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MEMORANDUM FOR: KENNEY, K

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: VIKE-FREIBERGA, VAIR

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 20 JUN 00

SUBJ: RESPONSE TO LATVIAN PRES VIKE-FREIBERGA RE RUSSIAN POLICY TWD BALTIC
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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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WASHINGTON

June 20, 2000

Dear Madam President:

Thank you for writing prior to my recent visit to Moscow. Your concerns were very much in mind during my discussions with President Putin. I am convinced that, based on our talks, President Putin understands clearly the importance the United States attaches to ensuring stable and cooperative relations between Russia and its neighbors, including in the Baltic region. This issue, along with respect for democratic principles and the success of economic reforms, will have a direct impact on Russia's international integration.

To underscore our support for Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, I asked Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott to represent the United States at the June 7 meeting of the U.S.-Baltic Partnership Commission in Tallinn. I welcome the reaffirmation at that meeting of our common vision of a Europe whole and free, and of our goal to create together conditions to complete the integration of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia into European and transatlantic institutions.

Deputy Secretary Talbott also used that occasion to confirm publicly that the United States considers recent statements by Russian officials concerning Latvia to be completely unwarranted by the facts. He called for resumption of a full dialogue and enhanced cooperation between Russia and its Baltic neighbors, aimed at developing more stable and prosperous relations in the region. I hope that such a dialogue will begin to develop soon.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Her Excellency
Vaira Vike-Freiberga
President of the Republic of Latvia
Riga

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 17, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *MB*
SUBJECT: Response to Latvian President

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White House Guidelines, May 16, 2017
By 12 NARA, Date 6/20/2023
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Purpose

Respond to President Vike-Freiberga's concerns about Russian policy toward the Baltic states.

Background

President Vike-Freiberga wrote to you just before your meetings in Moscow to express the hope that Russia's rhetoric and policies toward its Baltic neighbors might soften as a result of your visit. Your response points out that we share these concerns and continue to make clear to the Russians our expectation that they will work to promote stability and cooperation with their neighbors, including in the Baltic region.

A letter from Latvia's new Prime Minister, Andris Berzins, accompanied the letter from President Vike-Freiberga. Berzins thanks you for your congratulatory note upon his becoming Prime Minister and outlines his Government's goals in the months ahead. No response is required at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response to President Vike-Freiberga at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to President Vike-Freiberga
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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William Jefferson Clinton
President of the
United States of America

Riga, May 30, 2000

Dear Mr. President,

June 14, 2000 marks a significant date in the history of US-Baltic relations. For over fifty years, it was a date that reflected the consistent non-recognition policy by the US Government and its people of the illegal incorporation of the Baltic countries into the USSR. This policy of non-recognition provided the people of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania with the hope that the ideals of democracy, freedom and justice would prevail, and result in the renewed independence of these countries.

Ten years ago, Latvia once again resumed responsibility for its own development, and has been actively pursuing its goals of full integration into the Euro-Atlantic community. The outstanding work of your administration in the Baltic policy area deserves true admiration and widespread recognition. With the practical assistance and vocal support of the United States, Latvia has showed visible and consistent progress in strengthening democracy, human rights, economic growth and social integration within the country.

Latvia has received broad support of its efforts both in the United States and in Europe. A vivid example of this occurred during my recent visit to New York City and Harvard University, and during my meetings with Americans of various backgrounds and careers in the political, academic and business communities. These individuals might have held different views on politics and on the immediate challenges that face the Baltic States, but they were united in their belief that Latvia's future lies in a Europe united and free, and in an increasingly close partnership with the United States.

Latvia deeply appreciates the highly supportive and active policy of the United States in the Baltic region during the past years. This policy has taken an important part of your own personal time and consideration, Mr. President, and, as a result, has helped the Baltic region to become one of the most dynamic and stable in Europe. I am extremely pleased to note the existence of ambitious plans for our common work this year in terms of high-level political meetings and

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active work within the Partnership Charter framework.

