The Institute of National Remembrance, Poland
the Polish Studies Center and
the Mathers Museum of World Cultures, Indiana University Bloomington
have the honour to invite you for the opening of an exhibition

Operation AB – Katyń
The Destruction of the Polish Elite at the Beginning of World War II

The exhibition was prepared by the Public Education Office of the Institute of National Remembrance.

The opening reception will take place on September 10, 2013 (Tuesday), at 5.30 p.m. in the Mathers Museum of World Cultures (416 North Indiana Avenue).

The event will be preceded by a lecture by Dr. Łukasz Kamiński, the President of the Institute of National Remembrance, at 12:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the Indiana Memorial Union. The lecture is entitled: “The Archives of Dictatorship – between Politics and Justice”.

The exhibit is divided into several thematic blocks. The first depicts the Soviet-German political and military alliance in the years 1939–1941, as well as the joint invasion of Poland, its partition and occupation, during which the cooperative powers introduced their destructive policy towards the citizens of the conquered country. The next sections present the two notorious criminal operations of 1940, first the Katyń Massacre, and then the AB Operation. Exhibit panels reconstruct preparations for the crimes, their course and the major culprits. The exhibit also presents profiles of several victims, including families that fell victim to both aggressors. Finally, the exhibit looks at the big picture of these operations, depicting their geographical range and documenting the lack of punishment for the vast majority of the Third Reich and the USSR officers responsible for these crimes.