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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 14, 1985

BALTIC FREEDOM DAY, 1985

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the United States non-recognition policy by which our government refuses to recognize the forcible Soviet occupation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. It has been 45 years since the dark year of 1940 when invading Soviet armies, in collusion with the Nazi regime, overran these three independent Baltic Republics.

The atrocious character of the Soviet oppression was shockingly illustrated by the imprisonment, deportation, and murder of close to 100,000 Balts during a four-day reign of terror June 14-17, 1941. The suffering of this brutal period was made even worse when Nazi forces struck back through these three states at the beginning of the Nazi-Soviet war and instituted a civil administration under control of the nefarious Gestapo. Due to Soviet and Nazi tyranny, by the end of World War II, the Baltic nations had lost twenty percent of their total population.

Today, suppression and persecution are the daily burdens of the Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian people. Soviet policies are specifically targeted toward the very ethnic life and historical heritage of the Baltic nations. Russification takes place under many guises: forced relocation, expanded colonization by Russian immigrants, and heavy pressure against the indigenous religious, cultural, and social traditions.

Yet despite this crushing system, the Baltic peoples courageously continue to resist amalgamation by pressing for their national, political, and religious rights. Peaceful expression of demands through the underground press, petitions to government officials, demonstrations, the activities of the Catholic Church and other religious denominations, Helsinki monitoring groups, and committees to defend the rights of religious believers command the admiration of everyone who loves and honors freedom.

Significantly, the defense of national and personal rights is led not by those who grew up during the years of independence, but by a new generation born and raised under the Soviet system. The message of these heroes, both young and old, is: "You, our free brothers and sisters, are our voice to the free world. You must not cease to inform the world of what is being inflicted upon us here behind the Iron Curtain, for it is from your efforts that we get our strength to survive."

All the people of the United States of America share the aspirations of the Baltic nations for national independence. The United States upholds their rights to determine their own national destiny, free of foreign interference. For 45 years, the United States has not recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union, and it will not do so in the future.

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The Congress of the United States, by Senate Joint Resolution 66, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of June 14, 1985, as "Baltic Freedom Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1985, as Baltic Freedom Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of liberty and freedom for all oppressed people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and ninth.

RONALD REAGAN

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 19, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY <sup>TD</sup>

SUBJECT: Signing of the Captive Nations Week Proclamation

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to Fred Ryan setting forth the reasons why the signing ceremony for the Captive Nations Week Proclamation this year should be commemorated by the President in Chicago.

Jack Matlock <sup>SM</sup> and Steve Sestanovich <sup>RS</sup> concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Mr. Ryan.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment:

- Tab I Memorandum to Fred Ryan
- Tab II Mr. Ryan's memorandum, June 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: Signing Ceremony for Captive Nations Week

We have reviewed Mr. Wasylyk's request for a White House ceremony for the twenty-seventh signing of the Captive Nations Week Proclamation. While we concur with his idea in principle, we believe the President should commemorate Captive Nations Day 1985 in Chicago.

For the past three years, Captive Nations Day has been commemorated by the President at the White House. This year White House Public Liaison has recommended that the President attend a ceremony in Chicago. Apparently, the Captive Nations Committee of Illinois, in cooperation with the Polish American Congress, is organizing a major commemorative ceremony which is expected to draw over 15,000 people. This event would provide an excellent forum for the President to make a major appeal to a large mid-West audience on such issues as Central America, SDI and arms control.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

June 13, 1985

TO: BOB KIMMITT  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING  
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: White House ceremony for the twenty-seventh signing of the  
Captive Nations Week Proclamation

DATE: July 15-21, 1985

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept \_\_\_\_\_ Regret \_\_\_\_\_ Surrogate \_\_\_\_\_ Message \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE June 20, 1985 TO JEAN APPLEBY JACKSON



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*Richard A. Wasylyk*

"... I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility  
against every form of tyranny over the mind of man . . ."  
— Thomas Jefferson

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# NATIONAL CAPTIVE NATIONS COMMITTEE, INC.

