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From: Flanagan, Stephen J.
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To: Berger, Samuel (Sandy); Steinberg, James
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Subject: Talks With Latvian MFA State Secretary (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

EUR DAS Ron Asmus and I met with Latvian MFA State Secretary Maris Reikstins for 90 minutes today. Here are the highlights:

Reikstins said the situation in Latvia is tense but not yet dangerous. Moscow appears convinced that its current bluster is the only way to "get results" from Riga on minority issues -- a point a Russian MFA official made to us here last week. Latvians concerned that Moscow wants to keep the pot boiling, as a way to slow Baltic integration into the West. Citizens are worried about the impact of Russia's economic pressure (boycotts of Latvian goods, tougher deals on energy supplies etc), particularly if campaign continues for several months. On the other hand, Russia needs Latvian ports for oil and other exports.

Latvians deeply appreciated the President's letter, particularly comments on their human rights progress. They have released portions of letter, as they were authorized by Embassy Riga when it was delivered. In contrast, they are miffed at the EU, particularly Italy and Germany. Both Kohl and Dini made comments on Latvia's shortcomings on treatment of the Russian-speaking minority in Moscow, which played right into Primakov's hand. He also lauded FBI's support to Latvian police investigations of recent bombings.

- We expressed Washington's desire to help Moscow and Latvia restore a constructive dialogue and to continue to explore mutually-beneficial areas of regional cooperation -- i.e. on the environment and organized crime. Keep open the option of a "win-win" resolution of the current crisis.
- We underscored Riga's need to move more quickly to implement OSCE recommendations on treatment of minorities. We told Reikstins that we would urge the EU (and the Russians) to look to the OSCE recommendations as objective benchmarks of Latvian performance. Don't let Moscow move the goal posts, and impose new standards. In this way, Latvians can also be seen as taking steps to prepare themselves for EU membership, vice responding to Moscow's pressure. Reikstins said they have implemented 11 of 18 items on the OSCE list and further steps (i.e. on naturalization laws) are in the works.
- We reaffirmed our commitment to move forward with implementation of the Baltic Charter and Action Plan to demonstrate that our support to further reforms and integration is proceeding as expected. This will also undermine Russian suggestions that we share their assessment of Latvia's shortcomings. Key task here is to try to break the logjam (as POTUS promised) with the EU on audiovisuals, which is still impeding Latvian membership in WTO.
- We noted that new efforts to deal with the past, including formation of a Baltic Historical Commission which would examine events in the region during WWII -- a step supported by the AJC -- would also advance their cause.

FYI. Madeline's letter to Primakov is supposed to be delivered tomorrow. State is giving some thought to a high-level visit to Riga (Madeline or Strobe) in early May.

Also, the Russians **have not raised the Skrunda radar facility** (which they are committed to vacate in September) in the context of the current crisis. However, I can see the politics breaking that way, if we don't get Moscow and Riga talking soon. Given the President's involvement in securing the Skrunda deal, a little more engagement by Washington now could help avoid a bigger showdown this summer.

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SUBJECT: POTUS LETTER TO LATVIAN PRESIDENT ULMANIS

(U) CLASSIFIED BY EUR-ACTING E. ANTHONY WAYNE FOR REASON
1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. ~~(S)~~ THIS MESSAGE SENT NIACT-IMMEDIATE TO ALLOW ITS
DELIVERY TO THE PRESIDENT OF LATVIA AT OOB IN RIGA ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN LATVIA. THE
MESSAGE IS ANXIOUSLY AWAITED BY THE LATVIAN GOVERNMENT AS
IT CONCERNS THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION AND EMBASSY
RIGA HAS ASKED THAT IT BE SENT NIACT IMMEDIATE.

3. ~~(C)~~ DEPARTMENT REQUESTS POST TO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT
ULMANIS THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON. NO
ORIGINAL SIGNED VERSION WILL FOLLOW. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO
PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC THE TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO DO SO.

2. ~~(S)~~ BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR PRESIDENT ULMANIS:

I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT PRIME MINISTER KRASTS HAS
DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND OTHER U.S.
CITIES. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT HIS DECISION TO
REMAIN IN LATVIA AT THIS TIME. LET ME REASSURE YOU THAT WE
WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE U.S.-
LATVIA BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY I ADMIRE THE
LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE SHOWN UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.
YOU HAVE VERY EFFECTIVELY USED YOUR OFFICE TO FOCUS PUBLIC
ATTENTION ON SOME FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF A DEMOCRATIC
AND FREE SOCIETY. I KNOW THAT THESE ISSUES CAN BE COMPLEX
AND CONTROVERSIAL, BUT YOU HAVE MANAGED TO ADDRESS THEM IN
A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. **YOUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

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CHALLENGING THE LATVIAN PARLIAMENT TO REVIEW LATVIA'S CITIZENSHIP LAWS CONVEY THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE THAT THE INTEGRATION OF INDIVIDUALS BELONGING TO RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITIES IS IN THE LONG TERM INTEREST OF THE LATVIAN STATE. YOUR REMINDER THAT LATVIA'S PUBLIC SERVANTS AND MEMBERS OF ITS MILITARY MUST ADHERE TO YOUR NATION'S POLICY GOALS DEMONSTRATES LATVIA'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY. YOUR EFFORTS TO KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS SHOWS THAT LATVIA IS SERIOUS ABOUT CONTRIBUTING TO REGIONAL STABILITY AND COOPERATION.

