, talk to you about certain matters, and to arrange for my transfer over to the Polish authorities through the good auspices of the Embassy. I do not want to turn myself directly over to the Wroclaw SB for fear that they would beat me and carry out other threats that they have made against my person.

I will greatly appreciate any help you can give me to help get me out of my present impossible situation.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Garret E. Sobczyk
Research Mathematician

Enc. English versions of my letter to the Polish Ministry, and my open letter to the catholic church (Wroclaw).

PS. I appreciated meeting with the American Consul, Mr. John A. Furnell of Poznan. I am reassured that the Babassy is aware of my situation.