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Captive Nations Committee, I am writing you respectfully requesting a White House ceremony for the twenty-seventh signing of the Captive Nations Week Proclamation. This proclamation is issued the third week of July in accordance with public law 86-90.

Twenty six years ago the U.S. Congress unanimously passed what is generally known as the Captive Nations Week Resolution which was signed into law by President Eisenhower. In light of the current Soviet intervention in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Angola and other countries around the globe, public law 86-90 is even more applicable in our world situation today than it was a generation ago.

The Captive Nations Week and the Presidential Proclamation have served as an important symbol to the millions of peoples behind the iron, bamboo and sugar curtains. This week serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration to the oppressed peoples of the world striving for liberty and national self-determination. In addition, this week serves as a reaffirmation of our commitment to the democratic principles upon which this country was based as well as the commitment to speak out in defense of mankind's natural rights which are being denied by Communist aggressors.

We commend you and your Administration for the support given to the captive nations communities and to the cause of freedom and democracy. We are especially grateful for the high caliber to which you have elevated the captive nations week during your tenure in office. We kindly request that the 27th Captive Nations Week Proclamation enjoy the same significance as it has in the past four years. On behalf of the National Captive Nations Committee, I offer our assistance in making this year's event another success.

Sincerely,

*Myron Wasylyk*  
Myron Wasylyk  
Acting Director



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 31, 1985

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Uldis M. Klauss  
President  
Council of American Latvian  
Organizations of New York, Inc.  
29 Beaumont Drive  
Melville, New York 11747

Dear Mr. Klauss:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 1985, regarding the President's participation in meetings that took place on Latvian property occupied by the Soviet mission in Geneva.

The Latvian community is quite properly sensitive to anything that might imply a weakening of the U.S. nonrecognition policy toward the illegal Soviet occupation of Latvia. We would have preferred that the Soviet-hosted sessions of the Geneva meetings take place on property other than that taken from the Latvian government. However, having accepted the Geneva venue for these important meetings, the official Soviet facilities in that city became an inescapable part of the arrangements. The background of the property in question has created an ironic and unfortunate coincidence. I can assure you, however, that the coincidence in no way implies a change in our firm non-recognition policy.

In Geneva, the President and General Secretary Gorbachev had several lengthy private discussions on a wide range of issues. These conversations were frank, detailed, and went to the heart of the many differences dividing the two countries. Although I cannot confirm that the Soviet occupation of Latvia was discussed specifically, it is certain that the President's support for political self-determination for all nations was a central theme. The need to convey this message - one important to the Latvian people - was a principal objective of the Geneva meetings.

Sincerely,

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Roland K. Ruchel  
Director  
Office of East European and  
Yugoslav Affairs



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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May 23, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID CHEW

FROM: RODNEY B. McDANIEL *Bob for*  
SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res 271  
re Baltic Freedom Day

NSC concurs with Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res 271 re Baltic Freedom Day sponsored by Senator Riegle of Michigan and 42 others.

Attachment

Tab A Background Memo from DirOMB

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM **URGENT**

DATE: 5/22/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Tuesday, 5/27/86

SUBJECT: ENROLLED RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 271 - BALTIC FREEDOM DAY

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**REMARKS:**

Please submit your comments on the attached to my office by Tuesday, May 27. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution S.J.Res. 271 - Baltic Freedom Day  
Sponsors - Sen. Riegle (D) Michigan and 42 others

Last Day for Action

May 30, 1986 - Friday

Purpose

Designates June 14, 1986, as "Baltic Freedom Day."

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of State

Approval (Informally)

Discussion

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S.J.Res. 271 passed both Houses of the Congress by voice vote. A draft proclamation will be forwarded for your consideration shortly.

