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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

0091

- O - OUTGOING
- H - INTERNAL
- I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 83/01/30

Name of Correspondent: Anthony Tony Mazyuka

MI Mail Report      User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Asks for help in getting Fr. Alfonso Svarinskas, R.C. released from jail and permission to return to his parish

### ROUTE TO:

### ACTION

### DISPOSITION

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Prime Subject Code: CO 091 Secondary Subject Codes: HU 013.52 HU  
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### PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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S/S# 8303942

Date February 23, 1983

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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FOR: Mr. William P. Clark  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Mr. Anthony Mazeika  
DATE: 1/30/83 SUBJECT: help for Father  
Alfonzas Svarinskas who is in prison in the Soviet Union  
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 2/7/83 NSC# 122697  
(if any)

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:

*[Signature]*  
L. Paul Bremer III  
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Anthony Mazeika  
26661 Cortina  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Dear Mr. Mazeika:

This is in response to your mailgram of January 30 with regard to Father Alfonsas Svarinskas who has been arrested in the Soviet Union because of his religious activities. Our Government deplores the harsh and unjust treatment of religious believers by the Soviet regime, and the Department of State attempts to follow such cases as closely as possible. We shall continue to take 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. Father Alfonsas Svarinskas' arrest for religious activities marks him as yet another victim of the recent Soviet crackdown on religion. It is the most extreme action taken thus far against religious leaders in the Baltic. It is not, however, an isolated incident.

Unfortunately, the Soviet Government has not been responsive to our efforts, nor to those of other concerned Western governments and independent human rights organizations. Despite their nominal assent to a number of international agreements containing guarantees for religious freedom, the Soviets persist in maintaining that incarceration of "criminals" on essentially religious grounds is an exclusively internal policy matter. While we condemn such arbitrary and inhumane behavior, and have often made this known to Soviet officials, our ability to alleviate prisoners' circumstances in any direct fashion, such as securing the release of specific individuals, is sadly very limited.

We appreciate your group's interest in those imprisoned in the USSR because of their religious activities, and we will ensure that the Soviets know that the issue of religious persecution is a matter of deep concern to the American people and their Government.

Sincerely,

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

Drafted:EUR/SOV:JMugler:jh  
2/21/83 Ext. 22071 S/S #8303942

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

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 7, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 122697

MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED JANUARY 30, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. ANTHONY MAZEIKA  
26661 CORTINA  
MISSION VIEJO CA 92691

SUBJECT: ASKS FOR HELP IN GETTING FATHER ALFONSAS  
SVARINSKAS R.C. RELEASED FROM JAIL AND  
PERMISSION TO RETURN TO HIS PARISH

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

*Received in 5/5-7  
2/8 at 12:32 pm (GKJ)*



ANTHONY MAZEIKA  
26661 CORTINA  
MISSION VIEJO CA 92691

Western  
Union Mailgram



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2133845748 MGM TDRN LOS ANGELES CA 75 01-30 1240P EST

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*Jack Burgess*

*to state  
for handling*

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

122697

TASS REPORTS FATHER ALFONSAS SVARINSKAS, R.C. DEFACTO CHAIRMAN, COMM.  
FOR DEFENSE OF BELIEVERS RIGHTS IN LITHUANIA ARRESTED AND AWAITING  
TRIAL FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES. THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF BASIC  
RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS GUARANTEED IN HELSINKI ACCORD. WE SEEK  
YOUR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN SECURING HIS RELEASE AND PERMISSION TO  
RETURN TO HIS PARISH.

TONY MAZEIKA PRESIDENT (BAL TIC AMERICAN FREEDOM LEAGUE)  
26661 CORTINA  
MISSION VIEJO CA 92691

12:40 EST

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 83, 03, 15

Name of Correspondent: MARCIA B NORIEKA

MI Mail Report      User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: COMMEMORATION OF FALL OF LATVIA  
LITHUANIA, ESTONIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1983

Dear Marcia:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 15th to President Reagan. As our office is responsible for providing liaison to all women's organizations for the President, your letter has been referred to me.

