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November 25, 1981

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Dear Ilmars:

Thank you for your letter of November 17 to President Reagan, which you presented on your visit to my office the following day.

Because you raised a series of issues, I have forwarded the letter to the staff of the National Security Council for their review and attention. I am confident that your concerns will receive serious consideration and, if deemed necessary, that they will reply directly to you.

Please be assured, however, that this Administration remains firmly committed to a policy of non-recognition of the Soviet incorporation of the Baltic States and the condemning of human rights violations whenever they may occur.

Sincerely,

Jack Burgess
Special Assistant
to the President

X
Mr. Ilmars Bergmanis
Chairman
United Latvian Associations of Chicago
2149 Westview Drive
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

✓ cc with copy of incoming: NSC

Human rights in Latvia

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UNITED LATVIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF CHICAGO ČIKĀGAS LATVIEŠU ORGANIZĀCIJU APVIENĪBA

November 17, 1981

Honorable Ronald W. Reagan,
President of the United States of America
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The observance of Latvian Independence Day this November 18, 1981 marks the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the democratic Latvian Republic. It is also the 31st year that the Latvian Republic has been forcibly occupied and ruled by the Soviet Union.

Like its neighbors, Estonia and Lithuania, Latvia emerged from centuries of foreign domination following the chaos of World War I and the Russian Revolution. For the first time in its history, on November 18, 1918, Latvia was declared a free and sovereign nation. An active participant in the world community, Latvia made major advances in industry, agriculture, commerce and education during its years of independence.

However, the secret 1939 Molotov-Ribentrop Pact, between Stalin and Hitler, effectively ended that independence. Within a year, Soviet tanks rolled in to enforce that pact and Latvia's 22 years of independence.

As the result of national resistance to Soviet occupation, the Soviet annexation of 1940 not only terminated independence, but also led to massive deportations and executions. National political, religious and business leaders, as well as entire families, including pregnant women and children, were sent to exile and death in Siberian labor camps.

Subsequently, the Latvian language has been replaced with Russian, all national cultural activities have been strictly limited, the religious freedom has been severely curtailed. In addition, a huge postwar influx of Russians has added to the Soviet plan of total Russianization of the nations. These and other activities on the part of the Soviet regime continue to threaten the very survival of Latvians as a distinct people.

The United States, as well as most other free Western nations, have never accorded diplomatic recognition to the Soviet annexation of Latvia. Every President, from Roosevelt to Reagan, has emphasized the right of Latvia to restituted sovereignty. Recently, the creation of the Congressional Ad Hoc Committee of the Baltic States and Ukraine further demonstrates this concern on the part of the American people.

This November 18th, Latvians in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and North and South America will pause to reflect on this bitter-sweet day in Latvian history.

In Soviet-occupied Latvia, however, the streets and auditoriums will be silent, and the Soviet Secret Police will be more vigilant than ever. For the Russians understand all too well the importance of this day, and make special effort to stifle any public displays of Latvian patriotism. But you can be assured that families throughout Latvia will silently observe their nation's birthday - and will dream of the day when it will rise again from the ashes of Russian occupation.

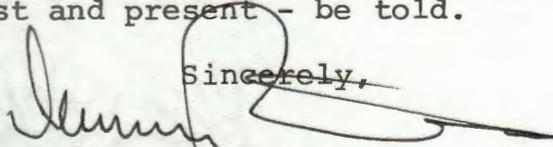
There are over 100,000 Latvian-Americans living in the United States. They have a deep respect for the tradition of freedom their adopted country represents. While human rights for all mankind is very dear to them, they feel particularly concerned that the plight of their nation, culture and language not go ignored by the free world.

Because we believe that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are rights of all men and women...and because these rights continue to be brutally abused in the Soviet-occupied Baltic States...we also ask that additional, concrete steps be taken in presenting and resolving the issue of self-determination for Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

To this end, we urge the Government of the United States to use all means possible to ensure that:

1. The United States publicly reaffirm its policy of non-recognition regarding the Soviet-occupied Baltic States whenever possible or appropriate.
2. The U.S. State Department formally pursue the matter of documented crimes against humanity committed by the leadership of the Soviet Union in the Baltic States.
3. The United States demand at international forums (United Nations Security Council or General Assembly) and in bilateral talks with the Soviet Union the issue of self-determination for the Baltic States.
4. Positive and effective action from the Genocide Commission of the United Nations to deal with flagrant and continuing Soviet violations of U.N. principles.
5. The full and true story of Soviet atrocities in the Baltic States - both past and present - be told.

