

Mrs. Carlyn Staudt
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Dear Mrs. Staudt:

My family and I join the Polish-American community in the United States, including the Libra Institute, the Polish Heritage Institute, and the Smolensk Families Association in condemning the National Geographic Channel’s scandalous decision to broadcast the Smolensk Crash episode entitled **“Death of the President”** in Poland on Jan. 27, 2013. We demand that the National Geographic Channel terminate its plans to disseminate the film.

The broadcast of this slanderous propaganda piece has tarnished the reputation of the National Geographic Channel. It can no longer be viewed as a trustworthy and unbiased provider of knowledge about the world. The film gives the false impression that it’s presenting a truthful, unbiased, and relatively complete picture of the plane catastrophe that occurred in Smolensk on April 10, 2010. Nothing can be further from the truth. Instead of showing all of the evidence gathered so far, the film focuses merely on the scientifically unsubstantiated claims and conclusions published in the Russian MAK report and the Polish Miller report. The film fails to mention that numerous independent scientists from various countries, the Polish Parliamentary Team for the Investigation of the Smolensk Crash, investigative journalists, and the families of the victims of the crash have completely discredited both crash reports. They’ve shown: (1) that the Russian report contains false information, serious omissions, slanderous claims, and conclusions which are not supported by scientific evidence, and (2) that the Polish report was based almost entirely on the Russian report, because Polish investigators were denied access to the crash site, the plane wreckage (including the flight data recorders), and the remains of the victims of the crash.

Please note that the families of the victims of the Smolensk Crash intend to hold the National Geographic Channel accountable for any further public dissemination of false and defamatory claims published in the Russian MAK report and the Polish Miller report.

We hope that the National Geographic Channel will heed the above request and give an equal voice to those scientists and journalists who point to evidence that contradicts the Russian version of events. For more information please see: www.smolenskcrash.com and www.konferencjasmolenska.pl

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

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