I believe you will be happy to have heard the President's recent statements regarding the Soviet Union. Ronald Reagan is under no illusion as to the expansionist nature of Soviet politics, and efforts have been made by this administration to stem the tide of Soviet hegemony. President Reagan believes in a policy of peace through a strong national defense and pragmatic policies with regard to dealing with expansionist communist powers.

The Soviet occupation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia is indeed tragic, and this administration does not want the American people to forget about those nations which have fallen under the heel of Soviet aggression, and the nation of Afghanistan is only the latest case in point. You may be assured that the Reagan Administration is fully prepared to take whatever steps which are prudent and necessary to prevent such violation of national sovereignty.

Thank you for bringing to our attention the 36th Anniversary Commemoration on behalf of the plight of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Please keep us informed of important events in which your organization takes part. Thanks again for your comments!

Sincerely,



Dee Jepsen

Sp. Asst. to the President  
for Public Liaison

Mrs. Marcia B. Noreika  
Fairhaven Drive, W., E-16  
Nesconset, New York 11767

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See Journal

# BALTIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL

PRESIDENT, Mrs. Maria B. Noreika, Fairhaven Dr., W., E-16, Nesconset, N. Y. 11767  
AFFILIATED WITH THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, WASHINGTON, D. C., U.S.A.

March 15, 1983

MRS. MALL JURMA  
President  
Estonian Delegation

MRS. HELGA OZOLINS  
President  
Latvian Delegation

MRS. ALDONA PINTSCH  
President  
Lithuanian Delegation

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The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

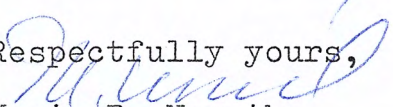
The Baltic Women's Council wholeheartedly and unequivocally supports your firm stand against communism. We agree with you, Sir, that it is the source of evil in the world today and that the U. S. A. has to be strong and ready enough in order to withstand the Soviet military machine.

We find it tragic that there are among us so many who seem to be sympathetic to Soviet communism, those who cannot or, for some special reason, do not wish to understand the plans of Kremlin.

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were the first victims of the Soviet aggression, however, the aggressor has not been able to entirely suppress the peoples' resistance to this day.

The Baltic Women's Council on April 24 will commemorate 36th anniversary of its struggle against the enslaver of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. It has been a hard and lonely struggle.

Respectfully yours,

  
Maria B. Noreika  
President  
Baltic Women's Council



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ID: 157140 CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET  
INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE DATE 820804 RECEIVED DATE 830808  
(PREFIX) (FIRST) (LAST) (SUFFIX)

MR. KAZYS SIDLAUSKAS  
TITLE: NATIONAL PRESIDENT

ORGANIZATION: LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.

STREET: 2606 WEST 63RD STREET

CITY: CHICAGO STATE: IL ZIP: 60629

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR CONSTANT EFFORTS TO  
GAIN FREEDOM FOR LITHUANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA  
& OTHER NATIONS UNDER COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP

AGY/OFF ACTION CODE TRACKING DATE  
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STAFF NAME: PRESIDENT REAGAN MEDIA: L OPID: LC TYPE: IBA  
COMMENTS:

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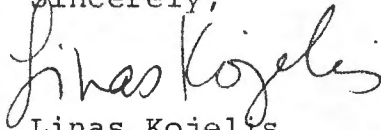
August 15, 1983

Dear Dr. Sidlauskas:

Your letter of August 4 to the President has been forwarded to me for reply. Your kind words of support on behalf of the President's policies toward the Baltic States and other Captive Nations are greatly appreciated. You can be certain that the President is personally deeply committed to a foreign policy which, at its base, defends the right of all nations to freely determine their own futures.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Linas Kojelis  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison

Dr. Kazys Sidlauskas  
National President  
Lithuanian American Council  
2606 W. 63rd Street  
Chicago, IL 60629

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# LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.

