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FAX COVER SHEET

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
RIGA, LATVIA

TEL: (371) 782-0046

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DATE: September 26, 1996

TO: Dan Fried
Special Assistant to the President
and Senior Director for Central and
Eastern European Affairs
National Security Council

FAX: 202 456-9150

FROM: Ambassador Larry C. Napper 

Dear Dan,

Attached is a summary of statements and actions by Latvian parliamentarians on Chechnya as requested. The Latvian Government has been careful to distance itself from such statements. I am convinced that there will not be any official statements or actions in support of Chechen independence, although the GOL has been critical of what it sees as excessive Russian use of force and human rights violations in Chechnya. While the GOL will steer clear of pronouncements about Chechen independence, Latvian Parliamentarians will probably continue to make statements that antagonize the Russians.

cc:EUR/NB

MEMORANDUM

Date: 9/26/96
From: Alvis Ancans, POL 
To: Ambassador Napper
Subject: Latvia's Position on the Chechen Crisis

SAEIMAAugust 23

Six Saeima members handed over to the Russian embassy a letter addressed to Boris Yeltsin, demanding immediate recognition of the Chechen independence and withdrawal of Russian troops from the breakaway republic. Russian ambassador Rannikh refused to see the parliamentarians. The letter was signed by 62 members of the Saeima (including Imants Daudiss and Janina Kusnere of the Saeima Presidium), although most active pro-Chechen MPs represent the so-called Chechen Support Group headed by MP Juris Vidins of Fatherland and Freedom.

Saeima Speaker Ilga Kreituse remarked she agreed in principle to what was said in the document but could not sign it due to her status. Foreign minister Birkavs would not have signed it either, she added.

September 5

In a ceremony held in the Saeima, two unofficial representatives of the Chechen republic in Latvia presented members of the Chechen Support Group with a flag of their republic to thank the "Latvian people for supporting the Chechen struggle for freedom." A few days later the media reported that one of the "Chechen representatives" was staying in Latvia illegally and was subject to deportation from the country.

GOVERNMENT

There have been no statements by the government officials in recent months regarding the situation in Chechnya. According to the MFA, the Latvian government considers the conflict Russia's internal problem as was officially stated last year. At the same time, the Latvian government calls for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and expresses concern over the large number of civilian casualties in the republic.

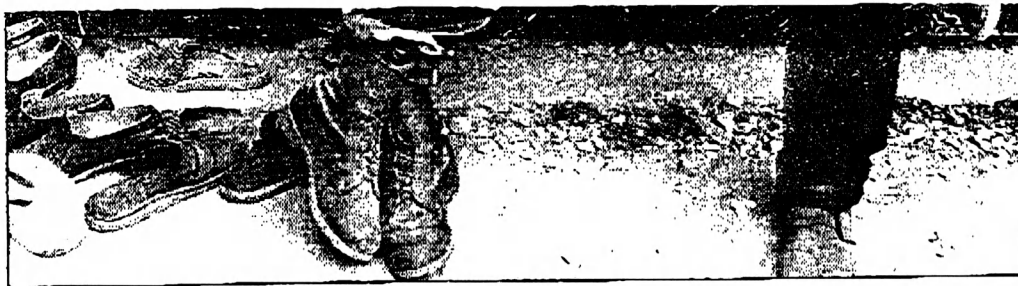
PRESIDENTSeptember 24

According to the president's press office, Guntis Ulmanis took part in the discussion on the situation in Chechnya at the COE Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg this week. He had reportedly noted that "human rights are not only Russia's internal problem because Russia is a COE member and human rights violations in Chechnya has an impact on the COE." Speaking at a news conference after the COE Parliamentary Assembly, Ulmanis said that the events in Chechnya must be discussed "openly, courageously and critically."

no Groznijas. Vēlāk pilsēta jāatstāj arī čečenu vienībām.

Cečenijas miera neregulēšanas atbalstītāji Maskavā pozitīvi novērtējuši A. Lebedas darbību. Pazīstamais cilvēktiesību aizstāvis Sergejs Kovalovs novēlēja A. Lebedam panākumus un izteica cerību, ka viņa miera misijas gala rezultāts būs kara pārtraukšana. Telefonsarunā ar *Dienas* korespondentu S. Kovalovs izteica neizpratni par B. Jelcinu reakciju attiecībā uz A. Lebedas darbību.

