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Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

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To: Bolan, Christopher J. (VP); Cables; Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Ficklin, John W. (RECORDS); Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC); Norland, Richard B. (EUR); Spence, Matthew J. (EUR/INTERN); Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC); Yee, Hoyt B. (EUR)
Subject: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO HIS EXCELLENCY VALDAS ADAMKUS (S/S NUMBER 200011548)

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO HIS EXCELLENCY
VALDAS ADAMKUS (S/S NUMBER 200011548)

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO HIS EXCELLENCY VALDAS ADAMKUS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOVERNMENT OF LITHUANIA WISHES TO DO SO. THE SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW VIA POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

JUNE 26, 2000

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER REGARDING MY VISIT TO MOSCOW. I UNDERSTAND THAT LITHUANIA'S OIL INDUSTRY AND LUKOIL ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS ON LONG-TERM CRUDE OIL SUPPLY CONTRACTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FACILITATE COMMERCIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE LITHUANIAN OIL INDUSTRY AND

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AS THE PARTIES WORK TOWARD
NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS THIS SUMMER.

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 LITHUANIA, LATVIA, AND
ESTONIA, I ASKED DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE STROBE TALBOTT
TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT THE 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 JOINTLY CREATE
CONDITIONS TO COMPLETE THE INTEGRATION OF LITHUANIA,
LATVIA, AND ESTONIA INTO EUROPEAN AND TRANSATLANTIC
INSTITUTIONS.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. I HOPE WE WILL HAVE A
CHANCE TO MEET LATER THIS YEAR.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON /S/

HIS EXCELLENCY
VALDAS ADAMKUS
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LITHUANIA
VILNIUS

END TEXT.
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FROM: PRESIDENT

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002 BERGER	Z 00062019 FWD TO PRESIDENT FOR SIGNATURE
003 PRESIDENT	Z 00062214 FOR SIGNATURE
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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 26 JUN 00

SUBJ: RESPONSE TO PRES ADAMKUS RE LITHUANIAN ENERGY ISSUES

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

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FOR  JOHN W. FICKLIN

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BERGER		<u>U.S. - Business, then find</u>	
SITUATION ROOM		<u>para better on overall</u>	
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 2000

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter regarding my visit to Moscow. I understand that Lithuania's oil industry and Lukoil are making progress in their negotiations on long-term crude oil supply contracts. We will continue to facilitate commercial contacts between the Lithuanian oil industry and the Russian government as the parties work toward negotiated contracts this summer.

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 Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, I asked Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott to represent the United States at the 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 jointly create conditions to complete the integration of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into European and transatlantic institutions.

Again, thank you for your letter. I hope we will have a chance to meet later this year.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Valdas Adamkus
President of the Republic
of Lithuania
Vilnius

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SUBJECT: Ltr to Pres Lithuania PAGES: 2

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 2000

ACTION*signed 6/26/00*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *for*

SUBJECT: Response to President Adamkus

Purpose

Respond to President Adamkus' request that you raise Lithuanian energy issues during your visit to Moscow.

Background

President Adamkus wrote you before your trip to Moscow to urge that you ask Putin to facilitate commercial cooperation between Russian energy companies and a U.S. firm, the Williams Company, that is playing a major role in modernizing Lithuania's oil industry. In fact, Williams has made progress in its negotiations with the Russian energy giant, Lukoil, and recently signed a protocol aimed at securing long-term crude oil supply contracts needed to obtain financing for plant modernization. Our Embassy in Moscow is facilitating contacts between Williams and the Russian government as the parties work toward negotiated contracts this summer, and Jim Steinberg recently advised the Lithuanian foreign minister of our support.

Your response to Adamkus is a useful opportunity to reaffirm the U.S. commitment to Baltic independence and to doing all we can to promote stability and cooperation in Russia's relations with its neighbors.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response to President Adamkus at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to President Adamkus
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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June 16, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH:

ANTONY BLINKEN

(AJB)

FROM:

RICHARD NORLAND

ly

SUBJECT:

Response to Lithuanian President Adamkus

Attached at Tab I for your signature is your memorandum to the President forwarding a response to President Adamkus on Lithuania's relations with Russia.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on May 26, 2000. The response was delayed pending a read-out of the President's meetings in Moscow.