Sincerely,


Ilmars Bergmanis, Chairman
UNITED LATVIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF CHICAGO
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 6, 1981

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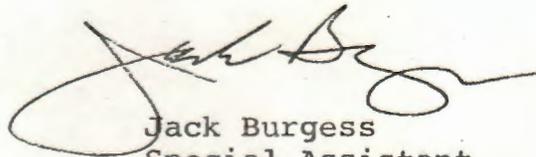
Dear Dr. Pavlovskis:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of October 21 to Elizabeth Dole.

Please be advised that your recommendations
concerning the establishment of an International
Commission to investigate Soviet crimes
in Latvia and a referendum in Soviet-occupied
Latvia have been forwarded to the appropriate
staff of the National Security Council and
the Department of State for their review.
I am confident they will receive all due
consideration.

In behalf of Mrs. Dole, I thank you for
writing.

Sincerely,



Jack Burgess
Special Assistant
to the President

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*John -
Hennings!*

October 21, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Assistant to the President for
Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

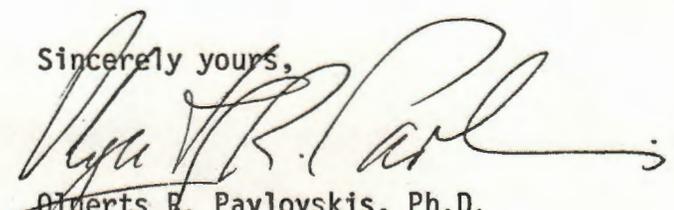
Dear Mrs. Dole,

We are forwarding a translated copy of a petition addressed to the signatory states of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe by two underground organizations in Soviet-occupied Latvia. The signers of this petition request that the Madrid CSCE review meeting

1. establish an International Commission to investigate Soviet crimes against Latvian people; and
2. initiate a referendum in Soviet occupied Latvia under international supervision

The American Latvian Association in the United States, Inc., strongly urges you on behalf of the petitioners and Latvians in the United States and elsewhere to act favorably on this request.

Sincerely yours,



Olgerts R. Pavlovskis, Ph.D.
Vice-President

WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE LATVIANS

AMERICAN LATVIAN ASSOCIATION
LATVIAN FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR LATVIAN FREEDOM
LATVIAN NATIONAL FEDERATION IN CANADA
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Translation from Latvian

TO THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN MADRID

LATVIAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT
LATVIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH COMMITTEE

PETITION

Expressing the unanimous and firm intentions of the Latvian people, we urge the delegates of all 35 nations to donate their valuable time and turn all of their attention to the tragic situation which exists in Latvia today.

The Baltic nations are the only dark spot on the map of Europe, the only nations, which after World War II still remain under the yoke of foreign occupation. It would be unbelievably painful and unfair, if during this European peace forum time could not be found to discuss the past, present, and future of our long-suffering peoples.

The past 40 years under Soviet occupation has cost our nations approximately 500,000 lives!! To avert further bloodshed, we urge you to immediately establish an INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION, which in great detail would get acquainted with the conditions existing in 1940 when in the Baltic States simultaneously legally established governments were overthrown by invading Soviet armed forces and our countries were incorporated into the Soviet Union.

We have at our disposal many convincing documents (the contents of which are no secret to anyone), which clearly show that the aforementioned events constitute a brutal and odious occupation of the Baltic States. The only course which we can take to further prevent the tragic consequences of the Soviet government's regime is a NATIONAL REFERENDUM under international

supervision. The main purpose of the International Commission would be to point out the necessity for such a referendum and to bring it to a conclusion.