  
James S. Miller III  
Director

Enclosures

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 23, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY <sup>TD</sup>SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 271  
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Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Dave Chew noting NSC's concurrence with Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 271.

RECOMMENDATION

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Approve Wally Diapprove

## Attachments

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\*PHONE to action officer at ext. 3912

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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June 5, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: RODNEY B. McDANIEL *Carol Cleveland for:*

SUBJECT: Baltic Freedom Day, 1986

NSC concurs with the draft proclamation designating June 14, 1986 as Baltic Freedom Day.

Attachment

Tab A: Proclamation



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

The United States was born in a War of Independence against alien and oppressive rule. We stood up for human rights given by God and declared that governments that systematically violate those rights lose their claim to legitimacy.

It is a tragedy of our time that many peoples today live under the brutal totalitarian rule of the Soviet empire. We must not fail to expose the inhumanity of the oppressors and to speak out on behalf of the oppressed. We must not pass up any opportunity to denounce tyranny and to champion the cause of its victims.

Baltic Freedom Day provides such an opportunity. On that Day, we observe the anniversary of the callous and treacherous subjugation of three independent, democratic, and freedom-loving states. Forty-six years ago, invading Soviet armies, in collusion with the Nazi regime, overran and occupied the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Through police-state terror, the occupation and subjugation continue. Against all recognized principles of international law, justice, and humanity, the Soviets have forcibly incorporated the three Baltic States into the U.S.S.R. The United States has never recognized that incorporation. It is illegal, indefensible, iniquitous. America has an obligation to take a principled and unwavering stand against Soviet occupation of the Baltic States.

This is no mere idle gesture, for we are engaged in a very real struggle to focus the world's attention on one of the gravest wrongs of our age -- the stubborn and contemptuous Soviet disregard for the sovereignty of independent nations

and the rights of subject peoples. As evidence, we hold up its first victims -- the heroic Baltic nations we honor today. To do less would be to acquiesce in a monstrous injustice and to betray our claim to be champions of human freedom.

As a Nation, we are the standard-bearers of freedom and a beacon of hope to the oppressed. Ours is the mission of the prophet Isaiah, "to bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

The Congress of the United States, by Senate Joint Resolution 271, has designated June 14, 1986, as "Baltic Freedom Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1986, as Baltic Freedom Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate remembrances and ceremonies and to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of liberty and self-determination for all peoples.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

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BALTIC FREEDOM DAY, 1986

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The United States was born of a revolution in the name of freedom against tyranny. As our position of moral leadership in the world has grown, so too has tyranny grown. The antagonist has not been conquered. In various guises, tyranny and injustice continue to burden an ever greater portion of the world's population and brutally to subjugate entire nations. As long as this tyranny feeds and prospers, we Americans must, at every opportunity, reveal to the world the inhumanity of her oppressors; encourage the enslaved with visions of liberty; and stand up to tyrants with the words and actions of opposition.

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We are engaged in a very real struggle to focus the world's attention on one of the central facts of our age -- the aggressive and offensive Soviet disregard for the sovereignty of independent nations. As evidence, we hold up its first victims -- the Baltic nations whom we honor today. To do less would be to succumb to the real delusion in which freedom has no appeal and justice has no claim.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

RONALD REAGAN

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 4, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY *PD*

SUBJECT: Baltic Freedom Day, 1986

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Anne Higgins forwarding NSC concurrence with the text of the proclamation designating June 14, 1986 as Baltic Freedom Day.

State Department concurs; *then* Matlock, *JM* Madel and *RS* Sable concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

- Tab I Memo for Anne Higgins
- Tab A Proclamation

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Document No. 330-662

June 2, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PETER J. WALLISON  
ALFRED H. KINGON  
WILL BALL  
JACK SVAHN  
MITCH DANIELS  
PAT BUCHANAN  
✓ FRED RYAN (FYI)  
RODNEY McDANIEL, NSC

FROM:

(for) Phil Nicolaides  
ANNE HIGGINS  
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SUBJECT:

(DRAFT PROCLAMATION)

Baltic Freedom Day, 1986

Attached for your review is the above mentioned proclamation designating June 14, 1986 as Baltic Freedom Day.