Concurrence by:

Andrew Weiss, Richard Samans
Jock Scharfen

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RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Response to President Adamkus
Tab B Incoming Correspondence



Lietuvos Respublikos Prezidentas

Vilnius, May 26, 2000

Dear Mr. President:

I recall our excellent meeting in Istanbul in which you expressed strong support for Lithuania's partnership with the United States. As you may know, the Williams Company, an excellent American energy company, has taken an equity position and major management role in Lithuania's oil industry (refinery, port facility and pipelines). The success of our company and our energy sovereignty depends on good commercial cooperation with Russian companies. Support of the Russian Government for normal business practices is necessary so that Russian oil companies will work commercially with the American managers (Williams Company) and Lithuania. Oil supplies from Russia have been interrupted for long periods for political rather than commercial reasons.

Therefore, Mr. President, during your forthcoming trip to Moscow, I would appreciate very much if you would urge President Putin to encourage Russian companies to work cooperatively with Williams Company and Lithuania in order to provide an example of a new policy strengthening Russian business ties with the United States. Mr. President, your intervention in support of this project would be good for Lithuania, the United States and for Russia.

I send my wishes for a successful visit to Moscow. More important, I wish you and your wonderful family the best of happiness in the future.

With best regards,

Valdas Adamkus

William J. Clinton
President
United States of America

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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 26, 2000

Mr. Richard Norland
Director
National Security Council

Dear Mr. Norland:

I have the pleasure to forward to your attention a letter from H.E. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania to H.E. Bill Clinton, President of the United States. Please forward this letter to its highest destination.

Sincelery,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Stasys Sakalauskas'.

Stasys Sakalauskas
Ambassador

From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 11:32 AM
To: Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL); @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary; Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Subject: RE: Package 3594 Response to Lithuanian Pres. Adamkus [UNCLASSIFIED]

I go with Jock's interpretation -- could ExecSec please change "Williams" to "Lithuania's oil industry" per his recommendation. and I now consider myself better informed on matters of international corporate legal structuring! many thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 11:23 AM
To: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: RE: Package 3594 Response to Lithuanian Pres. Adamkus [UNCLASSIFIED]

Dick,

No, there is no legal bar to referring to Williams explicitly in the President's correspondence. Nor am I wedded to my formulation.

But I think it better practice for largely prudential reasons to avoid when possible linking specific company names in the President's correspondence to other heads of state. So I would be most comfortable w/ the letter omitting any explicit mentioning of Williams - however we do that.

However, referring to the Lithuania oil industry may be factually correct and you may want to consider going w/ that language. The incoming letter from the Lithuanian President states Williams "has taken an equity position and major management role in Lithuania's oil industry". So we would only be using the Lithuanian President's words ("Lithuania's oil industry") in the President's response. Later in his letter the Lithuanian President also uses terms such as the "American managers (Williams Company)", "our company" and "our energy sovereignty". One way of looking at this is the Lithuanian President believes there is a Lithuanian oil industry with American managers (albeit equity managers).

For what its worth, and I defer to your judgment, referring to the Lithuanian oil industry may be the diplomatic thing to write as well.

Thank you.

Jock.

-----Original Message-----

From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 10:41 AM
To: Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC); Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC); @EUROPE - European Affairs; Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL)
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
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Jock, in case you missed the exchange below -- thanks. Dick Norland.

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From: Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 10:32 AM
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Dick,

I suggest you discuss with Jock. Brooks

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From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 10:30 AM
To: Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC); @EUROPE - European Affairs
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: RE: Package 3594 Response to Lithuanian Pres. Adamkus [UNCLASSIFIED]

I guess I'm not clear on how we can refer to "Lithuania's oil industry" when it is Williams, an American firm, that is the party involved. I'm perfectly happy to fudge the name of the specific U.S. firm (Williams), but it seems factually inaccurate to refer to "Lithuania's" oil industry. Particularly since this is no other U.S. firm

competing, is there a problem with referring specifically to Williams?