Particular emphasis should be put on Moscow's all encompassing goal: the Russification of the Latvian people. Throughout the republic many massive industrial complexes are being rapidly constructed along with many housing facilities for the workers. The bulk of the building is being completed by military units and labor camp inmates. Every year, tens of thousands of Russians move permanently into these newly constructed living quarters. The chief language in Latvia is now Russian - and Soviet Latvia's government's leader A. Voss does not speak the Latvian language. Most leading positions in all facets of life are filled by Russians. The people have been refused fundamental human rights and political freedoms.

Russification is not the road to peace and well-being of the oppressed Latvians, but a national, social and moral disaster.

As you read our petition you can feel safe and secure. However against us, the publication of this document will bring about an extensive, repressive campaign by the KGB. Years spent in prison, psychiatric hospitalization... and therefore, we ask your total support in this life and death situation: DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXIST? May the Latvian Independence Movement and the Democratic Youth Committee continue its struggle and work? Are our endeavors towards freedom for our nation a crime? Or are they our right ?

MADRID, THE ENTIRE LATVIAN NATION IS IMPATIENTLY AWAITING YOUR ANSWER!

The Latvian people have complete confidence in the Latvian-emigrant representatives. Only they and no one else may represent our interests at the European peace conference.

We believe that the task ahead of you will essentially contribute to our small nation's struggle for independence and freedom!

During these days we will be with you - delegates, freedom fighters and patriots. We wish you courage, unity and success!

FREE BALTIC STATES IN A FREE EUROPE!

Rīga, September 1980

(SEAL) LATVIAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT
LATVIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH COMMITTEE

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TO ALLEN

FROM BURGESS, J

DOCDATE 06 NOV 81

PAVLOVSKIS, OLGERTS

21 OCT 81

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KEYWORDS: CSCE

USSR

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LATVIAN ASSOCIATION IN US RECOMS ESTABLISHMENT OF INTL
INTL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE SOVIET CRIMES IN LATVIA

ACTION: ANY ACTION NECESSARY

DUE: 20 NOV 81 STATUS S FILES

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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April 8, 1982

X
X Mr. Olgerts Pavlovskis, President
World Federation of Free Latvians
P.O. Box 16
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Pavlovskis:

I have been asked by Mr. Jack Burgess to reply to your mailgram of April 1 requesting information about the travel to Latvia by a member of the staff of the American Consulate General in Leningrad. I would also like to use this occasion to respond to the mailgram that you sent me.

Mr. Silins travelled to Riga in mid-February as part of the routine travels by members of the staff at the Consulate General in Leningrad to the Baltic nations. While in Riga, Mr. Silins met with the Deputy Chairman of the Riga City Executive Committee. We have no information at this time indicating that Mr. Silins visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Latvian SSR, but we would like to assure you that such contacts for purely consular business are in full accord with U.S. policy guidelines governing travel to the Baltic states. Calls on consular officials in the Baltic states are a legitimate responsibility of U.S. consular officers, as their purpose is to extend assistance and protection to American citizens. It is the position of the United States Government that these calls do not constitute a derogation of the non-recognition policy.

An important element of our non-recognition policy is the fact that our Ambassador in Moscow and Cabinet-level officers of the U.S. Government do not visit the Baltic states. In actuality we extend this policy to officials of the U.S. Government at the Assistant Secretary level and above. As Deputy Principal Officer of the Consulate General in Leningrad, Mr. Silins is considered a lower-level official.

Sincerely,

Mildred A. Patterson
Baltic Affairs Officer

NSC # 8202182

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Date APR 8 1982

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: Mr. Jack Burgess FROM: Olgerts Pavlovskis
DATE: April 1, 1982 SUBJECT: Letter from President
of World Federation of Free Latvians

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: NSC# April 5, 1982
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THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- Other.

