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Amb. Aldona Wos Joins Delegation to Meet with President Trump in the Oval Office

On November 7, 2019, the White House commemorated the *National Day for the Victims of Communism*. The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (VOC) organized a delegation of victims of communism, which included Ambassador Aldona Wos, to meet with President Trump in the Oval Office.

The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation is a non-profit educational organization, authorized by a unanimous Act of Congress in 1993 for the purpose of “educating Americans about the ideology, history and legacy of communism.”

Ambassador Wos lived in Poland when it was under communist rule and now serves as vice chairman of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships. Wos previously served as U.S. Ambassador to Estonia under President George W. Bush.

“I want to express our ‘thank you’ to President Trump for honoring the memory of 100 million people who died and were persecuted under the communist regimes, under the failed ideology of communism,” Wos said.

“My entire family, as well as millions of other people of Poland, suffered tremendously under communism,” she added. “I am extremely grateful and blessed to be an American and live in the United States, in a country that offers us the opportunity to live in dignity, in freedom, and to fulfill our full potential.”

Presidential Message on the National Day for the Victims of Communism, 2019

“On this National Day for the Victims of Communism, we remember the more than 100 million people who have died as a result of communist oppression. Today, we renew our commitment to helping secure for all people a future of peace and prosperity founded on the core tenets of democracy—liberty, justice, and a deep respect for the value of every human life.

This year’s National Day for the Victims of Communism coincides with the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. On November 9, 1989, determined men and women put President Ronald Reagan’s powerful words into momentous action, tearing down that symbol of totalitarianism and sending a message to the entire world that democracy and the rule of law will always triumph over



Ambassador Aldona Wos (far left) with President Donald Trump and a delegation of victims of communism in the White House Oval Office.

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Ambassador Aldona Wos speaks to reporters outside the White House after meeting with President Trump in the Oval Office.

oppression and tyranny. As we commemorate this milestone for human rights, we resolve to continue working with our allies and partners to ensure that the flames of freedom keep burning as a beacon of hope and opportunity around the globe.

As we pause on this day of remembrance to honor victims of communism everywhere, we must resolve always to safeguard the cherished liberties that foster peace and unleash unparalleled prosperity. Together, we can build a future free from the evils of communism.”