2606 W. 63rd ST. CHICAGO, ILL., 60629 PHONE 778-6900 / 778-6901



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August 4, 1983

*Juan Monci*

Honorary President  
DR. KAZYS C. BOBELIS

National President  
KAZYS SIDLAUSKAS, JD

Vice Presidents:  
TEODORAS BLINSTRUBAS  
POVILAS DARGIS  
LEONAS KRIAUCELIUNAS, DVM  
VIKTORAS NAUDZIUS  
VLADAS SIMAITIS, JD  
JONAS VALAITIS, MD

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Recording Secretary  
ALEXANDER DOMANSKIS

Treasurer  
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Office Manager  
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STEPHEN BREDES, JR.  
REV. ADOLFAS STASYS

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

Your proclamation of Baltic Freedom Day and your very admirable speech on the occasion of Captive Nations Week were extremely impressive. The Lithuanian American Council would like to express its sincere gratitude for your constant efforts to gain freedom for Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other nations under communist dictatorship.

We are very happy, Mr. President, that you realize the imperialistic aims of Moscow's dictatorship and are so effectively trying to protect Central America and in general this our continent from communist colonial expansion. We admire your farsightedness and we support your policy to protect liberty and democracy in our continent and in all the world.

Yours very truly,

Kazys Sidlauskas  
National President  
Lithuanian American Council



THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

0091

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 16, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROMUALDAS BIELKEVICIUS

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE 66TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT LITHAUANIA

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
	ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	TYPE RESP	C COMPLETED D YY/MM/DD
LINAS KOJELIS	ORG	84/02/16	LK	84/03/26
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COMMENTS: *NSC ID 8402008*

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES

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| *C-COMMENT/RECOM         | *B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL | * OF SIGNER          | * |
| *D-DRAFT RESPONSE        | *C-COMPLETED         | * CODE = A           | * |
| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET    | *S-SUSPENDED         | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
| *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC* |                      | * OUTGOING           | * |
| *R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY * |                      | *                    | * |
| *S-FOR-SIGNATURE *       |                      | *                    | * |
| *X-INTERIM REPLY *       |                      | *                    | * |
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE  
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT. 2590  
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING  
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

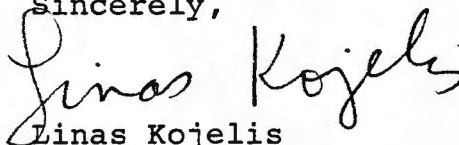
March 26, 1984

Dear Mr. Bielkevicius:

Thank you for your and your colleagues' letter to the President taking note of his policies of support for freedom for the Lithuanian and other Baltic peoples now under Soviet domination.

The United States Government does not recognize the forcible incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into the Soviet Union which occurred in 1940. We remain steadfast in our support for the just aspirations for liberty of the Baltic peoples, and we look forward to the day when they will be able to control their own national destiny, free of outside interference.

Sincerely,



Linas Kojelis  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Romualdas Bielkevicius  
President  
Lithuanian American Council  
276 Court St.  
Brockton, MA 02402

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 13, 1984

FOR BOB KIMMITT

I recommend that you forward the  
attached memorandum to Sally Kelley.

*Jack*  
JACK MATLOCK



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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Monte*

SUBJECT:

Letter to President from Lithuanian American Council

We have reviewed and concur with the Department of State's draft response to Mr. Romualdas Bielkevicius, President of the Lithuanian American Council, who wrote a letter to the President on the 66th anniversary of reestablishment of an independent Lithuania.

Attachment



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

84 MAR 9 P10 27

S/S 8405669

Date 3/9/84

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

Reference:

TO: The President From: Romualdas Bielkevicius  
Date: February 12, 1984 Subject: 66th Anniversary of  
Reestablishment of an independent Lithuania  
WH Referral Dated: February 24, 1984 NSC ID # 196796  
(if any)

\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

Action Taken:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Kristie A. Kenney*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Romualdas Bielkevicius,  
President,  
Lithuanian American Council,  
276 Court Street,  
Brockton, Massachusetts.



