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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) ____/____/____

Name of Correspondent: Pilypas Narutis

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Requests President to raise question of immediate release of Lithuanian prisoners of conscience with Mr. Gorbachev.

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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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

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- A - Answered
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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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SIGNATURE CODES:

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- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

November 6, 1985

Dear Mr. Narutis:

I am writing in response to your October 10 letter asking President Reagan to raise the question of the immediate release of Lithuanian prisoners of conscience during his November meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev.

The issue of freedom of conscience in the USSR, and the rights and welfare of those who have been imprisoned for reasons of conscience, remain matters of fundamental concern to the United States Government. We seek every appropriate means to help the victims of Soviet repression. President Reagan, Secretary Shultz and other U.S. officials have strongly condemned Soviet violations of human rights. At the same time, we utilize private diplomatic exchanges to encourage the Soviet authorities to make positive decisions on particular cases and issues. We make clear to the Soviets in every forum that its human rights abuses constitute a major obstacle to improved U.S.-Soviet relations. The President has announced his intention to discuss the full range of issues bearing on U.S.-Soviet relations, including human rights, during his November meeting with Mr. Gorbachev.

If we can be of assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Pilypas Narutis
President
Association of Lithuanian Political
Prisoners of Nazi and Soviet
Concentration Camps
4004 South Talman Avenue
Chicago, IL 60632

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 5, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *Carolyn Cleveland*
for

SUBJECT: Letter to President from Narutis re Lithuanian
Prisoners of Conscience/Gorbachev Meeting

We have reviewed and concur - as amended - with the Presidential response to The Association of Lithuanian Political Prisoners of Nazi and Soviet Concentration Camps.

Attachment:

Tab A Presidential Letter

O.K. again Nov. 7
by Carol Cleveland
per

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 1, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM: PAULA DOBRIANSKY ^{PD}

SUBJECT: Letter to President from Narutis re Lithuanian
Prisoners of Conscience/Gorbachev Meeting

I have reviewed and concur - as amended - with the proposed Presidential letter (Tab A) in response to a request by The Association of Lithuanian Political Prisoners of Nazi and Soviet Concentration Camps. Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to Anne Higgins for your signature noting our concurrence.

^{JM} Madlock, ^{WR} Raymond, ^{SS} Sestanovich, SM Mandel concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Tab I Memo to Anne Higgins
Tab A Presidential letter
Tab II Incoming

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8530873

Date October 29, 1985

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

Reference:

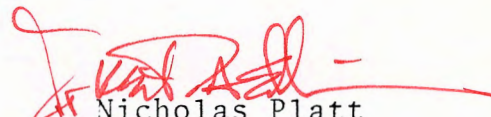
To: President Reagan From: Mr. Pilypas Narutis
Date: October 10, 1985 Subject: Requests President to raise
question of immediate release of Lithuanian prisoners of conscience
with Mr. Gorbachev
WH Referral Dated: October 18, 1985 NSC ID# 355605
(if any)

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

Action Taken:

- X 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:


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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State Department Suggested Reply

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

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 18, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 355605

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. PILYPAS NARUTIS
PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATION OF LITHUANIAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS OF NAZI & SOVIET *
4004 SOUTH TALMAN AVENUE
CHICAGO IL 60632

SUBJECT: REQUESTS PRESIDENT TO RAISE QUESTION OF
IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF LITHUANIAN PRISONERS OF
CONSCIENCE WITH MR. GORBACHEV

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

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

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

10-10/85

Gerb. p. L. Kojali,

Kary nimejan telefoni,
Rudienė, BALTO Pirmūninkė ir
Pouan tgalij mūlka mūn pūvigns
perduoti Prezidento įstaiga
Smeira Kojija, pūtes žiniai

P. Nante,
4120 W. 93rd St
DOR LAWN, Ill., 60453

The Association of Lithuanian Political
Prisoners of Nazi and Soviet Concentration Camps
4004 South Talman Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60632

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October 10, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

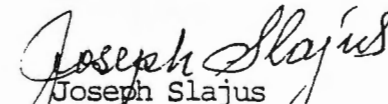
The Association of Lithuanian Political Prisoners of Nazi and Soviet Concentration Camps are very deeply concerned about continuing violations of national, civil and human rights in Soviet occupied Lithuania and about the fate of 42 Lithuanian prisoners of conscience in the USSR:

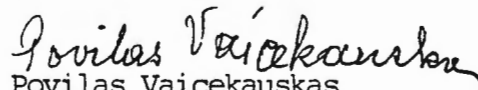
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|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Edita Abrutiene | 22. Mr. Petras Lukosevicius |
| 2. Mr. Algimantas Andreika | 23. Mr. Albertas Meskinas |
| 3. Mr. Jonas Bagdonas | 24. Rev. Jonas-Kastytis Matulionis |
| 4. Mrs. Jadvyga Bieliauskiene | 25. Mr. Motiejus Namcevicius |
| 5. Mr. Brikulis | 26. Mr. Jonas Pakuckas |
| 6. Mr. Arvydas Cekanavicius | 27. Mr. Povilas Peceliunas |
| 7. Mr. Vyacheslav Sherepanev | 28. Mr. Viktoras Petkus |
| 8. Prof. Liudas Dambrauskas | 29. Mr. Juozas Rugys |
| 9. Mr. Balys Gajauskas | 30. Mr. Julius Sasnauskas |
| 10. Mr. Kazys Gruzdys | 31. Mr. David Sevelev |
| 11. Mr. Gintautas Iesmantas | 32. Mr. Vytautas Simokaitis |
| 12. Mr. Henrikas Jaskunas | 33. Prof. Vytautas Skudis |
| 13. Mr. Kaktis | 34. Dr. Algis Statkevicius |
| 14. Mr. Voldemaras Karaliunas | 35. Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas |
| 15. Mr. Henrikas Klimasauskas | 36. Rev. Sigitas Tamkevicius |
| 16. Mr. Jonas Kurzinskas | 37. Mr. Antanas Terleckas |
| 17. Mr. B. Kvarciejus | 38. Mr. Jonas Vilutis |
| 18. Mr. Vladas Lapenis | 39. Mr. Voveris |
| 19. Mr. Vytautas Lazinskas | 40. Mr. Pranas Zaksauskas |
| 20. Mr. Juozas Laikus | 41. Mr. Zeimavicius |
| 21. Mr. Boleslovas Lizunas | 42. Mr. Romas Zemaitis |

Whereas the Government of the United States steadfastly recognizes the independence of the Republic of Lithuania and refuses to recognize the legality of the Soviet occupation and annexation of the Baltic Republics, thus upholding the basic tenets of international law, we request that when you will meet Mr. M. Gorbachev that the question of the immediate release of the aforementioned prisoners of conscience be brought up.

Sincerely,


Pilypas Narutis
President


Joseph Slajus
Secretary


Povilas Vaicekauskas
Treasurer

Enclosure: List of Lithuanian prisoners with addresses of concentration camps.

June 1985

LITHUANIAN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE
IN THE USSR

1. Mrs. Edita ABRUTIENĖ. Arrested on December 9, 1982 under Art. 199-1 for applying to emigrate two weeks after her husband completed his 2-1/2 year sentence. Abrutienė, 34 years old, was sentenced in July 1983 to 4 years strict regime camp and 2 years exile for meeting with foreign correspondents. Husband and son (born in 1974). Release in December 1988.

Husband's address: Vytautas Abrutis, Talat-Kelpšos g. 8-11, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

2. Mr. Algimantas ANDREIKA. Born 1953. Arrested on May 25, 1981. Sentenced in early 1982 to 4 years strict regime camp and 5 years exile under Art. 68 for renouncing his Soviet citizenship. Tried again on March 24, 1983 in labor camp and sentenced to an additional half-year on charges of hooliganism. Wife and son. He was physically disabled on his way to labor camp and is now paralyzed below the waist. Release in November 1990.

Camp address: 431200, Mordovskaya ASSR, Tengushevsky r-n, pos. Barashevo, uchr. ZhKh-385/3-5, USSR.

Wife's address: Brolių g. 21-26, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

3. Mr. Jonas BAGDONAS. Arrested 1945 for participation in the Lithuanian national movement. After detention in various camps sent to Kazan Central Hospital and in 1962 to Sychovka Special Psychiatric Hospital. Last reported there in 1976. Release unknown.

Address: 215280, Smolenskaya obl., g. Sychovka, uchr. YaO-100/5, USSR.

4. Mrs. Jadvyga BIELIAUSKIENĖ. Teacher. Arrested on November 29, 1982 for providing religious instruction to youth. Sentenced on May 20, 1983 to 4 years strict regime camp and 3 years exile. Previously spent 8 years in labor camp during Stalinist times for ties to Lithuanian national movement. Release in October 1989.