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From: Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 10:13 AM
To: @EUROPE - European Affairs
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: FW: Package 3594 Response to Lithuanian Pres. Adamkus [UNCLASSIFIED]

Dick: please see changes below made in first paragraph of the letter (other line-in changes were made by Andrew Weiss and were already in the letter). Please let us know if the changes are okay with you. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Scharfen, Jonathan R. (LEGAL)
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2000 9:58 AM
To: @CROSS - Cross Hatches; Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Subject: FW: Package 3594 Response to Lithuanian Pres. Adamkus [UNCLASSIFIED]

Kay,

Legal has reviewed the revised package with the draft POTUS letter to the President of Lithuania and concurs that there is no espousal or other issues so long as the American company Williams is not competing with other American interests for either the Lithuania business (it already has won the contract) or competing with other American companies for the share of the Russian oil (the supply problem is not economic competition or scarcity but political).

Nonetheless, recommend that we substitute "Lithuania's oil industry" for "Williams" in the President's letter. Please see edits.

Legal concurs.

Jock.

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From: Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
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To: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
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From: Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)
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Mara signed this package out but thinks it needs Legal's concurrence - or at least a check given reference to U.S. business. Incoming correspondence being faxed to your office. Please review and send concurrence/comments to @CROSS. Thank you.

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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Richard B. Norland
Director, European Affairs
NSC
Fax: (202) 456-9150

RE: Lithuania's cooperation with Kaliningrad region

Richard

Dear Mr. Norland:

Please find enclosed the conclusions and recommendations of the informal round-table discussion on cooperation with the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation which took place in Palanga, Lithuania, on June 2-4, 2000. This informal round-table discussion included participants from Lithuania, the Russian Federation (both Kaliningrad and Moscow), Poland, EU countries, and the U.S. It is third in a row of events aimed at promoting cooperation between the Kaliningrad region of the RF and its neighbors and avoiding the region's isolation in the European and transatlantic integration processes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Kestutis Jankauskas
Minister Counselor

Enclosures: conclusions and recommendations, 2 pages;
list of participants, 1 page;
news report about the event, 1 page

SHARING EXPERIENCE OF COOPERATION WITH THE KALININGRAD REGION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE WAY AHEAD

INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
2 - 4 JUNE 2000, PALANGA, LITHUANIA

MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION, INCLUDING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS*

In the last few years awareness about political, economic and social developments in Kaliningrad Region (KR) has grown among its neighbours and the Western countries. During those years in KR interest in the possibilities of regional and cross-border co-operation has also increased. Now we have an opportunity to take real steps to avoid the isolation of this region, to ensure its stable development and integration with the economic development of the Baltic Sea area.

In 1998-1999 two informal "round table" discussions on KR initiated by the Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University were held in Lithuania with the participation of experts of the EU countries, U.S., KR neighbours, Russia and KR itself. During these two seminars recommendations on how to avoid the isolation of the region and how to ensure its stable development in the light of the EU enlargement were prepared.

Recommendations from the third "round table" discussions

- There is a need to continue "round table" discussions. The plan is to have a follow-up meeting in Moscow.
- There is still an obvious need to clarify how KR issues are to be converted from "drawbacks" into "advantages".
- The raising of awareness concerning issues pertaining to KR issues in the outside world needs to continue.
- The region does not have sufficient sense of direction. KR is in need of preparing its own strategy involving its broader community. That is even more important having in mind that KR's neighbours - Lithuania and Poland - have rather clear perspectives concerning their future. KR needs to be seen in the Baltic Sea context although other levels of interaction are important as well.
- There are already several frameworks addressing KR issues, i.e., EU Northern Dimension, CBSS, U.S. North European Initiative, Russian and EU Partnership and Cooperation Council. There is a need to have a set of priorities for each of these institutions. The Presidencies of the CBSS need to elevate KR issues to priority category. The Swedish EU Presidency is prepared to keep KR issues in its perspective. The EU Northern Dimension Action Plan needs to followed-up by real actions.
- The "round table" emphasized the need of serious agreement by all levels of administration of KR as well as by the Federal authorities in Moscow in order to further the promotion of issues relating to KR. The role EU and bilateral partners in promoting cooperative efforts to identify and manage the questions arising from the issues raised was also underlined.
- The EU Northern Dimension Action Plan will be confirmed at the European Council in Feira in June and KR issues will be reflected in it, but a specific KR orientated action plan should be considered.