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

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 24, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 196796

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. ROMUALDAS BIELKEVICIUS  
PRESIDENT  
LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL  
276 COURT STREET  
BOSTON MA 02402

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NSC Secretariat	<u>2</u>		<u>D</u>
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Tom Shull			

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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL,**  
**BROCKTON, MASS.**

#196796



February 12, 1984

*L. Kojelis*

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

Dear Mr. President,

February 16, 1984, marks the 733 anniversary of the founding of the Lithuanian State, and the 66th anniversary of the re-establishment of an independent Lithuania. While Americans of Lithuanian descent and Lithuanians throughout the Free World will commemorate these events, the people of Soviet occupied Lithuania cannot. Their independence was terminated by Soviet military occupation and illegal annexation into the Soviet Union more than forty years ago.

Your administration's re-affirmation of the non-recognition of the Soviet annexation of Lithuania, your support of the right of the Polish people for self-determination, and resolute stand against Soviet imperialism provides sustenance for the oppressed people of Lithuania.

The Soviet Union must be made to realize that efforts to stifle the rights of the Lithuanian people will be met by diplomatic confrontation, restrictions on trade agreements, shipping contracts and loan availability, and by hostile world opinion.

Please join us, the Lithuanian-Americans throughout the United States in our commemoration of these anniversaries on February 16, 1984. We urge your continued support of the right of people everywhere to self-determination, and we hope to see its realization in Lithuania and the rest of Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours,

*R. Bielkevicius*

Romualdas Bielkevicius, President  
276 Court Street  
Brockton, MA 02402

*Frank M. Waller*

Frank M. Waller  
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55 Chilton Road  
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*Peter A. Bizinkauskas*

Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas  
Chairman  
424 N. Cary Street  
Brockton, MA 02402



## R E S O L U T I O N

We, the Lithuanian Americans of Brockton, Massachusetts assembled this 12th day of February, 1984, at St. Casimirs Church Hall to commemorate the restoration of Lithuania's independence, do hereby state as follows:

That February 16, 1984 marks the 66th anniversary of the restoration of the independence to the more than 733 year old Lithuanian State;

That Lithuania was recognized as a free and independent nation by the entire free world, she was a member of the League of Nations, however, she was by force and fraud occupied and illegally annexed by the Soviet Union.

That the Soviet Union is the last remaining colonial empire, subjugating independent countries; Lithuania was one of its first victims.

That the Soviet invaders, even though using tortures in jails, concentration camps, psychiatric wards are unable to suppress the aspirations of the Lithuanian people for self-government and independence as is highly evident from the numerous underground press and strong dissident activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

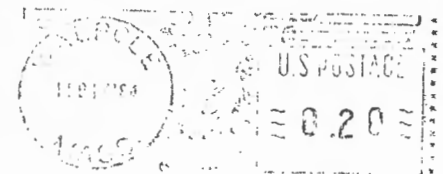
We are grateful to President Reagan and the Department of State for statements that an official diplomatic non-recognition of the forced incorporation into the U.S.S.R. of the three Baltic nations will continue to be a position of his Administration also; and we are very grateful for the declaration of Baltic Freedom Day.

We urge the United States of America and other nations of the free world to use diplomatic and other possible pressures that the Soviet Union withdraw its military forces, secret police apparatus, foreign administration, and release from jails, concentration camps and psychiatric wards people who struggle for human rights and liberty and restore self-government in Lithuania.

We express our most sincere gratitude to the U.S. Congress for the impressive annual commemoration of Lithuanian independence.

We desire that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the U.S. Congressmen and Senators from our State and to the news media.