— 4. lpp.



Krievu un čečenu virsnieki apsargā ēku Novije Atagi ciemā, kur ceturtdien Krievijas drošības padomes sekretārs Aleksandrs Lebeds un čečenu armijas štāba priekšnieks Aslans Mashadovs vienojās par pamieru. Tas paredz daļēji izvest karojošo pušu spēkus no Groznijas un izveidot tur kopīgas komandantūras. Foto — Reuter

Raņņihs neuzklausā čečenu atbalstītājus

Juris Tihonovs

Rīga, 23. aug. Seši Latvijas Saeimas deputāti piektdien Krievijas vēstniecībā iesniedza Krievijas prezidentam Borisam Jelcinam adresētu vēstuli, kurā pieprasīts nekavējoties pārtraukt genocīdu pret čečenu tautu, kas esot kvalificējams kā noziegums pret cilvēci. Vēstulē, ko parakstījuši 62 Saeimas deputāti, arī pieprasīts izvest no Čečenijas Krievijas karaspēku, kā arī atzīt Čečenijas republikas lēķerijas neatkarību *de facto* un *de iure*. Lai gan vizīte bija pieteikta jau ceturtdien, tomēr Latvijas deputātus neielaidā vēstniecībā tālāk par priekškambari. Krievijas vēstnieka Latvijā Aleksandra Raņņiha vietā vēstuli pieņēma vēstniecības 3. sekretārs.

Vēstuli vēstniecībā iesniedza Čečenijas atbalsta grupas vadītājs Latvijas Saeimā Juris Vidiņš, kā arī deputāti Juris Sinka, Gundars Valdmāns, Jānis Adamsons, Andris Rubins un Pēteris Tabūns. P. Tabūns pēc vēstules nodošanas teica žurnālistiem, ka viņam kauns



Pēteris Tabūns (priekšplānā) un vēl pieci Saeimas deputāti, kuri piektdien nodeva Krievijas vēstniecībā Rīgā Borisam Jelcinam adresētu vēstuli, tālāk par priekškambari netika. Vēstnieks Aleksandrs Raņņihs viņus nepieņēma. Foto — Ilmārs Znotiņš, *Diena*

par to, ka Krievijas vēstniecībā pieņēmusi Latvijas parlamentāriešus, nemaz nelaižot vēstniecībā, kaut arī tika prasīta vizīte pie vēstnieka. J. Vidiņš teica, ka viņš šādu attieksmi esot gaidījis. Taču, tā kā vēstuli parakstījuši 62 tautas vēlētāji priekšstāvji, tad tā esot necieņas izrādīšana

nevis pret deputātiem, bet gan pret Latvijas valsti un tās pilsoņiem. J. Adamsons pauda viedokli, ka Krievijas vēstniecības attieksmē pret Saeimas deputātiem izpaudusies Krievijas nostāja pret mazajām tautām.

Vēstules parakstītāju vidū bija visu Saeimas frakciju pārstāvi.

stāvi, izņemot sociālistus. Vēstuli parakstījuši arī Saeimas prezidija pārstāvji Imants Dauģis un Janīna Kušnere.

Saeimas priekšsēdētāja Ilga Kreituse *Dienai* pastāstīja, ka viņai parakstīt vēstuli neviens neesot piedāvājis. Viņa to arī nebūtu darījusi, jo ieņem Saeimas priekšsēdētājas amatu, kā arī pilda Valsts prezidenta pienākumus. Tāpēc viņai esot jāuzņemas politiska atbildība. I. Kreituse vēstuli novērtēja kā deputātu brīvas gribas izpausmi. «Es principā piekritu visam, kas ir vēstulē. Tā ir Krievijas problēma, jo Krievija ir apšāvusi ļoti daudz savējo, nevis aizsūtīt uz Čečeniju karot, bet gan tos, kas tur dzīvo. Es piekritu šim dokumentam, bet amata dēļ to nevaru parakstīt, tāpat kā to nedarītu Birkava kungs,» teica I. Kreituse.