Camp address: 431200, Mordovskaya ASSR, Tengushevsky r-n, pos. Barashevo, uchr. ZhKh-385/3-4, USSR.

Family address: Petro Cvirkos 41-2, Garliava, Lithuania, USSR.

5. Mr. BRIKULIS. 15 years strict regime camp for participation in Lithuanian national movement. Release unknown.

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

6. Mr. Arvydas ČEKANAVIČIUS. Born April 5, 1949. Arrested on November 6, 1979 for the third time under Art. 208-2. He was tried previously on political charges, but was sentenced on January 4, 1980 to detention in a Special Psychiatric Hospital for alleged criminal offenses (theft and forgery of documents). In 1979, Čekavičius signed the Baltic 45 memorandum which called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the Baltic states. His mother, Pranė Vasiliauskienė, resides in Kaunas, Lithuania. Release unknown.

Hospital address: 238100, Kaliningradskaya obl., g. Chernyakhovsk, uchr. OM-216/st-2, USSR.

7. Mr. Vyacheslav CHEREPANOV. Born 1944. Arrested July 21, 1980 under Art. 62 for attempting to escape to Finland. Sentenced on May 11-15, 1981 to 12 years strict regime camp and 3 years exile.

Mother, sister Klaudija, and daughter Nina reside in Vilnius, Lithuania. Tel. 67 51 15. Release in July 1995.

Camp address: 618801, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Polovinka, uchr. VS-389/37.

Sister's address: Anna Belozerova, Vilniaus 218-4, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

8. Prof. Liudas DAMBRAUSKAS. Born April 25, 1921. Chemist, Former Director of Thermo-Insulation Institute. Arrested on March 20, 1984 after his memoirs about prison life under Stalin were confiscated during a search of his home. Sentenced on October 1-3, 1984 to 3-1/2 years strict regime camp and 2 years exile under Art. 68. Suffering from heart condition and tuberculosis. Release in September 1987.

Camp address: 431200, Mordovskaya ASSR, Tengushevsky r-n, pos. Barashevo, uchr. ZhKh-385/3-5, USSR.

Wife's address: Aldona Dambrauskienė, Donelaičio 1-1, 233000 Kaunas, Lithuania.

9. Mr. Balyš GAJAUSKAS. Born February 26, 1926. Electrician. Arrested a second time on April 20, 1977 under Art. 68-2. Sentenced on April 12-14, 1978 to 10 years special regime camp and 5 years exile for translating "Gulag Archipelago" and disbursing aid to prisoners of conscience and their families. Daughter Grazina born on March 28, 1980. Release in April 1992.

Camp address: 618263, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, pos. Kuchino, uchr. VS-389/36-1, USSR.

Wife's address: Irena Gajauskienė, Spynų 3-8, Kaunas, Lithuania, USSR.

Wife's sister Laima Šulskienė: 233000, Palangos 18-12, Kaunas, Lithuania, USSR.

10. Mr. Kazys GRUZDYS. Born 1918. Received 15 year sentence in strict regime camp under Art. 62 for involvement in the Lithuanian national movement. Date of release unknown.

Camp address: 431200, Mordovskaya ASSR, Tengushevsky r-n, pos. Barashevo, uchr. ZhKh-385/3-5, USSR.

11. Gintautas IEŠMANTAS. Born January 1, 1928. Journalist and poet. Expelled from the Communist Party for writing poems advocating the secession of Lithuania from the Soviet Union. Arrested on March 4, 1980. Sentenced on December 15-22, 1980 to 6 years strict regime camp and 5 years exile under Art. 68 with P. Pečeliūnas and V. Skuodis. Wife, son Rimantas. Release in March 1991.

Camp address: 618810, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Vsesvetskaya, Uchr. VS-389/35, USSR.

Wife's address: Marytė Iešmantienė, Švyturio g. 8-36, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

12. Mr. Henrikas JAŠKŪNAS. Born February 4, 1927. Arrested third time on December 22, 1976. Sentenced to 10 years special regime camp and 5 years exile on November 24-28, 1977 under Art. 68-2 with J. Daujotas for disseminating anti-Soviet literature and advocating unofficial peace movement. Wife and two daughters - Ina (born 1959) and Laima (born 1962). Release in December 1991.