It was submitted by the Department of State and edited/revised by this office.

(IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.) Written response required by no later than CLOSE OF BUSINESS June 3, 1986. For routine clearance, call Loesje Tobin, extension 7610. For questions or discussion, call Phil Nicolaides, extension 7610.

Thank you.

cc: Ron Geisler



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

May 29, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: John H. Carley *JHC*  
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Baltic Freedom Day, 1986

Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 271, the President is authorized and requested to issue a proposed proclamation which would designate June 14, 1986, as Baltic Freedom Day.

The proposed proclamation was prepared by the Department of State and has been retyped in this office to reflect minor editorial changes and as to format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Attachment



**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**DATE: 5/29**

**TO: Al Kingon**

**FROM: Jack Carley**  
**General Counsel**

**Baltic Freedom Day, 1986**

**Inquiries with respect to the  
attached draft proclamation  
should be directed to:**

**Mr. James Dyer  
Department of State  
647-4463**

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 10, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY <sup>TD</sup>

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation: Baltic Freedom Day

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Concur: <sup>RP</sup> Sable, <sup>LS</sup> Sachs, <sup>P'</sup> Thompson

RECOMMENDATION

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Attachments

- Tab I Memo for DChew
- Tab A Draft Proclamation

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WASHINGTON, D C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

FROM: RODNEY B. McDANIEL

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation: Baltic Freedom Day

The NSC concurs with draft Presidential Proclamation: Baltic Freedom Day, 1986.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/10/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 6/11/86

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations on the attached proclamation, which will be signed by the President at a signing ceremony Thursday, by close of business Wednesday. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

BALTIC FREEDOM DAY, 1986

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

The United States was born in a War of Independence against alien and oppressive rule. We stood up for human rights given by God and declared that governments that systematically violate those rights lose their claim to legitimacy.

It is a tragedy of our time that many peoples today live under the brutal totalitarian rule of the Soviet empire. We must not fail to expose the inhumanity of the oppressors and to speak out on behalf of the oppressed. We must not pass up any opportunity to denounce tyranny and to champion the cause of its victims.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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June 12, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

FROM: RODNEY B. McDANIEL *Rol for*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation: Baltic Freedom Day

The NSC concurs with draft Presidential Proclamation: Baltic Freedom Day, 1986.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

June 10, 1986

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# A Demographic War on Latvia

## Issues on Legal for Aliens

June 3 page-one article "The Un-entitled" dealt with the paucity of lawyer indigents; the problem for aliens in 1983, the laws funding the Legal Services Corp. have included stringent reasons on the representation of aliens. Aliens have critical legal needs and are under-served population in terms of expensive and available free legal services. These needs extend not only to immigration status, but also to other basics of life, such as food, clothing and shelter. The situation of asylum-seekers is particularly dire given the seriousness of the interests at stake—life and liberty. Those in detention have special needs for counsel. Congress should act immediately to remove the restrictions on the representation of aliens by offices funded by the Legal Services Corp. Volunteer lawyer programs such as ours in New York City should receive support so that more pro bono lawyers can represent deserving asylum-seekers. Approximately 3,000 individuals applied for political asylum in New York last year. Almost as many aliens were incarcerated in 1985 at the detention facility in New York. Most of these are indigent. We are able to place asylum cases with only about 100 lawyers each year. The situation is critical. Failure to take steps to ameliorate the problem and provide adequate representation will only serve to institutionalize further an underclass already subject to exploitation and injustice.