LATVIA HAS COME A LONG WAY IN A SHORT TIME, AND I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THOSE AREAS, SUCH AS THE SITUATION OF ETHNIC RUSSIANS, WHERE WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS AND RELIES ON THE WORK OF THE OSCE AND ITS MISSION IN RIGA TO EVALUATE LATVIA'S PERFORMANCE ON ASSURING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS BELONGING TO RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS. WE AGREE WITH THE OSCE FINDINGS THAT LATVIA HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS AND IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

WHEN WE STOOD TOGETHER IN THE EAST ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE LAST JANUARY TO SIGN THE CHARTER OF PARTNERSHIP, WE ESTABLISHED IMPORTANT SHARED PRINCIPLES INVOLVING BOTH HUMAN RIGHTS RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORS. AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE CREATIVE APPROACHES TO THESE ISSUES IN LATVIA, WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT YOU. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LATVIAN PARLIAMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING HELPFUL AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIZENSHIP LAW. THIS WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP IN DEMONSTRATING LATVIA'S COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTING OSCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

WE BELIEVE THESE ISSUES CAN BEST BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE KIND OF OPEN DIALOGUE AND PRACTICAL STEPS YOU HAVE WORKED HARD TO PROMOTE. WE ARE ALSO TALKING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DONE TO RESTART A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH LATVIA. DISRUPTION OF NORMAL COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS IN NORTHERN EUROPE IS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST, AND WE STRESS WITH RUSSIA THAT INTENSIFIED TALK OF THREATS OR SANCTIONS CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT THAT CAN FRUSTRATE PROGRESS.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT LATVIA, UNDER YOUR PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP, WILL MEET THE CHALLENGES IT NOW FACES, AND THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS YOUR EFFORTS. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHANCE TO REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS WELL AS THE WORK AHEAD, AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE U.S. - BALTIC PARTNERSHIP COMMISSION IN RIGA IN LATE JUNE.

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

END TEXT
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ULMANIS

REF: STATE 64659

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR LARRY C. NAPPER.
REASON 1.5(B), (D).

2. (C) ON APRIL 11 THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH PRESIDENT
ULMANIS TO DELIVER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LETTER (REFTEL).
PRESIDENT ULMANIS EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR
THE LETTER, WHICH HE OBSERVED HAD COME AT EXACTLY THE
RIGHT TIME. HE ESPECIALLY WELCOMED THE COMMITMENT IN
THE LETTER TO A VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY TALBOTT TO
LATVIA IN JUNE. THE PRESIDENT READ CAREFULLY THE

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SECTIONS OF THE LETTER ON SOCIAL INTEGRATION IN LATVIA AND THE NEED FOR PROGRESS ON THE CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION FRONTS. ULMANIS SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO HAVE THE LETTER TRANSLATED AND WOULD USE IT WITH THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT DURING THE SPECIAL CABINET MEETING SET FOR APRIL 15. AT THAT MEETING THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE INTENDED BOTH TO PRESS FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT CRISIS AND TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON FOR PROGRESS IN LIBERALIZING LATVIA'S LEGISLATION ON CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION.

3. ~~(S)~~ TURNING TO THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS, ULMANIS SAID THAT HE HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT THE KRASTS GOVERNMENT WAS TOO WEAK TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE OCTOBER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. HE HOPED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE DONE TO SHORE UP KRASTS' POSITION AS PRIME MINISTER, BUT THIS SEEMED INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY. ULMANIS SAID THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY FRUSTRATED WITH KRASTS' INABILITY TO DISCIPLINE HIS FATHERLAND AND FREEDOM PARTY AND TO MOVE THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF MEANINGFUL REFORM OF THE CITIZENSHIP LAW AND NATURALIZATION PROCESS. IN A CONVERSATION OF ALMOST 90 MINUTES, THE PRESIDENT WENT OVER ALL THE OPTIONS IF THE KRASTS GOVERNMENT SHOULD FALL. HE CONSIDERED THE OPTION OF ORGANIZING A NEW GOVERNMENT HEADED BY A FIGURE FROM ANOTHER PARTY OR BY A "TECHNOCRAT" AS CARETAKER UNTIL THE FALL ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE ANYONE ON THE LATVIAN POLITICAL SCENE WITH BOTH THE POLITICAL AUTHORITY AND THE CREDIBILITY WITH ALL THE PARTIES TO FILL SUCH A CARETAKER ROLE.