Romualdas Bielkevicius, President  
Lithuanian American Council  
276 Court Street  
Brockton, Ma. 02402



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 273173

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS LIUCIJA MAZEIKA

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S STAND  
FOR THE NON-RECOGNITION OF THE INCORPORATION  
OF LITHUANIA INTO THE SOVIET UNION

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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NO RESPONSE APPROPRIATE

JZL

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LITHUANIAN AMERICAN REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION  
OF CALIFORNIA



*L. Kojalas*

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January 16, 1985

Albinas Markevicius  
Vice-president  
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Santa Monica, CA 90404  
828-7525

The Honorable Ronald Regan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Vytautas Vidugiris  
Vice-president  
27923 San Nicolas Dr.  
Palos Verdes, CA 90274  
377-3192

Dear Mr. President:

Romas Nelsas  
Vice-president  
1415 Vista Del Mar Dr.  
Fullerton, CA 92631  
(714) 526-3648

We are very grateful to the administration of the United States of America that for a fifth decade it stands very firmly for the non-recognition of the incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union. The Special Select Committee of the House of Representatives in 1953 after thorough investigation has established that the Soviet Union has committed an unprovoked aggression against the Baltic States, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia; these countries were occupied by fraud and force.

Audra Nelsas  
Secretary  
1441 Princeton St., No. 1  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
828-8786

How could these red institutions, serving aggressive Moscow's aims, be trusted in the work of the Office of Special Investigations. Cooperation with Moscow's institutions in the Baltic States is against the spirit of the policy of non-recognition of the incorporation and has to be discontinued.

Vincas Juodvalkis  
Treasurer  
14659 Limesdale St.  
Panorama City, CA 91402  
894-0136

The Department of State has repeatedly announced that Moscow falsifies facts. Please, use your influence that the Office of Special Investigations would not cooperate with the KGB and the offices of Moscow's occupational forces. If persons who received U.S. citizenship would be deported based on the unreliable testimony of Soviet witnesses, it would be an act of great injustice.

Simas Kvecas  
Financial Secretary  
1043 5th Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
393-3367

As in the case of Edgar Laipenieks, a Latvian, the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals revised the lower court ruling stating that Soviet Union supplied evidence is unreliable and not acceptable.

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Leonardas Valiukas  
(1956-1958)

Anthony F. Skirius  
(1959-1961)

Charles Luksis  
(1962)

Leonardas Valiukas  
(1963-1967)

Anthony F. Skirius  
(1968-1971)

Vytautas Cekanauskas  
(1971-1979)

Respectfully,

*Liucija Mazeika*

Liucija Mazeika,  
President.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ANTANAS MAZEIKA

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S STAND FOR THE  
NON-RECOGNITION OF THE INCORPORATION OF  
LITHUANIA INTO THE SOVIET UNION

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January 17, 1985

**President —**

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

**Vice President —**

ANTANAS SKIRIUS  
4364 Sunset Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90029  
664-2919

Dear Mr. President:

**Vice President —**

DAINA PETRONYĖ  
2511 Micheltorena  
Los Angeles, CA 90039  
664-0791

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**Executive Secretary —**

ELENA GEDGAUDIENĖ  
655 Ozone St.  
Santa Monica, CA 90405  
399-1825

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**Secretary —**

ARNOLDAS KUNGYS  
2528 Sarandi Grande  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745  
968-6136

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**Treasurer —**

RAMŪNAS BUŽENAS  
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254-6048

Respectfully,

**Financial Secretary —**

SIMAS KVEČAS  
1043 — 5th Street  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
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*Antanas Mazeika*  
Antanas Mazeika,  
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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent: Gjinte Damusis

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Arrest of Lithuanian Catholic priest, donas-Kastytis Matulionis

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Name of Correspondent: Ginte Damusis

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Arrest of Lithuanian Catholic priest, Jonas - Kastytis Matulionis

### ROUTE TO:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1985

Dear Ginte:

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The U.S. Government has consistently condemned Soviet persecution of Christians and other religious believers. Such measures are contrary to the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act, and we have strongly called for Soviet compliance with their own undertakings in that agreement. In bilateral exchanges with the Soviets, we have made it unequivocally clear that their abuses of individual rights have a serious detrimental effect on U.S.-U.S.S.R. relations.