ARTHUR C. HELTON  
Lawyers Committee  
for Human Rights

New York

ROME—A Latvian-American who recently traveled to Riga, the ancient capital of Latvia, reports that all the prominently displayed newspapers on the newstands there were in Russian. Only after rummaging a bit under the stacks did he come up with a Latvian-language paper. The incident highlights the alarming success of the Soviet Union's systematic program of "Russification" in the once-independent Baltic state.

The Latvians, according to statistics compiled by a West German magazine,

## Europe

By Robert Moynihan

will soon be—or perhaps already are—a minority in their own land, outnumbered by a combination of other ethnic groups, headed by the Russians. These demographic changes place Latvia's future as a separate, viable culture in jeopardy.

Though not directly alluded to, that fact was evidently on the mind of Pope John Paul II last week during celebrations he held for the the 800th anniversary of Latvian Christianity. And while Latvia itself is predominantly Lutheran, not Catholic, the pope invited a Lutheran bishop to join in the ceremonies.

The pope's celebration comes at a time of significant re-examination of Vatican policy toward the Soviet bloc, just a few months before an unprecedented meeting in Budapest among top Vatican officials and ranking bureaucrats from all over the communist bloc. Moreover, this week's death of Hungarian Cardinal Laszlo Lekai, a priest often criticized for his cooperation with the regime there, leaves a crucial spot open. The type of man who replaces him will be a signal in the direction the church will take.

During the celebration at the Vatican, the pope made veiled criticisms of the Rus-

sification campaign, and defended the Latvian language and culture. He also lent clear public support to the World Federation of Free Latvians, a group of Latvian exiles who stubbornly insist that Latvia can someday ("maybe in the next century") be independent. Yet the reality is bleak. Conquered by force of arms, Latvia may perish by well-planned immigration policies.

"The Soviet Union illegally occupied and annexed the independent country of Latvia 46 years ago," said Olgerts Pavlovskis, president of the World Federation of Free-Latvians. "We strive to defend Latvia's right to self-determination, and to publicize human-rights violations, including religious persecution."

Mr. Pavlovskis tells of the Soviet government's calling up young Latvian men for two months of cleanup work in the region around the damaged Chernobyl nuclear-power reactor, as well as sending them to fight in Afghanistan. In both cases, he says, youths involved with either Protestant or Catholic groups are particular targets. At the same time, the Soviets have carried out a large-scale effort to industrialize the once primarily agricultural country. In the process, thousands of Russians, White Russians and Ukrainian workers have been resettled in Latvia.

In 1935, Latvians made up nearly 76% of Latvia's population, with Russians (10%), Jews (nearly 5%), Germans (more than 3%) and Poles (2.3%) making up the largest non-Latvian ethnic groups. White Russians were only 1.4% and Ukrainians a mere 0.1%.

Today the Russians have dramatically increased their numbers, as other groups have decreased, some as a result of World War II. For example, by 1979 the Jewish population had dropped to 1.1% and the German population had virtually disappeared. There were fewer Latvians in Latvia in 1979 (1.3 million) than in 1935 (1.4 million). At the same time there were

four times as many Russians (821,000 vs. 206,000).

Perhaps the most startling sign of the pope's struggle against such dismal trends is his publicly declared desire to visit the Soviet Union. In 1984, when the predominantly Catholic Lithuania was celebrating its own millennium of Christianity, the pope requested a visit but was refused. Now it is widely believed that the pope wants to visit Lithuania in 1987 or Moscow itself in 1988, when the Russian Orthodox Church celebrates the thousand-year anniversary of Christianity in Russia.

Likewise, it is difficult for East-bloc citizens to visit the West. At the recent Vatican ceremonies, no Latvians were present, though several, including the 91-year-old Latvian Cardinal Julijan Vaivods—the only publicly declared Roman Catholic cardinal inside the U.S.S.R.—were invited. The Soviets denied all requests for exit visas. All this has only made the pope more determined to work for religious freedom in Eastern Europe. As part of this effort, a high-level, three-day encounter among Vatican officials and theologians and Marxist officials and theorists will be held in Budapest this October.