- Multilateral frameworks need to be complemented by bilateral frameworks. Support for KR can be based on the bilateral experience of Lithuania, Poland, and other countries of the region with the KR.
- KR local administration authorities need to create conditions for project implementation. There is a need to monitor on the ground in KR how projects are implemented.
- Cooperation with KR needs to be transparent.
- There is a need to support a free media in KR so as to assist access to objective information.
- Issues pertaining to justice and home affairs (border crossing, visas issues etc.) are of increasing importance, especially with respect to accession negotiations between the EU and KR neighbours.
- There is a need to study the positive and negative effects of EU enlargement on KR. Further comprehensive study of the EU-KR relationship needs to be developed.
- A need for the creation of conditions for investment promotion into KR was identified.
- A need exists to clarify the future of the Special Economic Zone.
- A coordinated approach to strengthening the legal framework and administrative capacity by the KR Authorities is essential.
- Networking between professionals of KR and outside world constitutes an important aspect of KR's development.
- There is a need to prepare specific proposals on how the KR "pilot project" is going to function. A special working group made from Lithuanian, KR and Moscow NGOs can contribute to this.
- At the same time, the EU needs to consider strengthening its profile in KR, i.e., establishment of some EC representation in KR. The decision to open an information center in KR was welcomed.

*prepared by the chair

SHARING EXPERIENCE OF COOPERATION WITH THE KALININGRAD REGION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE WAY AHEAD

INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
2 - 4 JUNE 2000, PALANGA

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1.	Solomon Ginzburg	"Regional Strategy" Foundation	Kaliningrad Region, RF
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5.	Genadij Kretinin	Russian Institute for Strategic Studies	Kaliningrad Region, RF
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12.	Stephen Dewar	TACIS	Moscow Office, RF
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16.	Rene Nyberg	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Finland
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20.	Hans Brask	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Denmark
21.	Per Carlsen	Ambassador	Danish Embassy in Lithuania
22.	Sergej Radtsig	Senior Counsellor	Embassy of the Russian Federation in Lithuania
23.	Eygenij Minakov	Counsellor	Embassy of the Russian Federation in Lithuania
24.	Aleksei Usov	Consul	Consulate General of Russia in Klaipeda
25.	Sergej Overka	Representatives of the Kaliningrad Region in Lithuania	Kaliningrad Region, RF
26.	Marek Ziolkowski	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Poland
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33.	Simona Gati	Delegation of the European Commission in Lithuania	Lithuania
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36.	Evaldas Ignatavičius	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania	Lithuania
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46.	Alvydas Medalinskas	Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania	Lithuania
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Lithuanian forum seeks Kaliningrad's inclusion in integration

VILNIUS, Jun 05, BNS - Participants of an informal "round-table" debate held in Lithuanian sea-side resort in Palanga this weekend discussed ways to avoid isolation of the Russian Kaliningrad region amid the European integration processes.

Experts of the European Union (EU,) Nordic countries, Germany, Great Britain, the U.S., Russia, Poland and Lithuania also mulled possibilities to ensure stable progress of the Russian enclave through the economic development of the Baltic region.

Those who attended the third session of discussion, Experience and Prospects of Cooperation with the Russian Kaliningrad Region, adopted a joint statement noting the expediency of holding "round-table" meetings. They agreed that the next session should be held in Moscow.

Over the past several years, Kaliningrad's neighbors and Western countries have become increasingly understanding and interested in the processes taking place in the Russian enclave, however, the world needs to be constantly reminded of the events, participants of the discussion said.

They said that the region does not have a clear understanding as to the direction it should develop, adding that it should draft its own strategy based on wide strata of the society. It is very important because the enclave's neighbors -- Lithuania and Poland -- have set clear outlooks for the future, said participants of the forum organized by the Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences of the Vilnius University.

In the opinion of the participants, an accord between the region's administration and the federal government in Moscow is of key importance to the enclave's future.

They also noted the necessity to support freedom of the press in the region and focus on issues of border crossing and visa regime especially amid the membership negotiations between the European Union (EU) and Kaliningrad neighbors. The need to discuss the positive and negative effect of the EU enlargement on the Russian enclave was also stressed. Baltic News Service

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LITHUANIAN ALLY OPENS US SENATE'S EYES TO PUTIN'S RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Jun 21, BNS - Lithuanian ally at the U.S. Senate, Senator Richard Durbin, has cautioned his colleagues not to shut their eyes to the "disturbing statements by Russia" concerning the Baltic states, adding that the countries should be invited to NATO.