Camp address: 618263, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoi r-n, pos. Kuchino, uchr. VS-389/36-1, USSR.

Wife's address: Monika Jaškūnienė, 30-mečio g. 25-18, Jonava, Lithuania, USSR.

13. Mr. KAKTIS. Born 1917. Sentenced to 25 years strict regime camp under Art. 58 for

involvement in the Lithuanian national movement. Date of release unknown.

Camp address: 618810 Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Vsesvetskaya, uchr. VS-389/35, USSR.

14. Mr. Voldemaras KARALIŪNAS. Born 1950. Arrested third time in 1975 under Art. 68 for organizing a factory strike and attempting to leave the country after renouncing Soviet citizenship. Sentenced to 12 years camp and exile. Sent to psychiatric hospital. Release in 1987.

Hospital address: Kuzmos g. 75, Kaunas, Lithuania, USSR.

Family address: 25-mečio 71-25, Kaunas, Lithuania, USSR.

15. Mr. Henrikas KLIMAŠAUSKAS. Born July 1929. Arrested second time on February 11, 1976. Tried on September 13, 1976 and sent to Special Psychiatric Hospital. One issue of the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania was confiscated from his home. On September 1, 1978, he was transferred to Žiegždriai Republican Psychiatric Hospital, 4th section. On December 14, 1978 he was transferred to the 3rd section. Address and date of release unknown.

16. Mr. Jonas KURŽINSKAS. Imprisoned for association with Lithuanian national movement. Date of release unknown.

Camp address: 618810, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Vsesvyatskaya, uchr. VS-389/35, USSR.

17. Mr. B. KVARCIEJUS. Imprisoned for association with Lithuanian national movement. Date of release unknown.

Camp address: 618810, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Vsesvyatskaya, uchr. VS-389/35, USSR.

18. Mr. Vladas LAPINIENIS. About 80 years old. Arrested on January 4, 1985 in Kaunas for writing his memoirs about life in Soviet labor camp. Criminal charges were brought against him almost a year earlier under Art. 199-1. He was jailed for two weeks in February 1984, but released temporarily due to deteriorating health. First arrested in 1976. Served 5 years for duplicating and disseminating the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania. Place of detention unknown.

Wife's address: Elena Lapienienė, Gelvonų g. Nr. 27-7, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

19. Mr. Vytautas LAŽINSKAS. Interned in a psychiatric hospital on October 10, 1972 for erecting a cross near Klaipėda, Lithuania. Date of release unknown.

Hospital address: Vasaros g. 5, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

20. Mr. Juozas LEIKUS. Born 1914. Arrested 1971 under Art. 62 and sentenced to 15 years strict regime camp for association with the Lithuanian national movement. Release in 1986.

Camp address: 431200, Mordovskaya ASSR, Tengushevsky r-n, pos. Barashevo, uchr. ZhKh-385/3-5, USSR.

21. Mr. Boleslovas LIZŪNAS. Born April 1920. Agronomist. Arrested May 1979 under Art. 62. Sentenced in November 1979 to 10 years in prison and 5 years exile for association with the Lithuanian national movement. Release in May 1994.

Prison address: 422950, Tatarskaya ASSR, g. Chistopol, uchr. UE-148/st-4, USSR.

22. Mr. Petras LUKOŠEVIČIUS. Born May 15, 1917. Arrested a third time on January 22, 1981 for writing his memoirs about the Soviet gulag. Samizdat literature was also confiscated during a search of his home. Interned in a psychiatric hospital. Date of release unknown.

Hospital address: Vasaros 5, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

Home address: Tulpių g. 21-62, Panevėžys, Lithuania, USSR.

23. Father Jonas-Kastytis MATULIONIS. About fifty years old. Graduate of the underground theological seminary. Assistant pastor of Kybartai church. Arrested on November 9, 1984 after administering last rites to a dying man and accused of being an impostor priest. Sentenced to 3 years general regime labor camp under Art. 199-3 on January 17-18, 1985 in Vilnius for organizing a religious procession. Tried with Romas Žemaitis. Served an earlier sentence for association with the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania. Release in November 1987. Place of detention unknown.

24. Mr. Albertas MEŠKINAS. Arrested in 1975 under Art. 62 for association with the Lithuanian national movement. Sentenced to 15 years strict regime camp. Suffers from heart ailment, stomach ulcers and anemia. Release in 1990.