REMARKS:

L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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TO DOBRIANSKY

FROM BURGESS, J

DOCDATE 02 APR 82

PAVLOVSKIS, OLGERTS

01 APR 82

KEYWORDS: USSR

SUBJECT: MAILGRAM FROM WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE LATVIANS RE VISIT TO BALTIC STATES

ACTION: DIRECT REPLY FURNISH INFO COPY DUE: 19 APR 82 STATUS C FILES WH

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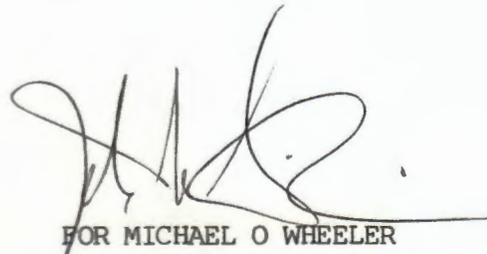
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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY

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FOR INFO DOBRIANSKY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 4/2

TO: PAULA DOBRIANSKY
FROM: JACK SUKCESS

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Per our conversation _____

Other:

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- Can NSC or State prepare a reply?
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JACK BURGESS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MR INTS SILINS THE U.S. CONSUL
IN LENINGRAD VISITED THE SO CALLED LATVIAN SSR FOREIGN MINISTRY ON
HIS RECENT VISIT TO RIGA.

SINCE THE U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE ANNEXATION OF THE BALTIC STATES
BY THE SOVIET UNION WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE U.S. POLICY
REGARDING SUCH VISITS AS WELL AS PARTICULARS OF SAID VISIT. IS THIS A
DEPARTURE FROM U.S. POLICY OR HAVE SUCH VISITS OCCURRED BEFORE.
SINCERELY

OLGERTS PAVLOVSKIS PRESIDENT WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE LATVIANS

10:39 EST

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE DATE 831213 RECEIVED DATE 831229
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DR. JANIS DIMANTS JR.
TITLE: CHAIRMAN

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN LATVIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION
STREET: 2330 INNSBRUCK PARKWAY
CITY: MINNEAPOLIS STATE: MN ZIP: 55421
COUNTRY:

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SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE SITUATION OF THE
LATVIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OCCUPIED
LATVIA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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s/s

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Date February 7, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Dr. Janis Dimants, Jr.

Date: 12/13/83 Subject: plights of Latvian
Catholics, especially Bishop Kazimirs Dulbinskis

WH Referral Dated: -2/2/84 NSC ID# 186396
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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

 A translation is attached.

XX An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

 Other.

Remarks:

for Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Doctor Janis Dimants, Jr.
Chairman
American Latvian Catholic Association
2330 Innsbruck Parkway
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06 FEB 1984

Dear Doctor Dimants:

This is in response to your recent letter to President Reagan concerning the plight of Latvian Catholics, especially Bishop Kazimirs Dulbinskis, who has been denied the right to perform his pastoral duties by the Soviet authorities. We deplore the harsh treatment of religious believers by the Soviet regime and attempt to follow such cases as closely as possible. The repression of Bishop Dulbinskis marks him as a true victim of the crackdown on religious dissent in the Soviet Union.

We take advantage of every appropriate opportunity to call for an end to Soviet persecution of religious believers and to bring such abuses of human rights to international attention. These matters are raised frequently by our delegations at the UN Human Rights Commission and other international conferences. In private diplomatic exchanges we have made clear to the Soviets that their violations of human rights constitute a major obstacle to improved U.S.-Soviet relations.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Government has not been responsive to our efforts, or to those of other concerned governments or human rights organizations. Despite their nominal assent to numerous international agreements guaranteeing religious freedom, the Soviets persist in maintaining that the incarceration or mistreatment of religious leaders and dissidents is exclusively an internal policy matter. While our condemnation of such arbitrary and inhumane behavior is well known to Soviet officials, our ability to alter the situation is very limited.

We appreciate your interest in the plight of Bishop Dulbinskis. Please be assured that we will take every appropriate opportunity to express our concern over the restrictions imposed on Bishop Dulbinskis and other Latvian Catholics by the Soviet authorities.