Durbin read out a statement about recent public utterances by Russian President Vladimir Putin against Baltic membership in NATO at the U.S. Senate earlier. The senator criticized severely Putin's statement that the admission of the three Balts to NATO would be a rash gesture, which would destabilize the situation in Europe. In Durbin's words, the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia do not have "anything like a missile arsenal, yet they look across the borders to their neighbors in Russia and Belarus and see very highly armed situations -- and in many cases very threatening."

Commenting on the Russian Foreign Ministry's statement about a voluntary entry by Lithuania into the Soviet Union in 1940, Durbin said that "this is an outrageous rewrite of history." "We thought that the end of the Russian empire would be the end of revisionist history. Unfortunately, Mr. Putin and his leadership in Moscow are starting to turn back to the same old ways," said the member of the Baltic Caucus at the U.S. Senate. "It is unbelievable that the Russian Foreign Ministry could forget the secret Molotov-Ribbentrop pact," Durbin said. In his words, "these disturbing statements show clearly why the Baltic countries must be admitted to NATO; that is, to show Russia and any neighboring country that it must give up its territorial ambitions against NATO membership for the Baltic countries." "The idea that the three tiny Baltic states could threaten the enormous and powerful Russian Federation is laughable. If Russia has no design on the Baltic states, it has nothing to fear from their membership in NATO," said Durbin.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 9, 2000

Dear Mr. Minister:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and discuss ways to advance our common Baltic Partnership agenda. I am writing regarding two issues you raised, namely the Williams Company energy investment and Lithuania's bid to join the World Trade Organization (WTO).

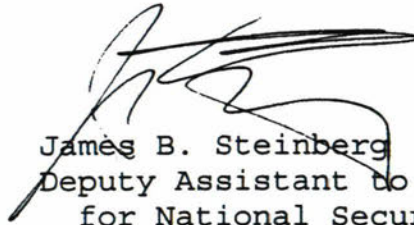
Williams must obtain long-term crude oil supply contracts before it can secure financing for plant modernization. I understand that Williams and Lukoil are making progress in their negotiations and recently signed a protocol that will begin to fulfill this requirement. Our Embassy in Moscow will facilitate contacts between Williams and the Russian government as the parties work toward negotiated contracts in the next two months.

I also understand Williams will complete a business proposal and submit formal applications to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and other financial institutions in the near future. We will follow the progress of these proposals closely, and have reiterated to the EBRD our support for the Williams project as well as the economic and social benefits it will bring to your country.

Regarding WTO accession, President Clinton remains committed to facilitating the integration of Lithuania into the WTO. We believe that Lithuania is very close to completing negotiations. However, your government's position on agricultural tariffs, remains a problem for many member countries, including the United States. Your government's March 30 offer in Geneva proposed higher tariffs, which we cannot accept. I believe this issue can be resolved if your negotiators are given leeway to engage in the give-and-take necessary to complete an accession package in Geneva.

Again, thank you for visiting the White House. As President Clinton recently wrote to President Adamkus, we appreciate your invitation to visit Lithuania and look forward to further opportunities to maintain high-level dialogue between our two countries. We were particularly pleased that Deputy Secretary Talbott was able to take part in the June 7 meeting of the Baltic Partnership Commission in Tallinn. We will also use our ongoing contacts with the Russian government, such as the President's recent meetings in Moscow, to promote cooperation and stability in the Baltic region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JBS', written over the printed name and title.

James B. Steinberg
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

His Excellency
Algirdas Saudargas
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius



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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 14, 2000

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Mr. Richard Norland.

Mr. Richard Norland
Director, Central & Eastern European Affairs
NSC
Fax: 202-456-9150

Dear Mr. Norland:

Please find enclosed "Statement by the Foreign Ministry of the Russian Federation." I thought it might be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

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Stasys Sakalauskas
Ambassador

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**THE SEJIM OF THE LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC HAS BEGUN DEBATING THE
BILL "ON THE COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY SOVIET
OCCUPATION" WHICH LAYS MATERIAL CLAIM ON RUSSIA № 542**

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Unofficial translation from Russian
**STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION**

The Sejm of the Lithuanian Republic has begun debating the bill "On the Compensation for the Damage Caused by Soviet Occupation" which lays material claim on Russia.