Camp address: 618810, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Vsesvyatskaya, uchr. VS-389/35, USSR.

25. Mr. Motiejus NAMCEVIČIUS. Sentenced to 15 years under Art. 62 for association with the Lithuanian national movement. Address and date of release unknown.

26. Mr. Jonas PAKUCKAS. Born in 1940. Arrested summer of 1981 while attempting to cross the Soviet-Finnish frontier. Tried in May-June 1982 to 12 years strict regime camp under Art. 62 with brother Vytautas Pakuckas and his wife Nadezhda. Release in 1993. Address unknown.

27. Mr. Povilas PEČELIŪNAS. Born May 17, 1928. Lithuanian language teacher. Arrested on January 9, 1980 under Art. 68. Sentenced on December 15-22, 1980 to 3 years strict regime camp and 5 years exile in 1980 for allegedly editing the samizdat "Alma Mater". Release in January 1988.

Exile address: 62806 Tyumenskaya obl., Xanti-Manciyc'kiy nac. okrug., Berezovskii ray., pos. Igrim, ul. Entuziastov 16, kv. 13.

Wife's address: Danutė Pečeliūnienė, F. Žemaičio 1-100, 232042 Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

28. Viktoras PETKUS. Born December 30, 1929. An expert on Lithuanian literature. One of the founders of the Lithuanian Helsinki Group. Served two previous terms on political charges. Arrested on August 23, 1977. Sentenced on July 10-13, 1978 to 3 years prison, 7 years special regime camp and 5 years exile under Arts. 68-2, 70. Reportedly suffering from cancer. Wife Natalija in Vilnius. Release in August 1992.

Camp address: 618263, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, pos. Kuchino, Uchr. VS-389/36-1, USSR.

29. Mr. Juozas RUGYS. Arrested in 1973 for association with the Lithuanian national movement. Date of release unknown.

Camp address: 618801, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Polovinka, uchr. VS-389/37, USSR.

30. Mr. Julius SASNAUSKAS. Born March 18, 1959. Arrested on December 11, 1979 under Art. 68. Sentenced on September 15-19, 1980 to 1-1/2 years strict regime camp and 5 years exile for underground publishing activity. Suffering from back problems. Mother Dalia Sasnauskienė, two sisters and brother. Release in June 1986.

Exile address: 636600, Tomskaya obl., pos Parabel, ul. Sovetskaya, 147a, USSR.

Sister's address: Eleonora Sasnauskaitė, Paberžės g. 16-8, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

31. Mr. David SEVELEV. Born 1926-27. Arrested 1978. Interned in psychiatric hospital. Date of release unknown.

Hospital address: Vasaros g. 5, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

32. Mr. Vytautas SIMOKAITIS. Born 1935. Arrested November 16, 1970 for attempting to hijack an airplane to the West. Sentenced on January 4-14, 1971 to 15 years special regime camp, later transferred to strict regime. Release on November 16, 1985.

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

33. Prof. Vytautas SKUODIS. American citizen. Born March 21, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois. Geologist, environmentalist, lecturer at Vilnius University. Suspended from teaching position for "amoral behavior" and arrested on January 9, 1980. Sentenced on December 15-22, 1980 to 7 years strict regime camp and 3 years exile under Art. 68. Member of Lithuanian Helsinki Group and Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights, author of "Spiritual Genocide in Lithuania". Wife and two daughters - Giedrė and Daiva Skuodyte. Suffering from heart disease. Release on January 9, 1992.

Camp address: 431200, Mordovskaya ASSR, Tengushevsky r-n, pos. Barashevo, uchr. ZhKh 385/3-5.

Wife's address: Irena Skuodienė, Vandentiekio g. 44-4, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

Mother's address: Elzbieta Skuodienė, Gogolio g. 65-2, Panevėžys, Lithuania, USSR.

34. Dr. Algirdas STATKEVIČIUS. Born April 1, 1923. Arrested third time on February 14, 1980. Tried in absentia on August 8-11, 1980 under Art. 68. Sentenced to compulsory psychiatric treatment for membership in Lithuanian Helsinki Group and for writing on social issues and problems, such as alcoholism. By profession a psychiatrist. Wife and two children. Date of release unknown.

Hospital address: 700058, UzbSSR, g. Tashkent, uchr. UYa-64/IZ-1, USSR.