Sincerely,

Raymond F. Smith
Officer-in-Charge
Bilateral Relations
Office of Soviet Union Affairs

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FEBRUARY 2, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 13, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: DR. JANIS DIMANTS JR.
CHAIRMAN
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MINNEAPOLIS MN 55421

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE SITUATION OF THE
LATVIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OCCUPIED
LATVIA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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AMERIKAS LATVIEŠU KATOĻU APVIENĪBA

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December 13, 1983

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
White House
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. President:

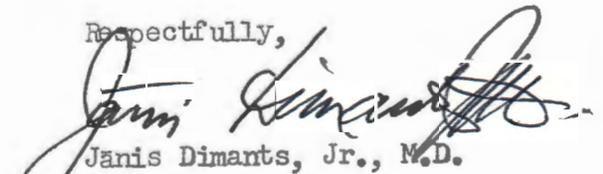
The 15th American Latvian Catholic Congress meeting in Wandawega, Wisconsin on September 3 and 4, 1983, has reviewed, examined and discussed the present situation of the Latvian Catholic Church in occupied Latvia.

We, the Latvian Catholics in U.S.A., take this opportunity to point out to the following facts that have occurred in the occupied Latvia:

- a/ Even though the Soviet Union declares officially freedom of religion and has accepted the first Latvian Cardinal Julijans Vaivodis, however, it continues the suppression of religious freedom in Latvia and for the last 35 years Bishop Kazimirs Dulbinskis has been denied the performance of his duties as a bishop.
- b/ Recently two Latvian Catholic priests - Rev. A. Turlais and Rev. A. Žilvinskis have been found murdered under mysterious circumstances in Latvia.
- c/ The free choice and type of applicants have been curtailed in the Seminary of Riga.
- d/ The religious instruction has been denied to the children and young people.
- e/ People who are performing their religious duties are being persecuted by the Soviet authorities.

The American Latvian Catholic Congress is asking you to help in securing all and full rights for Bishop Kazimirs Dulbinskis to perform his pastoral and episcopal duties in full and the restoration of human rights and religious freedoms to all Latvian Catholics in Soviet occupied Latvia.

Respectfully,


 Jānis Dimants, Jr., M.D.
 Chairman
 American Latvian Catholic Assoc.

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Bob Reilly

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/8/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: --

SUBJECT: S. CON. RES. 80

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REMARKS:

For appropriate action.

Re: Baltic States

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1984

DICK:

The attached copy of S.Con.Res.80 expresses the "sense of the Congress" with respect to the Baltic States and does not require Presidential action. The enrolled copy of the resolution will remain in our office.


RON GEISLER

Ninety-eighth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four

Concurrent Resolution

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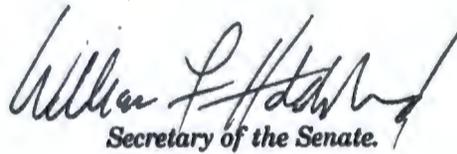
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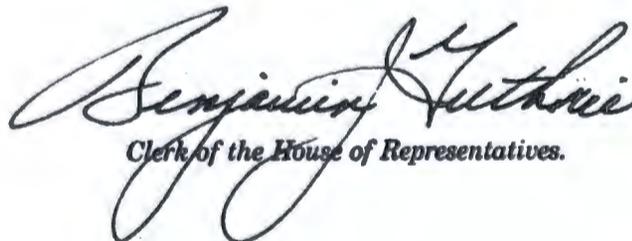
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Attest:


Secretary of the Senate.

Attest:


Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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REMARKS:
For appropriate action.

RESPONSE:

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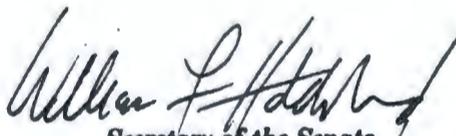
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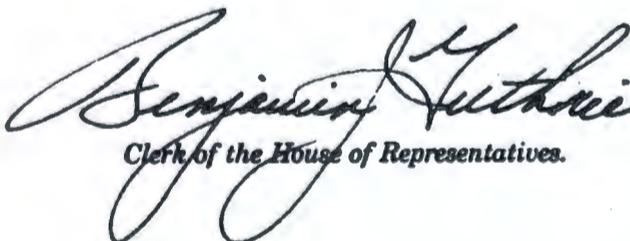
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January 6, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: State Draft Report on H. Con. Res. 209 --
Demonstrations in Latvia

While the NSC has no objection to the general points made by the State report, we believe it needs to be revised to make the specific point that the U.S. does not recognize the incorporation of Latvia (and the other Baltic States) into the Soviet Union. As the report now stands, it could be assumed from its wording, especially in the first two paragraphs, that we do recognize that incorporation. The report should include a statement of current U.S. policy vis-a-vis the status of Latvia.