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Thank you for your expression of concern in the case of Father Matulionis. If I can be of further assistance in this or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Linas Kojelis  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison

Miss Ginte Damusis  
Associate Director  
Lithuanian Information Center  
351 Highland Blvd.  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
January 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *RMK*

SUBJECT: Correspondence re the Arrest of Lithuanian  
Catholic Priest: Jonas-Kastutis Matulionis

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed response prepared by the Department of State to Mr. Ginte Damusis regarding the arrest of a Lithuanian Catholic priest. We also believe it would be appropriate that the reply be forwarded by your office.

Attachment:

Tab A Proposed response and incoming correspondence

MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 7, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY <sup>(M)</sup>

SUBJECT: Arrest of Lithuanian Catholic Priest

SIGNED

I have reviewed and concur in the proposed reply prepared by the Department of State in response to a letter from Mr. Ginte Damusis, dated November 28, 1984, regarding the arrest of a Lithuanian Catholic priest, Jonas-Kastytis Matulionis (Tab A). I believe it would be appropriate that the response be signed by someone in the Office of Presidential Correspondence.

<sup>M</sup>Walt Raymond and <sup>Steve</sup>Steve Steiner concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to Sally Kelley.

Approve     K     Disapprove                     

## Attachments:

Tab I Memorandum to Ms. Kelley  
 Tab A Proposed response and incoming correspondence

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8434310

Date JAN 4 1985

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

Reference:

To: Walter Raymond, Jr. From: Mr. Ginte Damusis

Date: November 28, 1984 Subject: Arrest of Jonas-Kastutis

Matulionis

WH Referral Dated: December 13, 1984 NSC ID# 280555  
(if any)

       The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

Action Taken:

XX 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.

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

       Other.

Remarks:

*for* *J. L. Berry*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
SUGGESTED REPLY

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Mr. Ginte Damusis, Associate Director,  
Lithuanian Information Center,  
351 Highland Boulevard,  
Brooklyn, New York.

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8434310

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

REFERRAL

DECEMBER 13, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 280555

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 28, 1984

TO: WALTER RAYMOND

FROM: MR. GINTE DAMUSIS  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
LITHUANIAN INFORMATION CENTER  
351 HIGHLAND BOULEVARD  
BROOKLYN NY 11207

SUBJECT: ARREST OF LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC PRIEST,  
JONAS - KASTYTIS MATULIONIS

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

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE





# Lithuanian Information Center

8434310

## LIETUVIŲ INFORMACIJOS CENTRAS

351 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn NY 11207, USA Tel. 212 647-2434

November 28, 1984

Walter Raymond, Jr.  
National Security Council  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Washington DC 20506

Dear Mr. Raymond,

We have learned about the arrest of yet another Lithuanian Catholic priest, Jonas-Kastytis Matulionis.

According to a report in "The Baltimore Sun", Fr. Matulionis was arrested on November 9 after administering last rites to a dying man (see enclosed transcript for additional details).

Issue no. 64 of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, which recently reached the West, reports that Fr. Matulionis was among the signatories to a greeting issued to exiled Bishop Julijonas Steponavicius on the occasion of his 29th anniversary as bishop. The greeting, dated August-September 1984, was signed by over 90 priests from the Archdiocese of Vilnius.

This same issue states that a poem by Father Matulionis was censored from the 1984 Catholic Calendar-Directory by Commissioner for Religious Affairs in the Lithuanian SSR, Petras Anilionis.

Jonas-Kastytis Matulionis was arrested the first time in 1976, as a lay person, for his association with the Chronicle, imprisoned for nine months in a KGB isolation cell and given a 2 year suspended sentence.