We in Latvia are looking forward to your upcoming visit to Moscow and to your meetings with Russia's newly elected President, Vladimir Putin. Latvia fully supports a policy of engagement and dialogue with Russia that could contribute to Russia's development as a modern European country. Our own practical efforts in this area clearly follow the principles of the US-Baltic

Partnership, and are targeted at the establishment of a prosperous and stable European continent. Latvia is ready share the common responsibility of the international community in this regard, not least as the next presiding state of the Council of Europe.

We realize that Russia is currently facing a wide array of social, political, and economic problems. We hope that the new Russia of President Putin will demonstrate its commitment to true European values in its internal and foreign policies. For Latvians, the reversal of some of Russia's obstructive policies and rhetoric towards its Baltic neighbors, which have been an integral part of Russian foreign policy for the past few years, would certainly be a welcome sign of such a commitment. We are closely following the evolving situation that regard.

Mr. President, I wish you every success during your challenging visit. I am convinced that your upcoming meeting with President Putin, like previous Summit meetings you have had with Russian leaders, will bring a renewed sense of security to the people in the Baltic countries.

Yours sincerely,

Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga
President of the Republic of Latvia

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Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

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Riga, 31 May 2000

H. E. Mr. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to express my most sincere thanks for your letter of congratulations on the occasion of my appointment as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia.

Assuming the duties of the Head of the Government of Latvia I fully realize that the challenges we are going to face require lots of energy and hard work. Let me assure you that the newly formed Government of Latvia is prepared to work actively, maintaining continuity of the Government's agenda both internally and internationally.

We highly value the US positive assessment of Latvia's legislation on citizenship, language and minority related issues that are in full compliance with OSCE standards. The Government of Latvia is grateful for the US support for our work on integration of Latvian society. The implementation of the National Program "Integration of Society in Latvia" will strengthen the democratic civil society on the basis of common values. Work in this direction will be one of the priorities for the new Government of Latvia.

We have always greatly appreciated the US political support for Latvia's aspirations to join Euro-Atlantic institutions. We are very pleased that our intensive work with the European Commission has resulted in the invitation to start accession negotiations, as it was decided at EU Helsinki Summit in 1999. We are prepared to proceed with these negotiations quickly and efficiently.

Latvia's goal to join NATO remains unchanged. In this respect, I wish to reiterate my Government's commitment to raise defense spending up to 2% of GDP by year 2003.

Latvia is engaged in close co-operation with the Baltic states and other aspirant countries preparing for NATO membership. The significance of this co-operation was confirmed in the statement of nine Foreign ministers at the Vilnius conference on 19 May 2000. The inclusion of all European democracies into NATO will complete the historic task of building Europe whole and free. Latvia's Government relies on strong and continuous support of the United States in our way of becoming full NATO member.

I wish to assure you that we will continue to strongly adhere to all our international commitments and to support the efforts to keeping and preserving of peace in all parts of the globe.

I am glad that the relationship between our countries is based on the true partnership and common vision of the future of Europe and the whole contemporary world. The signing of US-Baltic Partnership Charter and its subsequent successful implementation serves as the most important element in strengthening ties between Latvia and the United States that covers all the major spheres of our partnership.

As we approach the third Partnership Commission in June 2000, I would like to note with satisfaction the positive results of the work of the bilateral and quadrilateral bodies created under the Charter, and most recently - the economic working group meeting in April this year.

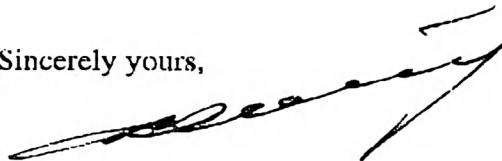
Let me reiterate the deep and continuous interest of Latvia in expanding our economic partnership that undoubtedly has a huge potential for further development. I am planning to visit the United States in September this year. I view it as an opportunity to contribute personally to fostering our dialogue on issues of political and economic co-operation.