Paul Schott Stevens

Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary

NSC#8909550



**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503**

Serial

December 28, 1987

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer -

National Security Council

SUBJECT: State draft report on H.Con.Res. 209, regarding demonstrations in Latvia commemorating Latvian Independence Day.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1988.

Questions should be referred to **SUE THAU/ANNETTE ROONEY** (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.

Ronald K. Peterson
**RONALD K. PETERSON FOR
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference**

Enclosures

cc: B. Sasser



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter to the Secretary concerning H.Con.Res. 209 expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to demonstrations in Latvia commemorating Latvian Independence Day.

The Department of State is committed to furthering the cause of human rights, which includes the right of free expression. We believe that movement toward greater freedom of expression in the Soviet Union would not only accord with international human rights obligations, but would also be an important step toward developing an atmosphere conducive to stable, secure relations with other nations.

We had viewed with cautious optimism last summer's demonstrations in Latvia, which were allowed to proceed relatively unhindered. Since your letter was received, it has become clear that the Soviet government was willing to go to great lengths to see that the November 18 demonstrations failed. It is not encouraging to see this return to traditional Soviet resistance to free public expression.

The Secretary's determination to keep the issue of human rights at the forefront of our relationship with the Soviet Union is well known. The Secretary and other Department officials have taken advantage of every appropriate contact with Soviet officials to point out the importance of improvement in this area. You can be certain that this emphasis on human rights will continue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Dante B. Fascell, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives.

January 4, 1988

ACTION

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: ROBERT W. DEAN *RD*

SUBJECT: OMB Request for NSC Views on State Draft Report on
Latvian Independence Day

OMB has sent a request for NSC views on a State Department draft report on H. Con. Res. 209, expressing the sense of Congress concerning demonstrations in Latvia in commemoration of Latvian Independence Day (OMB package at Tab II).

While the NSC has no objection in general to the points made by the State report, we believe that, in the report's first two paragraphs, an assumption is made that we recognize the incorporation of Latvia into the Soviet Union, when in fact we do not. The State report should be reviewed with a view to noting our policy of non-recognition of the Baltic States' incorporation into the Soviet Union.

RP
Rudy Perina concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to OMB's Peterson noting the need for revision of the State report along the lines indicated above.

Approve *RM*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memo for signature for OMB
Tab II OMB-NSC letter dated December 28, 1987

Prepared by: Robert Bemis *RB*

National Security Council
The White House

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 18, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. VALDIS PAVLOVSKIS

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION - ENCLOSURES COPY OF
"AN APPEAL BY THE WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE
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K. Cunniff

November 16, 1988

Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan,

On behalf of the Latvian-American people, I wanted to express our sincere appreciation to you for all you have done in the last eight years for the United States of America. Your leadership has not only brought great benefits to this country, but has also fostered the hopes for peace and greater prosperity throughout the world.

We are thankful for this, and also for your firm, unwavering support for the Latvian people and their goal to re-establish a free, independent, democratic nation once again. The resurgence of national pride and hope in Latvia in the last year has been made possible, in part, by the knowledge that they have had a true friend in the White House. To the Latvians, you have symbolized the love of freedom that is shared by all Americans. Your term in office will be remembered with fondness and gratitude, and may prove to be the dawn of a new era when not only Latvians, but all oppressed people of the world can begin realizing the freedom that has been denied them.

That quest for freedom, however, still faces major obstacles in Latvia, and will require continued commitment from future U.S. Administrations. We can only hope that future American leaders will follow your example, and continue to support the process that has begun in Latvia.

Toward this end, I enclose a copy of an appeal prepared by the World Federation of Free Latvians, a global organization of which the American Latvian Association is also a member. I hope that your Administration will find it useful, and will pass on its recommendations to President-elect Bush and his advisors.

We wish you and Mrs. Reagan continued health, happiness and prosperity in the future!

Sincerely,

Valdis Pavlovskis
President

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