Of course, Soviet policy continues its inexorable work toward the complete elimination of religion. And the Vatican is well aware that these same regimes have consented to events like the coming Budapest conference in hopes that they can control the resurgence of evangelical-style Christianity in their countries. Clearly they worry about where that could lead.

"The main message the people of Latvia want to be conveyed is this: 'Do not forget us,'" said Vija Liepa, a 54-year-old homemaker from Michigan, who traveled in Latvia in June and was in Rome for the papal meetings. "They do want to be independent. Doesn't everybody?"

Mr. Moynihan is Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Register.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



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June 11, 1986

MEETING WITH BALTIC AMERICAN LEADERS

DATE: June 12, 1986  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:15 p.m.  
FROM: Mari Maseng, Deputy Assistant to  
the President and Director of  
Public Liaison

I. PURPOSE

To underscore U.S. policy of non-recognition of Soviet annexation of the Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania; to reemphasize U.S. concern over violation of human and civil rights in Baltic States; to thank Baltic Americans for their support of your foreign policy goals

II. BACKGROUND

A month ago, Congress passed resolutions requesting you to proclaim June 14, 1984 as "Baltic Freedom Day." On June 14, 1941, shortly after invading Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, the Soviets began mass deportations of Balts to Siberia. Baltic Americans nationwide observe this date with rallies and demonstrations in support of freedom for these countries.

America's two million citizens of Baltic heritage overwhelmingly supported you in 1980 and 1984. They have also worked hard in support of Contra aid, SDI and the defense budget. This meeting will provide you the opportunity of thanking the Baltic American leadership for their support.

III. PARTICIPANTS: Attached

IV. PRESS PLAN: To be determined

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You welcome guests as they enter Oval Office (see talking points). Dr. Valaitis (vah-LIE-tiss), will present you with the Baltic Freedom Award. You proceed to your desk to sign the Baltic Freedom Day proclamation and pose for photographs. The guests depart.

Attachments: Talking points  
List of participants

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## SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH BALTIC AMERICAN LEADERS

- I would like to commend all of your efforts for keeping your fellow citizens aware of Soviet expansionism.
- You can be sure that we will continue to raise the illegal annexation of the Baltic States in public and private meetings with the Soviets.
- Your concerns will certainly be on our agenda, should ~~the~~ Mr. Gorbachev agree to another summit.
- Forty years ago, when Baltic freedom fighters -- Baltic "Contras" -- were fighting Soviet tanks and guns, the West did not come to their aid. I am trying to make sure that no one fighting for freedom and democracy is ever left fighting alone again.
- I know that you have all supported our efforts for Contra aid, and for a strong defense. Your support means a great deal to me.

DRAFT

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President  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 11, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. McDANIEL

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY (P)

SUBJECT: Letter to Casimir Oksas

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum for Sally Kelley forwarding a copy of my letter to Mr. Oksas, Chairman of the Lithuanian-American Republican National Federation in Chicago, in response to his letter to Pat Buchanan suggesting that the next US Delegation to the UN include a member of Baltic nations heritage.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I      McDaniel/Kelley Memo  
Tab A      Dobriansky/Oksas Ltr  
Tab B      Incoming Correspondence

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:               RODNEY B. McDANIEL  
SUBJECT:            Letter to Casimir Oksas

For the record, attached is a copy of the NSC's response to Mr. Casimir Oksas, Chairman of the Lithuanian-American Republican National Federation in Chicago, regarding his suggestion that the next US Delegation to the UN include a member of Baltic nations heritage.

Attachments

Tab A       Dobriansky/Oksas Ltr  
Tab B       Incoming Correspondence

cc: Pat Buchanan

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 11, 1986

Dear Mr. Oksas:

Mr. Buchanan has forwarded me your letter suggesting that the next U.S. Delegation to the United Nations include a member of Baltic nations heritage.