After he graduated from the underground seminary, the interrogations and fines increased. He was summoned for questioning to Vilnius on October 11, 1983 (Matulionis ignored a summons for August 8, 1983) by KGB Colonel Liniauskas. In the course of the interrogation, Liniauskas asked Matulionis how his petitions got into the Chronicle and questioned him about Fr. Sigitas Tamkevicius.

Matulionis served as assistant pastor at Fr. Tamkevicius' parish in Kybartai, Lithuania. Tamkevicius was warned repeatedly by Soviet authorities for allowing Matulionis, "a false priest without registration papers", to function as assistant pastor.



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S P E C I A L

Article by Antero Pietila appears today in THE BALTIMORE SUN

MOSCOW. KGB agents have arrested one of the leaders of the Lithuanian nationalistic Catholic movement, sources said yesterday. The arrested leader was identified as the Rev. Jonas Kastytis Matulionis, a man of about fifty who took priestly vows after graduating from an underground theological seminary.

According to sources, Father Matulionis had just administered last rites for a dying man on November 9th, when he was picked up by agents of the KGB, the Soviet Union's secret police. Father Matulionis, who had been under surveillance for days before his arrest, has been linked to the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania, a clandestine publication distributed to believers in the Baltic Soviet republic. A translated version of the journal is edited in Brooklyn, New York, by the Rev. Casimir Pugevicius, a former Baltimorian.

In 1976, Father Matulionis was arrested for his Chronicle-related activities and spent nine months in KGB enforced isolation. Later he was accused by authorities of being an impostor since he had studied by correspondence and had not graduated from the officially approved Kaunas theological seminary. "Our Pope John Paul II attended just such a seminary", replied Father Matulionis. "I am a priest".

He had first considered a musical career but was expelled from a conservatory for singing in a church.

The Chronicle, which has been appearing since March 1972, is one of the mouthpieces of the religious nationalistic turbulence in Lithuania, a largely Catholic republic bordering on Poland that was annexed by the Soviet Union at the outset of World War II. During the nearly twelve years that the Chronicle has been published, dozens of people have been arrested for working for it and distributing it. The continuation of the Chronicle, even after much of the secular human rights movement in the rest of the Soviet Union was stamped out, tends to indicate that Lithuania's Catholic underground movement has successfully resisted KGB efforts to penetrate it.

# PRISONER-PRIEST

## Father Alfonsas Svarinskas

Camp address: 618263, Permskaya obl.,  
Chusovskoy r-n,  
pos. Kuchino,  
uchr. VS-389/36,  
USSR



- January 21, 1925.....Svarinskas born.
- December 31, 1946.....Seminary studies interrupted by arrest and sentence to prison camp, where his dedication to sick saves the life of Iosif Slipyj, now Cardinal.
- October 3, 1954.....Ordained priest by Martyr-Bishop P. Ramanauskas.
- 1956.....Returns to active ministry in Lithuania.
- June, 1958.....Arrested for alleged anti-Soviet activity, sentenced to 6 years in labor camp.
- 1964.....Released from labor camp, works as an unregistered priest in Lithuania for 20 months.
- 1971.....Assigned as pastor to Village of Igliauka.
- 1970-71.....Despite threats, Svarinskas continues speaking out against persecution of religion in Lithuania.
- 1976.....Appointed to the large parish of Vidukle, in hope that pastoral work will drain him. Constantly harassed by local authorities.
- 1977.....Fined for leading religious processions on All Souls Day.
- November 13, 1978.....Along with four other Catholic priests, he establishes the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights in Lithuania.
- November 22, 1978.....He joins two other priests at a press conference in Moscow to announce the formation of the Committee.
- 1979.....Threatened with arrest. Placed under special surveillance as his influence among the clergy grows. Speaks at the funerals of many priests well-known in the movement for religious rights in Lithuania, such as that of Fr. Garuckas in 1979 and Fr. Jaugelis in 1980. He also becomes one of the leading lights of the Catholic temperance movement and often speaks out against alcoholism.
- July 27, 1981.....The looting of his church in Vidukle, one in a series of attacks on houses of worship and clerics in Lithuania, prompts Svarinskas to plead for an end to government-sponsored violence.
- Winter 1981.....Svarinskas refuses to pay the fine for an illegal procession and has his refrigerator confiscated instead. Local authorities cut off the heating in the Vidukle rectory, because people came there to get warm after Mass, as the church was not heated.
- February 20, 1982.....Svarinskas is warned by Soviet authorities for allowing minors to congregate in his home, after a group of children and parents come to the rectory after evening mass for a small pre-Lenten celebration.
- July 1982.....During the welcome accorded to the new Bishop Vaicius of Telsiai, Fr. Svarinskas makes a speech in the name of the Catholic Committee.
- November 1, 1982.....Svarinskas rejects the highly restrictive Regulations for Religious Associations in a petition signed by the majority of priests in Lithuania.
- January 26, 1983.....Father Svarinskas is arrested a third time for alleged "anti-constitutional and antistate activities."
- May 6, 1983.....Father Alfonsas Svarinskas is sentenced to 7 years strict regime labor camp and 3 years exile in Vilnius.