Arī Liepājas pilsētas dome sagatavojusi vēstuli, kurā izteikts atbalsts čečenu brīvības cīņām. Liepājas dome saņēmusi informāciju, ka čečenu brīvības cīņām atbalstu izteikušas arī 10 pilsētu un 35 rajonu pašvaldības Lietuvā. ♦

Krievijā kritizē Saeimas deklarāciju

Pāvels Širovs, *Dienas* korespondents Maskavā

Maskava, 23. aug. Krievijas Valsts domes vicespikers Sergejs Baburins, kurš pašlaik izpilda Domes priekšsēdētāja pienākumus, piektdien paziņojis, ka jānosaka stingrāka politika pret Latviju. Komentējot Saeimas pieņemto deklarāciju par valsts okupāciju, S. Baburins pavēstījis, ka «šis dokuments veicina etnisku tīrīšanu».

«Mēs negaidījām, ka Latvijā ir tik daudz atklātu pretinieku uzsāktajai Krievijas un Latvijas attiecību normalizācijai,» BNS piektdien teica Krievijas Ārlietu ministrijas 2. Eiropas departamenta darbinieks Sergejs Prihodjko, kas atbild par attiecībām ar Baltijas valstīm. Krievijas ĀM pašlaik uzmanīgi pētot Latvijas deputātu pieņemtās deklarācijas iespējamo ietekmi uz divpusējām attiecībām. Krievijas diplomāts neatbildēja uz

jautājumu, vai šā dokumenta pieņemšana ietekmēs septembra sākumā plānoto Latvijas premjera Andra Šķēles vizīti Maskavā. No avotiem Krievijas Ārlietu ministrijā BNS kļuvis zināms, ka īpašu «pārsteigumu» Krievijā izraisījis Abrenes pieņemšana deklarācijā.

Pēc S. Baburina vārdiem, «droši zināms, ka Rietumi apsolījuši uzņemt Baltijas valstis NATO, kad tajās izmainīsies nacionāli etniskais sastāvs un

pamatnācijas pārstāvju skaits būs sasniedzis 70—80%. S. Baburins vada Krievijas Vistautas savienību (nacionālistisku organizāciju, kas ir opozīcijā pašreizējai Krievijas valdībai un uzstājas par PSRS atjaunošanu). Viņš paziņojis, ka KVS vērsās pie Krievijas valdības ar aicinājumu mainīt savu nostāju attiecībā pret Baltijas valstīm — konkrēti, paaugstināt līdz pasaules līmenim cenas naftai un gāzei, kas nāk no Krievijas. ♦

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Čečeni pateicas atbalstītājiem



Čečenijas pārstāvju Latvijā Beslana Krūmiņa (no kreisās) un Genadija Atujeva dāvināto karogu tur Čečenijas atbalsta grupas Saeimā vadītājs Juris Vidiņš, aiz viņa — Guntis Eniņš

Juris Tihonovs

Rīga, 5.sept. Čečenijas Republikas Ičkerijas pārstāvji Latvijā Genadijs Atujevs un Beslans Krūmiņš ceturtdien, tiekoties ar Latvijas un Čečenijas

parlamentāro atbalsta grupu Saeimā, pateicās par Latvijas atbalstu čečenu tautas brīvības cīņās un uzdāvināja Saeimai Čečenijas Republikas karogu.

«Čečenu tauta augstu vērtē pūles, ko Latvijas Saeima un

valdība izrādījušas, atbalstot mūsu tautas tiesības. Latvija jau kopš krievu un čečenu kara sākuma virsīgi pazīnāja savu atbildību pret Krieviju kā pret agresoru un Čečenijā notiekošo nosauca par genocīdu.» teikts

pateicības paziņojumā. Tajā uzsvērtā cerība, ka arī turpmāk Latvija atbalstīs Čečeniju.

Čečenijas atbalsta grupas vadītājs Juris Vidiņš teica, ka grupa glabās karogu kā paraugu cīņai par tautas brīvību. ♦

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Latvijas Valsts Prezidents

November 24, 1995

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the people of the Republic of Latvia and on my own behalf I wish to thank you most warmly for your best wishes on the occasion of the 77th anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of Latvia.

Allow me, Your Excellency, to assure you that the friendly relations between the Republic of Latvia and your country will continue to prosper for the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

Please, accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guntis Ulmanis'.

Guntis Ulmanis
State President
of the Republic of Latvia

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 23, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR ALICE PUSHKAR

FROM:

ANDREW D. SENS *AS*

SUBJECT:

Letter to the First Lady from Dr. Hergt

The NSC staff has no objection if the First Lady wishes to acknowledge the incoming letter from Dr. Hergt but agrees that no endorsement for Mr. Oss is ~~needed~~

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Attachment

Tab A Incoming correspondence

*Alice
no endorsement
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Staff to
C. Blackall
1701

3/11/96

Andrew Sens -

I do not believe that Mrs. Clinton should provide an endorsement for Mr. Oss. Does this letter require any response to Dr. Hergt?

