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Mr. Joseph R. Lakowicz, PhD,  
Director of the Center for Fluorescence Spectroscopy

We, the undersigned Polish people living in New York, USA, (**wpisać miasto i kraj, skąd wysyłany będzie list**) are surprised by the decision of the University of Maryland authorities to dismiss Prof. Kazimierz Nowaczyk.

Prof. Nowaczyk represents over 60% of Polish people demanding an explanation resulting from a proper investigation into the causes of the greatest tragedy that our nation has experienced since World War II. The deaths of our country's President, the command of the Polish Armed Forces and the political elite caused us a lot of pain and we are awaiting a thorough investigation.

Prof. Nowaczyk supports the efforts of the Independent Parliamentary Committee in Warsaw with his knowledge and competence, contrasting reliable scientific calculations with the verbal theories of the government committee.

The Russians have not released the plane wreck, the black boxes are not thoroughly deciphered, there has been no autopsy, the plane wreck has not been put together; on the contrary, it was cut to pieces, the aircraft windows have been broken and for over three years, it has been lying there like a scrap heap.

In October, at the 2nd conference of scientists from all over the world, the vast majority of said scientists voiced an opinion that the investigation by the Polish government committee and the Russian Interstate Aviation Committee MAK was conducted sloppily and without necessary expert evaluations. Only after almost three years, tests for the presence of explosive materials were conducted, while all that time, the aircraft lay out in the open, exposed to rainfall, snowfall, the sun and wind.

If a scientist's involvement in the work of an independent parliamentary committee is objectionable according to the authorities of the University of Maryland, then we are asking what the scientists are for?

If such an excellent university as the University of Maryland surrenders to the pressure of a few incriminating letters by people striving to cover up the whole issue, the following question arises: Are scientists worth less than informants, whoever the latter would be?

Finally, we are asking how it is possible that the **University of Akron** in Ohio supports the participation of its professor, **Waclaw Binienda** in the work of the aforementioned parliamentary committee while the University of Maryland fires a prominent specialist for the same thing. Shouldn't universities protect their staff scientists? Shouldn't universities support the staff scientists in discovering the truth, especially when it

involves the deaths of 96 human beings? Including two presidents, army commanders, politicians, priests, actors and social activists?

We are disappointed with your decision and are determined to inform the broad public that the University of Maryland is against the activity of its scientists.

In mid-November, the Chairman of the independent Parliamentary Committee, Mr. Antoni Macierewicz was in the USA. From Chicago, IL, Toronto and London in Canada, to New York, NY, Philadelphia, PA and Doylestown, PA, hundreds of people came to

each of the meetings with him to learn how the investigation conducted by his committee is going.

We are firmly requesting that the authorities of the University of Maryland withdraw the decision to terminate Prof. Nowaczyk while reminding that it was **Congressman Peter King** who first called for the establishment of an international investigation committee, which the Polish government opposed. But it could not oppose the creation of the independent parliamentary committee which consists of scientists of Polish origin from Australia, Canada, Germany and the United States.

Awaiting your prompt reply and positive decision, please accept our regards and greetings.

Sincerely yours,

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