# PRISONER-PRIEST

## Father Sigitas Tamkevičius



Camp address: Permskaya obl.,  
Chusovskoy r-n,  
pos. Polovinka,  
uchr. VS-389/37, USSR

- November 7, 1938.....Born in Lithuania.
- 1957.....Conscripted from the third year of the seminary into the army.
- 1960.....Returns to the seminary after military service.
- 1961.....KGB attempts to unsuccessfully to recruit him as an agent, threatening to expel him from the seminary.
- 1962.....Ordained to priesthood by Bishop Petras Mazelis. KGB again tries to recruit Tamkevičius.
- 1960's.....Serves as assistant pastor in Lazdijai, where he is reprimanded for catechizing youth. Transferred under pressure to another diocese.
- Sept. 1967 - May 1968....Serves briefly as assistant pastor in two parishes. The government forbids him to preach. Frequently moved from one parish to another to prevent his work with young people.
- 1969.....Serves as assistant pastor in Vilkaviskis. Together with other priests, he draws up a petition demanding that the government allow more candidates for the priesthood. Banned from working as a parish priest, he works as a factory laborer and as a farm hand.
- 1970.....To monitor his activities, Soviet authorities allow him to return to pastoral duties.
- 1974.....He is accused of disseminating the clandestine "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania".
- 1975.....At government order, Tamkevičius is transferred to a larger parish, in the hope that he will be swamped with work, leaving no time for troublesome activities.
- 1978.....The KGB attempts to blame him for an automobile accident. Fined for organizing an All Souls Day procession. Parishioners protest to First Secretary Griskevicius and a crowd of 400 attends his trial and cheers him.
- November 13, 1978.....Father Tamkevičius, with four other priests, including Father Svarinskas, establishes the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights.
- April 17, 1980.....KGB agents carefully search Father Tamkevičius' quarters all day long. After the raid, word of Father Tamkevičius' impending arrest spreads. The KGB accuses him of sheltering ex-convicts, editing the Chronicle, and agitating against the Soviet government in sermons.
- May 6, 1983.....He is arrested in the Vilnius courthouse during the trial of Father Alfonsas Svarinskas for engaging in "illegal and unlawful activity, the main purpose of which was to discredit the Soviet state..."
- October 13, 1983.....The State Department protests: "...The U.S. government condemns this kind of official pressure of those in the USSR who seek to exercise their basic right to freedom of worship and hope that Tamkevičius will not suffer the same fate as Svarinskas."
- November 29, 1983.....TASS announces that the trial of Tamkevičius begins in Vilnius.
- December 2, 1983.....Father Tamkevičius is sentenced to 6 years strict regime labor camp and 4 years exile.



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