Alice

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KLAUS HERGT, M.D., F.A.C.S., P.C.

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Ms. Hillary R. Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C., 20500

2/17/96

Dear Mrs. Clinton

Because of your interest in the welfare of children, I would like to submit the following for your kind consideration, and hopefully endorsement.

In September 1995 I was a member of a mission group which presented an introductory conference on hospice in Riga, Latvia. As a result of our presentation a 'Palliative Care Association of Latvia' was formed. During the conference I met Mr. Mariss Oss, and had several subsequent discussions with him.

Mr. Oss is in his early fifties, a teacher in history, and like many dedicated Latvians had been forbidden under the Soviets to practice his profession.

Since the Latvian independence he has returned to teaching, is politically active (member of Latvian parliament as of the elections of October 1995 for their democratic party), is dedicated to the support of former Soviet prisoners and to the support of youth, teenagers in trouble in particular. His projects are outlined in the accompanying testimonials (translations into English attached).

During our meetings I became aware of the fact, that in particular as regards the former Soviet prisoners he still is fighting for recognition, which is hampered by the members of the old guard, a fact of life in the former Eastblock countries, where I have observed the lingering of the communist old guard in many instances. In our meeting I also became aware of Mr. Oss' sincere dedication to his country's culture and history and to his energy to do his best to alleviate suffering.

Mr. Oss has asked me to present his plan of care for juvenile offenders in particular to leading members of the political life in the United States with the simple request for endorsement. He was very specific he is not looking for financial handouts, but very simple statements, that his plan of a 'home for juvenile delinquents where they would receive tutelage by living-in, mature adults' appears to be a worthwhile undertaking. I should note that this is not politically motivated along any particular party line.

Dear Mrs. Clinton, may I hereby request a letter of endorsement from you for this project, based on the facts submitted. Personally I think this is an approach worthwhile for possible emulation in this country also.

Thank you very much for your interest. If you concur, please send your reply to me at the above address, and I will forward it to Mr. Oss.

Sincerely,

Klaus Hergt, M.D.

Address Mr. Oss: Mariss Oss

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PAAUDZU SOCIALAS INTEGRACIJAS PANSIONATS/ Boarding house for integration of various age groups.

Consisting of: a) special school for underage criminals
b) housing for those repressed by the totalitarian regime.

Aims: Based on "The Summary Report of the Development of the Latvian People" in the section on the increase of crime and the desire to remove children and youth from the criminal environment, and give them the opportunity to interact with people who are more experienced and have a more positive outlook on life.

- 1, The boarding house is a permanent part of the Ministry of Wellbeing.
2. The boarding house is an independent legal entity with its own seal and emblem, its own bookkeeping and its own account in the bank. It has material and non-material rights and its can undertake projects.
3. The special school provides in-depth instruction in the French language and culture and various vocational training opportunities.
4. The lessons are coordinated with the French and Latvian Ministries of Education.
5. The special school, in conjunction with the laws of the Republic of Latvia, gives diplomas.

Tasks and the direction of work:

1. To give a purpose to those who are lonely and repressed who can help erase the bad in children and youth who have been damaged by a negative environment.
2. To undertake research in the effectiveness of increasing social integration in the orientation of the different age groups.
3. To introduce today's methods in humanizing underage criminals.
4. To work in conjunction with French and other countries departments that rehabilitate and reeducate underage criminals as well as work with interested persons and jurisdictions on humanizing society.

Mariss Oss, pedagogue
previously employed
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Judge of Probate for Mackinac and Luce Counties in the State of Michigan, U.S.A., part of my caseload consists of all juvenile delinquency matters - matters committed by those under age 17. I have been asked and have agreed to comment herein on the concept of one Mr. Mariss Oss to establish a home for delinquent youth in the nation of Latvia. The concept as described to me is a "home for juvenile delinquents where they would receive tutelage by living-in, mature adults."