4. ~~(S)~~ FACED WITH A PAUCITY OF GOOD OPTIONS, ULMANIS SAID THAT HE WAS INCREASINGLY CONSIDERING DISBANDING THE PARLIAMENT AND ORGANIZING EARLY ELECTIONS. SUCH A COURSE WOULD BE COMPLICATED BY THE LATVIAN CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION REQUIRING A NATIONAL REFERENDUM BEFORE PARLIAMENT COULD BE DISSOLVED. IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS IN THE REFERENDUM SUPPORTED ULMANIS, THE PARLIAMENT WOULD BE DISSOLVED AND EARLY ELECTIONS CALLED. IF, HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT FAILED TO GET A POPULAR MAJORITY, HE HIMSELF WOULD BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. WHILE ULMANIS WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD SUPPORT A DECISION TO DISSOLVE THE PARLIAMENT, HE WAS UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT TO GO DOWN THIS CUMBERSOME AND TIME-CONSUMING ROUTE. IF THIS OPTION WERE TO BE SELECTED, HE ESTIMATED THAT ELECTIONS COULD NOT BE ORGANIZED BEFORE JULY OR AUGUST, ONLY A COUPLE OF MONTHS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS THAT ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY OCTOBER. DESPITE ALL THE DOWNSIDES, ULMANIS SAID THAT HIS FRUSTRATION WITH THE SQUABBLING AMONG LATVIA'S POLITICIANS WAS INCREASINGLY CAUSING HIM TO LEAN IN THE DIRECTION OF DISSOLVING THE PARLIAMENT AND WORKING FOR EARLY ELECTIONS.

5. (C) ULM

ANIS EXPRESSED SPECIAL GRATITUDE FOR THE
COMMITMENT IN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LETTER TO USE
AMERICAN INFLUENCE TO HELP RESTART A DIALOGUE BETWEEN
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LATVIA AND RUSSIA. ULMANIS SAID THAT HE WAS COMPLETELY
FRUSTRATED BY LATVIA'S INABILITY TO ESTABLISH
MEANINGFUL CONTACT WITH ANYONE IN THE RUSSIAN
GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE
THAT KRASTS OR FOREIGN MINISTER BIRKAVS COULD
REESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH MOSCOW. ULMANIS
HIMSELF HAD TRIED TO REACH YELTSIN ONLY TO RUN INTO A
STONEWALL. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING
HOW TO ORGANIZE A MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PRIMAKOV,
HOPING THAT A MEETING WITH THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
MIGHT AT LEAST RESTART DIALOGUE. ULMANIS COULD NOT,
HOWEVER, SEE HOW TO ORCHESTRATE A MEETING WITH
PRIMAKOV. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE HOPED THE UNITED
STATES OR SOME OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRY MIGHT BE HELPFUL.
IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WARMLY WELCOMED SWEDISH PRIME
MINISTER PERSSON'S INITIATIVE TO VISIT LATVIA ON APRIL
15.

6. (C) COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY DEPLOYED
PRESIDENT CLINTON'S LETTER TO GOOD EFFECT WITH THE
LATVIAN PUBLIC AND POLITICIANS. A PRESIDENTIAL PRESS
RELEASE SUMMARIZING THE LETTER LED TO FRONT PAGE
HEADLINES IN THE APRIL 14 LATVIAN NEWSPAPERS FOCUSING
ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SUPPORT FOR CHANGES IN LATVIA'S
CITIZENSHIP LAW. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO USED THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO GOOD EFFECT IN
AN APRIL 14 MEETING TO URGE THE INTER-PARTY WORKING
GROUP ON THE CITIZENSHIP LAW TO PROPOSE COMPREHENSIVE
AND FAR-REACHING REFORMS. ON THE QUESTION OF DIALOGUE
WITH RUSSIA, THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY'S DCM DEMURIN TOLD THE
DCM ON APRIL 14 THAT MOSCOW HAD ON APRIL 13 OFFERED THE
LATVIANS A MEETING BETWEEN RUSSIAN MFA DEPUTY MINISTER
AVDEYEV AND LATVIAN MFA STATE SECRETARY RIEKSTINS.
ACCORDING TO DEMURIN, AVDEYEV WOULD BE WILLING TO

RECEIVE RIEKSTINS IN MOSCOW IF THE LATVIANS WERE PREPARED TO TABLE NEW POSITIONS ON THEIR CITIZENSHIP LAW, ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A BROAD LATVIAN-RUSSIAN POLITICAL AGREEMENT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND ON BALTIC CSBMS. IF RIEKSTINS WERE NOT PREPARED TO TABLE NEW PROPOSALS IN THESE AREAS, A MEETING WITH AVDEYEV COULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IN A EUROPEAN CAPITAL, SUCH AS BRUSSELS. ACCORDING TO DEMURIN, THE LATVIANS WERE STILL CONSIDERING THE RUSSIAN PROPOSAL. IN ANY EVENT, A MEETING COULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL RIEKSTINS COMPLETED HIS APRIL 14-15 TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND NSC.

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