Wife's address: Čarno g. 18-21, Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

35. Father Alfonsas SVARINSKAS. Born January 21, 1925. Ordained a priest in labor camp in 1954. Pastor of Viduklė parish. Arrested a third time on January 26, 1983 for alleged "anti-constitutional and anti-state activities". Sentenced on May 6, 1983 to 7 years strict regime camp and 3 years exile under Art. 68 for his involvement in the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights. Release in January 1993.

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

36. Father Sigitas TAMKEVIČIUS. Born on November 7, 1938. Ordained a priest in 1962. Arrested on May 6, 1983 at the trial of Father Alfonsas Svarinskas for engaging in "illegal and unlawful activity, the main purpose of which was to discredit the Soviet state..". Among the charges - organizing a Christmas party for parish youth. Founding member of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believers' Rights. Sentenced on December 2, 1983 to 6 years strict regime camp and 4 years exile. Release in May 1993.

Camp address: 618263, Permskaya obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Polovinka, uchr. VS-389/37, USSR.

37. Mr. Antanas TERLECKAS. Born on February 9, 1928. Economist-historian. Arrested a fourth

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

NSA

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 26, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PETER J. VISCLOSKY

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION OF THE LITHUANIAN
AMERICAN COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RESTORATION OF LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8607301

Date MAR 28 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Ronald Reagan From: Peter J. Visclosky

Date: February 24, 1986 Subject: Continuance of All
Current Efforts to Restore Both Self-Government and the Recognition
of Basic Human Rights and Liberties in Lithuania.

Referral Dated: March 6, 1986 ID# 378038
(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.
- 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:

Nicholas Platt
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Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAR 27 1986

Dear Mr. Visclosky:

I am replying to your letter of February 24, addressed to President Reagan concerning the resolution adopted by the Lithuanian American Council of Lake City, Indiana.

As you are aware, the President is deeply sympathetic to the suffering of Lithuania and the other Baltic States. He uses every opportunity to articulate U.S. support for basic human rights and especially the right of the people of all nations to determine their own destiny. The President's commitment to this principle is the most important element of his Baltic Freedom Day messages and is the basis for his unwavering support of our non-recognition policy.

Thank you for conveying to us the Lithuanian American Council's expressions of gratitude and support.

Sincerely,

Jm/ly

James W. Dyer
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:
Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Peter J. Visclosky,
House of Representatives.

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

REFERRAL

MARCH 6, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ATTN: LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 378038
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1986
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE PETER J. VISCLOSKY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES YOU TO CONTINUE ALL CURRENT EFFORTS
TO RESTORE BOTH SELF-GOVERNMENT AND THE
RECOGNITION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND
LIBERTIES IN LITHUANIA.

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

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

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 3, 1986

Dear Mr. Visclosky:

Thank you for your February 24 letter to the President enclosing a copy of the resolution adopted by the Lithuanian-American Council in recognition of the restoration of Lithuanian independence.

We appreciate your interest in sharing this resolution with us. Your comments about human rights in Lithuania, as well as the resolution, are being directed to the President's foreign policy advisers for further attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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DIRECT response

PETER J. VISCLOSKY
1ST DISTRICT, INDIANA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 24, 1986

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I recently had the honor of attending a program sponsored by the Lithuanian-American Council of Lake County, Indiana, in commemoration of the 68th anniversary of the proclamation of Lithuanian independence.

At the request of Mr. Albert Vinick, the President of the Lithuanian-American Council, I am pleased to forward to you a copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Council in recognition of the restoration of Lithuanian independence 68 years ago.

In closing, I strongly urge you to continue all current efforts to restore both self-government and the recognition of basic human rights and liberties in Lithuania so that, at some time in the future, the introduction of such a resolution will not be necessary.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Peter J. Visclosky, M.C.

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Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1986

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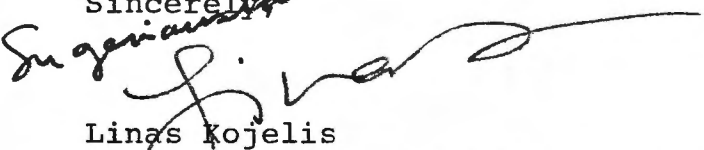
Dear Vaclovas:

Please accept my most heartfelt ~~congratulations on your recent selection as Consul General of Lithuania.~~ I wish you all the best on this most important appointment, which I know will be both challenging and rewarding.