I believe this concept if properly implemented would be very good for many delinquent youth. Here, our philosophy is to rehabilitate juveniles if possible in the home of their own family. However, many juvenile offenders must nevertheless still be placed in out-of-family homes or facilities due to seriousness of offense, chronic number of offenses, lack of a suitable or willing relative to care for them, or other factors.

Those juveniles, as well as many who are able to remain with family, can benefit from the mentoring of a mature, unrelated adult who can teach them constructive values, morals and behavior, as well as engage them in positive activities. We ourselves are looking at soon starting a mentor program through our local social services agency, but believe the difficulty to be in locating suitable adults with the time and motivation to serve.

The intriguing thing about Mr. Oss' proposal is the idea that the mentor-adults would live in the same home. This is something I cannot say has been tried in the U.S., to my knowledge, but very likely it has been in another state and I am not aware. However, if the adults are properly screened to avoid any with a past history of offenses or maltreatment against youth, and they are stable and mature, it sounds like a good proposition.

Based on what I know of the proposition, I endorse it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas B. North".

Thomas B. North
Probate Judge

TBN:jlr

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RIGAS POLITISKI REPRESETO BIEDRIBA/ The Association of the
Politically Repressed in Riga

On 8/22/95 the Board of the above association heard Maris Oss proposal for the formation of the boarding house for integration of various age groups.

The Board of Directors of above association believes that the formation of such a facility will help curtail the increase of teenage crime, will allow for the national-patriotic instruction of youth with western, especially French culture dissemination in Latvia and shows its support of this proposal.

The Board of Directors supports this idea and will facilitate its implementation.

O Dzenitis, Chairman
Rigas Politiski Represeto
Biedriba

RIGAS DOME/ RIGA CITY COUNCIL

The department overseeing youth of the Riga City Council asks your support of the proposal by Maris Oss (former special school teacher) for the project - the formation of a boarding house for the social integration of youth, and with the help of this boarding house, many problems would be solved in the dysfunctional families with which we have contact on a daily basis.

A.Stefanovics, Director
Regional police, central
district.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 20, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW D. SENS

FROM:

DANIEL FRIED *DF*

SUBJECT:

Letter to the First Lady from Dr. Hergt

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to Alice Pushkar stating that the NSC staff has no objection if the First Lady wishes to acknowledge the incoming letter from Dr. Hergt but agrees that no endorsement for Mr. Oss is needed.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Pushkar

Tab A Incoming correspondence

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New Latvian Government

The Latvian parliament on Thursday voted 70 to 24 to confirm a six party coalition government--headed by businessman Andris Skele--that cuts a wide swath across the political spectrum, including the leftist "Saimnieks" and Unity Parties, the centrist Latvia's Way party, and the nationalist right-wing parties Fatherland and Freedom, Conservative "LNNK," and Farmers Union-Christian Democrats bloc. For now, the parties' leaders have committed themselves to keeping Latvia on the reform track, according to press; but while the mix of parties could temper radicals on either end of the spectrum, the divergent ideologies ultimately will probably destroy the coalition. In addition, the backgrounds of some of the new ministers indicates that government corruption could dramatically increase:

- Prime Minister Andris Skele (37)...largely a political unknown, wealthy businessman... former deputy, then acting, Agriculture Minister in Latvia's first post-Soviet government (1991)...chairman of board of state-owned Latvian Shipping Company. EO 13526 1.4c

EO 13526 1.4c, 1.4(d)

- Deputy Prime Minister Ziedonis Ceveris (35)...former Interior Minister (1991-93), Communist Party Youth Organization activist...co-chairs Saimnieks, largest leftist party in parliament. EO 13526 1.4c

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- Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Andrejs Krastins (44)...leading member of National Conservative Party...former deputy chairman of parliament (1993-November 1995)...known for anti-Russian rhetoric. EO 13526 1.4c

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- Interior Minister Colonel Dainis Turlais (45)...member of Saimnieks party...former Defense Forces chief and Deputy Defense Minister (January 1992-October 1994)...served 20 years in Soviet Army before 1991...espouses anti-Western defense philosophy: opposes joining NATO, wants to send Latvian military officers for Russian training. EO 13526 1.4c

EO 13526 1.4c, 1.4(d)

- Deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Alberts Kauls (57)...populist leader of the Unity Party...former chairman of Latvian perestroika-era collective farm and Gorbachev adviser...barred from recent election list because of brief involvement in pro-Soviet Latvian Salvation Committee after Latvia's independence. EO 13526 1.4c

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