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Open letter of the President of the Institute of National Remembrance to prof. Grover Furr and Montclair State University Authorities

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Montclair State University Authorities

Dear Professor Furr and Montclair State University Authorities,

It is with great apprehension and disbelief that I have read the theses presented by Professor Grover Furr, concerning the perpetrators of the Katyn massacre, published under the following link https://msuweb.montclair.edu/furrg/katvn_memorial_day.html.

Today - after decades of lies - the truth about the circumstances of the massacre in the Katyn forest does not raise any doubts. It is astonishing that such disgraceful lies about the mass-murder are being disseminated by a professor associated with Montclair State University.

The Soviet Union is responsible for this unprecedented crime committed on officers prisoners of war. This is evidenced by the findings of historians

around the world, the results of investigative proceedings in Poland and in Russia, various documents and numerous reports. Soviet responsibility for the massacre was not questioned by the last Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and subsequent presidents of the Russian Federation. In 1993, Boris Yeltsin personally handed over the order of the political office of the Soviet Communist Party recommending the physical liquidation of thousands of Polish officers in 1940 to the Polish state authorities.

After the Second World War many attempts were made in order to establish the details of this massacre. To this end, in 1952 the United States Congress formed a special committee whose findings unequivocally indicated the identity of the perpetrators. I have attached its report.

The view that Nazi Germany carried out the executions in Katyn, similarly to the negation of the crime in general, was for years an element of communist propaganda in all of the countries of the former Soviet bloc, including Poland. For Poles, the theses presented by Professor Grover Furr remain not only an insult to national memory, but also a symbol of enslavement. In analogy to the scandalous manifestations of Holocaust denial, the concept of the "Katyn lie" was formed.

As the President of a Polish State Institution responsible for commemorating the millions of victims of German Nazism and Soviet communism, I strongly and categorically protest against this evident manifestation of historical ignorance and the lack of scientific diligence.

The essence of a university is the search for and faithfulness to the truth.

In Poland, where the first university was founded in Krakow in 1364, we still believe that truth is the supreme mission of universities. It is in this spirit that knowledge is passed on to the next generations of students in Poland.

All the more in this context Professor Grover Furr's statements are in opposition to the mission of a university and thus compromise its idea.

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President of the Institute of National Remembrance

United States House Select Committee to Conduct an Investigation of the Facts, Evidence and Circumstances of the Katyn Massacre Report

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„The massacre in Katyn Forest” in Polish language („Mord w Lesie Katyńskim”)

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