Waclaw Godziemba-Maliszewski was born in Scotland in 1948. He now lives in the United States of America. Having completed his higher education in the field of fine art, he went on to become an expert in the authenticity of artistic and antique objects, and in their conservation. As such, he runs two firms involved with antiques, as well as engaging in the study of photographs and photointerpretation in relation to the Katyn Massacre. His association with the topic began in 1962, when he learned from his father that their relative Boleslaw had been murdered at Koszelsk, and immediately went on to read Professor J.K. Zawrotny's book "Death in the Forest". He then sought and studied all available documents and books on the subject. In the early 1980's he began to collect and study cartographic sources relevant to Katyn and Kharkov, and, in 1988 began his study of the aerial photographs of the Katyn area taken by the Luftwaffe. Similar materials relating to Mydnoje became the focus of his attention in 1990. To improve his expertise in photointerpretation, which requires interdisciplinary knowledge, Godziemba-Maliszewski consulted many American experts in geophysics and studied numerous academic texts relating to the Second World War period. It is thanks to him that we obtained previously secret American documents concerning Katyn, including unpublished material from the 1952 Congressional Hearings which have now been released by the U.S. Government. Many unique materials were forwarded by him to the Polish Ministry of Justice. In his text work, now being prepared for publication, Godziemba-Maliszewski aims to address similar subject matter in relation to Kharkiv and Mydnoje. He has previously done special studies for the Holocaust Museum in Washington. Research and photographic documentation of Katyn will continue to be a subject of his interest. For his research on Katyn Godziemba-Maliszewski was awarded the Katyn Medal of the Katyn Institute, Cracow, and with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

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