



## *Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum*

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Marcin Chumiecki, Director

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Dear Mr. Chumiecki,

Many thanks for sending a copy of *The Mission* annual report. Congratulations on being honored with the gold degree of the *Gloria Artis*. Moreover, your collaborative efforts with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in bring over the *Forbidden Art* exhibit is commendable. Karl Weissenbach, director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library-Museum, indicated that it was a very popular exhibit during its time in Abilene. As you are aware, Herbert Hoover has many associations with Poland, especially his food relief efforts in the aftermath of World War II. I have mentioned to our curatorial staff the possibility of having the *Forbidden Art* exhibit at the Hoover. I would need to know, however, how long the show will continue to tour, whether it is still possible to book a venue, and what the rental fees for the loan entail.

Most people have forgotten Herbert Hoover's enormous humanitarian efforts during both world wars and especially the aftermaths of both wars. The photo albums taken of Hoover's visit to Warsaw after the war are very moving as crowds of children walk the devastated streets with former President Hoover. If it is possible to book the *Forbidden Art* exhibit, we would have an opportunity to remind visitors about the triumph of the human spirit over adversity.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Schwartz, PhD

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Dear Mr. Chumiecki,

This is to acknowledge gratefully your kind letter of January 9, 2016, with various enclosures, especially the impressive issue of **The Mission**.

Please be assured that, as requested, your correspondence, destined for His Holiness Pope Francis, will be duly forwarded.

Cordially reciprocating prayerful best wishes for the New Year and all at **The Polish Mission**, I remain, with warmest regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò  
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