We would like to remind the initiators of this bill some of the facts of history. Soviet troops were deployed in that country in 1940 with the consent of its top leadership given in accordance with the norms of international law that existed at that time. Power functions in Soviet times were performed there by ethnic authorities. The August 3, 1940 decision of the USSR Supreme Soviet to admit Lithuania to the Soviet Union was preceded by corresponding appeals from the highest representative bodies of the Baltic states.

Therefore it would be wrong to interpret Lithuania's admission to the USSR as a result of the latter's unilateral actions. All assertions that Lithuania was "occupied" and "annexed" by the Soviet Union and related claims of any kind neglect political, historical and legal realities and therefore are groundless.

In connection with the "initiative" of the Lithuanian Sejm, there is one more thing that is worth mentioning: although Lithuania does not consider itself as a legal successor to the former USSR, it continues to use industrial, agricultural, scientific, research and other facilities built on its territory with Soviet money while Lithuania was part of the Soviet Union.

Some say that the consideration by the Lithuanian Sejm of the bill "On the Compensation for the Damage Caused by Soviet Occupation" is a show staged by right forces on the eve of parliamentary elections. Nevertheless this is a step aimed at aggravating Russian-Lithuanian relations.

While confirming its intention to develop mutually advantageous cooperation and good-neighborly relations with Lithuania, the Foreign Ministry of Russia expresses the hope that Lithuanian parliamentarians, guided by the real interests of their country, will reconsider their attitude to the anti-Russian initiative and remove this serious irritant from our relations.

June 9, 2000

ЗАЯВЛЕНИЕ № 342 от 09.06.2000**СЕЙМ ЛИТОВСКОЙ РЕСПУБЛИКИ НАЧАЛ РАССМОТРЕНИЕ ЗАКОНОПРОЕКТА "О ВОЗМЕЩЕНИИ УЩЕРБА, НАНЕСЕННОГО СОВЕТСКОЙ ОККУПАЦИЕЙ", В КОТОРОМ ВЫДВИГАЮТСЯ МАТЕРИАЛЬНЫЕ ПРЕТЕНЗИИ К РОССИИ**

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ЗАЯВЛЕНИЕ МИД РОССИИ

Сейм Литовской Республики начал рассмотрение законопроекта "О возмещении ущерба, нанесенного советской оккупацией", в котором выдвигаются материальные претензии к России.

Хотелось бы напомнить инициаторам данного законопроекта некоторые исторические факты. Ввод войск СССР в 1940 году осуществлялся с согласия высшего руководства этой страны, которое было получено в рамках действовавшего в тот период международного права. Властные функции в советский период здесь осуществлялись национальными органами власти. Решению Верховного Совета СССР от 3 августа 1940 года о принятии Литвы в состав Советского Союза предшествовали соответствующие обращения высших представительных органов балтийских государств.

Таким образом, квалифицировать вхождение Литвы в состав СССР как результат односторонних действий последнего неправомерно. Утверждения об "оккупации" и "аннексии" Литвы Советским Союзом и связанные с ними претензии любого свойства игнорируют политические, исторические и правовые реалии и, как следствие, лишены оснований.

В связи с "инициативой" литовского Сейма обращает на себя внимание еще один момент: не рассматривая себя в качестве правопреемницы бывшего СССР, Литва тем не менее продолжает пользоваться построенными за время пребывания в Союзе на ее территории на союзные средства индустриальными, сельскохозяйственными, научно-исследовательскими и другими объектами.

Некоторые говорят, что рассмотрение литовским Сеймом законопроекта "О возмещении ущерба, нанесенного советской оккупацией", является шоу, устроенным правыми силами накануне парламентских выборов. Тем не менее - это шаг, направленный на ухудшение российско-литовских отношений.

Подтверждая намерение развивать с Литвой взаимовыгодное сотрудничество и добрососедство, МИД России выражает надежду, что литовские парламентарии, руководствуясь реальными интересами своей страны, пересмотрят отношение к антироссийской инициативе и снимут этот серьезный раздражитель в наших отношениях.

9 июня 2000 года

Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

From: WHSR
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^U.S. President backs Estonia's NATO aspirations

TALLINN, June 15 (Reuters) - The Estonian Foreign Ministry said on Thursday U.S. President Bill Clinton had reaffirmed Washington's backing for the Baltic nation's efforts to join NATO at a meeting with Estonia's ambassador in Washington.

"The United States welcomes and supports Estonia's aspiration to NATO membership," the ministry quoted Clinton as saying in a statement.