Please let me know if you will ever be in Washington, D.C. I can be reached at 202/456-6573 and would greatly look forward to meeting with you.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,
Su geriausias linkėjimas.


Linas Kojelis
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

The Honorable Vaclovas Kleiza
Consul General of Lithuania
10000 S. Bell Avenue
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 14, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR. *WGK*

SUBJECT: Legislative Referral: Human Rights in Lithuania

The NSC has no objection to the Department of State draft on H.R. 192 concerning the denial of human rights in Lithuania.

NSC # 105235

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

July 14, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM:

ROBERT W. DEAN *RWD*

SUBJECT:

Legislative Referral: Human Rights in Lithuania

State has sent you a draft report on H.R. 192 concerning the denial of human rights to the Catholics of Lithuania (Tab II). Attached at Tab I is a reply to OMB for your signature stating that the NSC has no objection to the State draft.

Alison Fortier ^{*ok by phone*} concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Ronald Peterson of OMB at Tab I.

Approve *WPK*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I - Green Memo to Peterson

Tab II - Peterson Memo to the NSC of July 9, 1987

Prepared by:
Robert Bemis *A*



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

SPECIAL

July 9, 1987

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer -
National Security Council

SUBJECT: State draft report on H.Res. 192, regarding the denial of human rights in Lithuania.

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 FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1987.

Questions should be referred to **Annette Rooney/Sue Thau** (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.

RONALD K. PETERSON for
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

cc: Bruce Sasser

SPECIAL



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your request for an Administration comment on House Resolution 192 concerning the denial of human rights in Lithuania.

I hereby state that the Department has no objection to H. Res. 192, which describes the plight of the Lithuanian Catholic Church. We believe that the 600th Anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania is an appropriate occasion to bring attention to the problem of continuing repression in Lithuania.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Lee H. Hamilton,
Chairman,
Subcommittee on Europe and
the Middle East,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives.

**National Security Council
The White House**

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SUBJECT: STATE DRAFT RPT ON HR 192 RE DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN LITHUANIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 24, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. ELENA ARMANAS

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES ON
LITHUANIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1988

Dear Ms. Armanas:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for sending the Lithuanian Council of Chicago's resolution concerning the 70th anniversary of Lithuania's independence. Your words of encouragement were certainly appreciated. As you may already know, the President this year issued a presidential proclamation establishing February 16, 1988 "Lithuanian Independence Day."

On the broader issues raised in your resolution, this Administration's position remains clear and unwavering. We continue to support the rights of people everywhere to freedom and self-determination. Moreover, we repeatedly raise with Soviet officials our concern over the plight of captive nations-- including the Baltic states-- and we will continue to do so.

Once again, thank you for your message of support.

Sincerely,



Max Green
Associate Director
Office for Public Liaison

Ms. Elena Armanas
President
Council of Lithuanian Societies of Maryland
Lithuanian Hall
851 Hollins Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8805650

Date March 5, 1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: Ms. Elena Armanas

Date: February 21, 1988

Subject: Encloses Copy of Resolution in Appreciation for the
Administration's Policies on Lithuania

WH Referral Dated: February 29, 1988

NSC ID# (if any): 543588

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

ACTION TAKEN:

 x 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.

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proposed travel.

 Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

Kathleen Murphy
Director
Secretariat Staff *fm*

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DRAFT REPLY

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Once again, thank you for your message of support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elena Armanas,

President,

Council of Lithuanian Societies

of Maryland, Lithuanian Hall,

851 Hollins Street,

Baltimore, Maryland.

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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 29, 1988

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF:
WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 543588

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1988

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. ELENA ARMANAS
PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF LITHUANIAN SOCIETIES
OF MARYLAND
LITHUANIAN HALL
851 HOLLINS STREET
BALTIMORE MD 21201

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURE COPY OF RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES ON
LITHUANIA

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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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MARYLANDO LIETUVIŲ DRAUGIJŲ TARYBA
COUNCIL OF LITHUANIAN SOCIETIES
OF MARYLAND
LITHUANIAN HALL

851 HOLLINS STREET -:- BALTIMORE, MD. 21201



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Februaury 21, 1988

HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C. 20005

K. Kojalas

Dear MR. PRESIDENT,

On February fourteenth of this year the Council of the Lithuanian Societies of Maryland met to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Independence of Lithuania. During this occasion this assembly adopted the Resolution herewith enclosed, and expressed its gratitude to the Government of the United States for its non-recognition of the occupied status of Lithuania and its Baltic neighbors of Estonia, and Latvia, and the protection of human rights in these countries.