A provisional list of U.S. delegates for the 1986 UNGA has already been forwarded to the Senate for approval. However, your suggestion will be kept in mind as we compile the list of delegates in preparation for the 1987 UNGA.

Thank you for your interest and noteworthy suggestion.

Sincerely,

*Paula Dobriansky*

Paula Dobriansky  
Director  
Soviet and East European Affairs

Mr. Casimir G. Oksas  
Chairman  
Lithuanian-American Republican  
National Federation  
10520 South Hamilton Avenue  
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## United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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August 30, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for Comment/Recommendation on White House  
Correspondence

A July 10 letter from Mr. Casimir G. Oksas, Chairman of the Lithuanian-American Republican National Federation, suggested that the next U.S. Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) include an American of Baltic ancestry. The White House has asked the Department of State to comment on Mr. Oksas' proposal.

The Department sees merit in the idea of naming an American of Baltic heritage to the next U.S. Delegation to the UNGA since it would serve as a public reminder that the U.S. has refused to recognize the forcible incorporation of the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania into the Soviet Union in 1940. However, the provisional U.S. Delegation to this year's UNGA has already been drawn up, and is pending clearances and Senate concurrence. Therefore, the Department recommends that the White House respond to Mr. Oksas along the lines that we have taken note of his proposal and shall bear it in mind when we draw up the U.S. Delegation list to the 1987 session of the UNGA.

The incoming correspondence is attached.

Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

Attachment: 3  
Incoming correspondence.

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## T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

## REFERRAL

AUGUST 11, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
ATTN: BUREAU OF INT'L ORGANIZATIONS AFF.

ACTION REQUESTED:  
COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION

REMARKS: COMMENT OR FACT SHEET

## DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 434297  
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 10, 1986  
TO: PATRICK BUCHANAN  
FROM: MR. CASIMIR G. OKSAS  
CHAIRMAN  
LITHUANIAN - AMERICA REPUBLICAN  
NATIONAL FEDERATION  
10520 SOUTH HAMILTON AVENUE  
CHICAGO IL 60643

SUBJECT: U. S. DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

**WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Name of Correspondent: Casimir Oksas

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Subject: U.S. Delegation to the United Nation

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# Lithuanian—American Republican National Federation

10520 S. HAMILTON AVE. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

July 10, 1986

Hon. Patrick Buchanan  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Linas -  
Good letter  
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Pat

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Last month the President signed the Congressional "Baltic Freedom Day" resolution in a White House ceremony as he has done in prior years. This is a most gratifying public expression for everyone concerned with human rights.

The Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia represent a unique diplomatic situation. Ever since their forced incorporation into the U.S.S.R. in 1940, no U.S. President nor any U.S. Congress has recognized any legality to that action. The U.S. government formally assumes that these nations are independent of the U.S.S.R.

Since the United Nations Organization was founded in 1945, annual U.S. Delegations to that body have had a wide variety of heritage representation among its members. However, from the hundreds of those who have served in that capacity to date, not one has been of a Baltic nation's heritage.

It would be strikingly supportive of our long standing, bipartisan foreign policy in this matter to have the next U.S. Delegation to the United Nations include a member of Baltic nations heritage.

Should you concur to such a sentiment, your expression in that regard forwarded to the Presidential Personnel Office would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Casimir G. Oksas*  
Casimir G. Oksas

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REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

To: Grant Green

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Date Due: March 20

Date of Event: March 20

Subject:

Presidential Message to the Sixth Annual Human Rights Conference of the Baltic American Freedom League

Requested by: Linas Kojelis

Background:

Presidential Message attached, Copy of request attached

May we please have your immediate approval on the attached

Signature: Maureen Keegan

Date: 3/20

Presidential Messages  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 18  
(202) 456-2941

Your Recommendation/Comments:

THE NSC CONCURS AS IS <sup>77</sup> AS Amended

3/20/87

FOR:

GRANT S. Green JR

Signature:

Date:

STRAIGHTWIRE - March 20, 1987

Juozas Kojelis  
747 23rd Street  
Santa Monica, California 90402

Warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the Sixth Annual  
Human Rights Conference of the Baltic American Freedom League.