Clinton said that 10 years after breaking from the Soviet Union, Estonia was a prosperous and democratic state that could fully take its place in the European and western family of nations, the statement added.

Estonia was among nine NATO aspirants that pledged last month to set aside national rivalries and work together to convince the military alliance to launch a so-called "big bang" round of expansion.

NATO's first round of expansion took place last year when former Warsaw Pact states Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic joined the U.S.-led organisation.

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Sauldargis

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 2000

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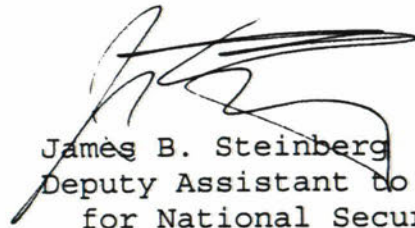
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Steinberg', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James B. Steinberg
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

His Excellency
Algirdas Saudargas
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

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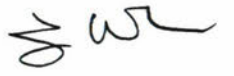
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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May 19, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES STEINBERG

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN (AUG)

FROM: RICHARD NORLAND *ly*

SUBJECT: Letter to Lithuanian Foreign Minister Saudargas

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Concurrence by: John Duncan and Jonathan Elkind *ly*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Letter to Foreign Minister Saudargas

See my note

Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)

From: Wasserman, Elaine P. (EXSEC)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 10:03 PM
To: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Cc: @EUROPE - European Affairs; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Package 3433 Letter to Lithuanian FM Saudargas [UNCLASSIFIED]

Dick: Package (including diskette) is being returned to you with the following note: Back to Europe -- please review suggested edits to shorten letter. Also note question in the margin. Thanks, Brooks.

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I also understand Williams will complete a business proposal and submit formal applications to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and other financial institutions in the near future. We will follow the progress of these proposals closely, and have reiterated to the EBRD our support for the Williams project as well as the economic and social benefits it will bring to your country.

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Deputy Assistant to the President
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His Excellency
Algirdas Saudargas
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Vilnius

Since there is no
chance that POTUS
will do this, why say it?
Do a different close.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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[Am writing Regarding]

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mean that we
will eventually
accept them?

Back to Europe -

PLEASE Review suggested
edits to Sharon letter.
Also note question in the
margin. Thanks Bruce

Revised Dick.

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Deputy Assistant to the President
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His Excellency Algirdas Saudargas
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Vilnius

stop there

(too many
"visits" otherwise
also - we
want to
convey
the idea
that any
"visit" would
only be for a
few hours -
truly a
"stop. n.")

Dec.



Lietuvos Respublikos Prezidentas

Vilnius, May 26, 2000

Dear Mr. President:

I recall our excellent meeting in Istanbul in which you expressed strong support for Lithuania's partnership with the United States. As you may know, the Williams Company, an excellent American energy company, has taken an equity position and major management role in Lithuania's oil industry (refinery, port facility and pipelines). The success of our company and our energy sovereignty depends on good commercial cooperation with Russian companies. Support of the Russian Government for normal business practices is necessary so that Russian oil companies will work commercially with the American managers (Williams Company) and Lithuania. Oil supplies from Russia have been interrupted for long periods for political rather than commercial reasons.

Therefore, Mr. President, during your forthcoming trip to Moscow, I would appreciate very much if you would urge President Putin to encourage Russian companies to work cooperatively with Williams Company and Lithuania in order to provide an example of a new policy strengthening Russian business ties with the United States. Mr. President, your intervention in support of this project would be good for Lithuania, the United States and for Russia.

I send my wishes for a successful visit to Moscow. More important, I wish you and your wonderful family the best of happiness in the future.

With best regards,

Valdas Adamkus

William J. Clinton
President
United States of America



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VAŠINGTONAS

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 26, 2000

Mr. Richard Norland
Director
National Security Council

Dear Mr. Norland:

I have the pleasure to forward to your attention a letter from H.E. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania to H.E. Bill Clinton, President of the United States. Please forward this letter to its highest destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stasys Sakalauskas'.