With this reolution we extend to you our best wishes and heartfelt greetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Council of the Lithuanian Societies of Maryland
by:

Elena Armanas, President

RSVP: Elena Armanas, esq.
Suite 304B
5602 Baltimore National Pike
Baltimore, Md. 21228

RESOLUTION

We, the Lithuanian Americans of the Lithuanian Societies of Maryland, this fourteenth day of February, 1988, assembled to pay respects to the restoration of Lithuania's independence, do hereby state as follows:

WHEREAS, the Lithuanian people exercised their right of self-determination and established the Independent Republic of Lithuania on February 16, 1918, and this date marks the 70th Anniversary of the restoration of independence to the more than 737 year Lithuanian State;

WHEREAS, the Republic of Lithuania was recognized as a free and independent nation by the entire free world, and was a member of the League of Nations, however, she was forcibly occupied by the Soviet Union during June 15-27, 1940, and being invaded by armed force and illegally annexed in violation of all existing treaties and in disregard of the principles of international law.

WHEREAS, 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, Lithuanian Americans of the State of Maryland, 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; and we are 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 available pressures so that the Soviet Union would 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 protest against the mobilization of men in occupied Lithuania and other Baltic States by the Soviet Union for the purpose of sending them to Afghanistan to fight an imperialistic war of colonial aggression. This is against international law and against human rights of all peoples.

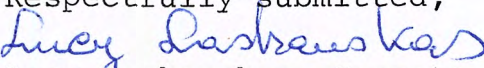
WE express our sincere gratitude to the Congress of the United States for the impressive commemoration of Lithuanian Independence.

WE request the administration of the United States of America and the governments of other free countries to use every opportunity in international forums and in direct negotiations with the Soviet Union to strongly support the Lithuanian aims for freedom and independence.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY on the 14th day of February, in the year of 1988.

COUNCIL OF THE LITHUANIAN SOCIETIES OF MARYLAND
851 Hollins Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201


Elena Armanas, President

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Laskauskas, Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 22, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

SUBJECT: State Draft Report on HR-300 Re Continued Control of the Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania by the USSR

The NSC has no objection to the substance of the State report. However, we recommend that it be revised to include a reference to our policy of not recognizing the incorporation of the Baltic States into the USSR. Also, the phrase, "in Lithuania and throughout the Soviet Union" should be revised so as not to imply that Lithuania is part of the USSR.

Attachment
Tab A State report

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your letter of November 16 to Secretary Shultz asking for the Department's comments on H.Res. 300 -- Expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives to the continued control of the cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania, by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Department of State wholeheartedly supports H.Res. 300 and welcomes it as a supplement to our own efforts to press the Soviets to allow greater freedom of religion. We have consistently denounced the lack of freedom of religion in the Soviet Union. We have specifically decried the harassment of Lithuanian Catholic priests and pushed for greater public access to places of worship. The return of the Vilnius Cathedral to the Catholic Church is an important step in this direction.

Human rights issues were high on the agenda of the just-concluded summit meeting. In other bilateral meetings with the Soviets and at the Vienna CSCE Follow-up meeting, Secretary Shultz and other Department officials have pushed the Soviets to respect their citizens' basic human rights, including the right to practice, without harassment, the religion of their choice. You can be assured that we will continue to do so until believers in Lithuania and throughout the Soviet Union enjoy full freedom of religion.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

If I can be of further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Fox
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable

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

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506ACTION

January 21, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

FROM: RUDOLF V. PERINA SUBJECT: State Draft Report on HR-300 Re Continued Control
of the Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania by the USSR

Ronald Peterson sent for NSC approval a draft State report on the above Resolution (Tab A). At Tab I is a memorandum from you to Peterson recommending that the report be revised to refer to the U.S. policy of not recognizing the incorporation of the Baltic States into the USSR.

 Alison Fortier concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memorandum to Ronald Peterson.

APPROVE 

DISAPPROVE _____

Attachments

Tab I Your memorandum to Ronald Peterson
Tab A State report



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

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January 6, 1988

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer -

National Security Council

SUBJECT: State draft report on H.Res. 300 regarding continued control of the Cathedral in Vilnius Lithuania by the USSR.

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 MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 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

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cc: B. Sasser

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TO STEVENS

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