Latvia is deeply interested in the growth of economic co-operation and political stability of the Baltic Sea area and we will strongly support all initiatives, aimed at achieving this goal, particularly the US involvement through the NEI projects.

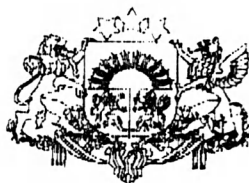
I look forward to the traditionally close co-operation with the US Government on the issues of regional as well as global importance.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Andris Bērziņš
Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

*Latvijas Valsts prezidents*

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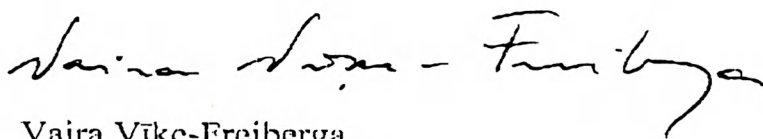
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Yours sincerely,



Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga
President of the Republic of Latvia

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FROM: VIKE-FREIBERGA, VAIRA

White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006

By KDL NARA, Date 01/18/2013

DOC DATE: 30 MAY 00
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PERSONS: PUTIN, VLADIMIR

SUBJECT: WISHES POTUS SUCCESSFUL RUSSIA VISIT & MTG W/ PUTIN

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN ~~ADJ~~

FROM: RICHARD NORLAND ~~ky~~

SUBJECT: Response to Latvian President

Attached at Tab I for your signature is your memorandum to the President forwarding a response to President Vike-Freiberga.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on June 2, 2000.

Concurrence by: Andrew Weiss ~~AL~~

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Response to Latvian President

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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PRESIDENTIAL/NSA CORRESPONDENCE

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

ACTION OFFICER: Norland LOG NUMBER: 3715
DUE DATE: 14 Jun
DATE STAFFED: 5 Jun

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:



PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: Vike-Freiberga & Berzins

PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF A LETTER DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESPONSE, PLEASE RETURN IT TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RM 379) WITH THIS FORM, ANNOTATED ACCORDINGLY.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Response to Latvian President

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 13526
White House Guidelines, May 16, 2017
By VL NARA, Date 6/20/2023
2016-0314-M-2

Purpose

Respond to President Vike-Freiberga's concerns about Russian policy toward the Baltic states.

Background

President Vike-Freiberga wrote to you just before your meetings in Moscow to express the hope that Russia's rhetoric and policies toward its Baltic neighbors might soften as a result of your visit. Your response points out that we share these concerns and continue to ~~signal~~ *make clear* to the Russians our expectation that they will work to promote stability and cooperation with their neighbors, including in the Baltic region.

A letter from Latvia's new Prime Minister, Andris Berzins, accompanied the letter from President Vike-Freiberga. Berzins thanks you for your congratulatory note upon his becoming Prime Minister, and outlines his Government's goals in the months ahead. No response is required at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response to President Vike-Freiberga at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to President Vike-Freiberga
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Madame President:

Thank you for writing prior to my recent visit to Moscow. Your concerns were very much in mind during my discussions with President Putin. I am convinced that, based on our talks, President Putin understands clearly the importance the United States attaches to ensuring stable and cooperative relations between Russia and its neighbors, including in the Baltic region. This issue, along with respect for democratic principles and the success of economic reforms, will have a direct impact on Russia's international integration.

To underscore our support for Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, I asked Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott to represent the United States at the June 7 meeting of the U.S.-Baltic Partnership Commission in Tallinn. I welcome the reaffirmation at that meeting of our common vision of a Europe whole and free, and of our goal jointly to create conditions to complete the integration of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia into European and transatlantic institutions.

Deputy Secretary Talbott also used that occasion to confirm publicly that the United States considers recent statements by Russian officials concerning Latvia to be completely unwarranted by the facts. He called for resumption of a full dialogue and enhanced cooperation between Russia and its Baltic neighbors, aimed at developing more stable and prosperous relations in the region. I very much hope that such a dialogue will begin to develop soon.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Her Excellency
Vaira Vike-Freiberga
President of the Republic of Latvia
Riga