This is a unique opportunity to acknowledge the tireless efforts  
of all members of the Lithuanian, Latvian, and Estonian  
communities in their struggle for human rights and  
self-determination. Your spirit of hope will live on to inspire  
future generations, and eventually your strength will grow to  
overcome the tyranny suffered by the captive nations of the  
Soviet Union.

Despite the hardships of internal persecution, the Baltic people  
have courageously maintained a deep sense of nationhood and  
solidarity in their cause. I wish to join you in that solidarity in  
preserving your national identity and pursuing the cause of freedom  
for your beloved homeland.

You have my best wishes for a successful conference. God bless  
you.

RONALD REAGAN

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cc: K.Osborne/Linas Kojelis/Pres.Msgs.Rm.18/CF  
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3/20 Human Rights Conference



*John L. Kojala, Okla*

*March 21*

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March 21, 1987

I am pleased to send warm greetings to the participants of the of the Sixth Annual Human Rights Conference of the Baltic American Freedom League.

This is a unique opportunity to acknowledge the tireless efforts put forth by all members of the Lithuanian, Latvian, and Estonian communities in their struggle for human rights and self determination. Your spirit of hope will live on to inspire future generations, and eventually your strength will grow to overcome the tyranny of the captive nations of the Soviet Union.

Despite the hardships of internal persecution, the Baltic people have displayed the courage to maintain a deep sense of nationhood and solidarity in their cause. I wish to join you in that solidarity in preserving your national identity and pursuing the cause of freedom for your beloved homeland.

Nancy joins me in extending warmest wishes for a successful conference.

*1986 message attached*

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2. ONE OF OUR CONTACTS ACTIVE IN THE BALTIC STATES' EMIGRE COMMUNITY HERE TOLD US HE HAS SEEN A COPY OF THE FLIER URGING A WORK STOPPAGE ON DECEMBER 1 AND HAS NO DOUBT OF ITS AUTHENTICITY. HE SAID THE FLIER BEGAN TO APPEAR IN JUNE AND MUST ORIGINALLY HAVE BEEN COMPOSED IN RUSSIAN BY SOVIET DISSIDENTS. (BALTIC NATIONALISTS WOULD NOT, FOR INSTANCE, HAVE USED PHRASES LIKE "OUR GOVERNMENT" AND "OUR TROOPS" IN REFERRING TO THINGS SOVIET.) THE FLIERS APPEARED FIRST IN MOST MAIL-BOXES IN A HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL AREA POPULAR WITH RUSSIANS IN TALLINN, AND ALSO IN RIGA, VILNIUS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.

3. THE FLIER, OUR CONTACT SAID, IS THREE PAGES LONG, BEGINNING WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE BAD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND THEN PRESENTING A LIST OF DEMANDS:

- WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN;
- CESSATION OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN POLAND'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS;
- CESSATION OF FOOD EXPORTS FROM THE USSR DUE TO SHORTAGES AT HOME;
- CLOSURE OF SPECIAL RETAIL SHOPS FOR CPSU MEMBERS;
- FREING OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS;
- SHORTENING OF MILITARY SERVICE BY SIX MONTHS; AND
- OBSERVANCE OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION AND THE HELSINKI ACCORDS.

4. OUR CONTACT THROUGHT THE ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR THE WORK STOPPAGE WAS SIGNIFICANT BUT COULD NOT SPECULATE ABOUT THE LIKELY EXTENT OF OBSERVANCE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S USSR DESK OFFICER WAS AWARE OF REPORTS OF THE FLIER, SAID THE GOS ASSUMED IT TO BE AUTHENTIC, BUT HAD NOT OTHER INFORMATION TO SHARE.  
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