Stasys Sakalauskas
Ambassador

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From: Richard Norland, European Directorate

To: *Damien Leader*

cc:

Fax Number: 736-4170

Date/Time: 5/26/00

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Message:

*As discussed - (a) hope this issue can
be raised in appropriate context during
Russia's trip, (b) we will need to prepare
a response by mid-June. Thanks!
Dick.*

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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May 19, 2000

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES STEINBERG

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN (AUG)

FROM: RICHARD NORLAND *ly*

SUBJECT: Letter to Lithuanian Foreign Minister Saudargas

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Concurrence by: John Duncan and Jonathan Elkind *ly*

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On World Trade Organization (WTO) accession, we stand by President Clinton's January 1998 commitment to facilitate the integration of Lithuania into the WTO. We believe that Lithuania is now very close to completing negotiations, although your government's position on agricultural tariffs remains a problem for many member countries, including the United States. Your government's March 30 offer in Geneva proposed higher tariffs, which we cannot accept at this stage in the negotiations. I believe this issue can be successfully resolved if your negotiators are given sufficient leeway to engage in the give-and-take necessary to complete an accession package. We are hopeful of expeditious resolution of the remaining issues in Geneva, and we are working toward that goal.

Again, thank you for visiting the White House. As President Clinton recently wrote to President Adamkus, we appreciate your invitation to visit Lithuania and will continue to look for an opportunity for the President to stop there later this year. In the meantime, we will use our ongoing contacts with the Russian government, including the President's upcoming meetings in Moscow, to promote cooperation and stability in the Baltic region.

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Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 4:55 PM
To: Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE); Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Cc: @BLINKEN
Subject: RE: Follow up to JBS meeting with Lithuanian FM [CONFIDENTIAL]

my sense is that Strobe et al will make that point to the Russians on margins of summit.

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From: Davidson, Leslie K. (VP)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 4:13 PM
To: Norland, Richard B. (EUR); Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE); Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Cc: @BLINKEN
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Just to add more to this. When I was in Lithuania last weekend, I had a chance to talk to Williams reps directly. They gave us a run-down of their most recent experiences; they're feeling cautiously positive these days. Real signal that Lukoil/Moscow has decided to suddenly play ball will be coming up when next quarter's schedule for oil allocations comes out (Lukoil is the controller of that schedule). If Williams/Butinge appear on the main schedule, then all is ok for now. If not, then they will be forced to buy oil on the spot market again to keep the refinery open. Ironically, the most cost efficient way they've identified is not to buy North Sea crude (which one might guess because of connections to BP-Amoco), but instead to buy oil from Ventspils in Latvia, ship it up, refine it, and ship it back.

ANYWAY, this is a long discourse to get to the point relevant to this thread. We asked them "what can we do to help?" Their #1 wish was for John Baumgartner to get off the plane in Moscow right behind Bill Clinton. We explained there wasn't going to be a business delegation for the POTUS trip to Russia. #2 wish is for a sufficiently senior person to utter talking points that essentially say: quit screwing around on this. you're allowing a company to use ostensibly "commercial" reasons to make a very heavy-handed political point."

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From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 2:55 PM
To: Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE); Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Cc: @BLINKEN
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thanks. As it happens, Lithuanian Embassy has just delivered a letter from President Adamkus to POTUS urging us to raise with Putin the issue of oil supplies that "have been interrupted for long periods for political rather than commercial reasons" (copy being sent to you and John Duncan through the system). I have faxed it over to State/Nordic-Baltic affairs for use in Strobe's discussions in Moscow. I don't believe it rises to POTUS talking point level, particularly in wake of recent progress, but we'll aim to prepare a response to Adamkus following the President's trip.

I still see value in trying to move Jim's letter, assuming we can get it signed before he flies out on Monday (may be tough since he's away for the weekend). The POTUS response to Adamkus could be good follow-up.

-----Original Message-----

From: Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE)
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 10:35 AM
To: Norland, Richard B. (EUR); Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Cc: @BLINKEN
Subject: RE: Follow up to JBS meeting with Lithuanian FM [CONFIDENTIAL]

Dick:

Sorry for slow response. Was on leave due to a family matter. I clear for RUE.

Jon

-----Original Message-----

From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2000 12:26 PM
To: Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE); Duncan, John D. (INTECON/DOS)
Cc: @BLINKEN
Subject: FW: Follow up to JBS meeting with Lithuanian FM [CONFIDENTIAL]

This looks good to me.

Jon Elkind, John Duncan -- is this revised language OK with you too? If so, will move this version of the letter forward to JBS. thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Davidson, Leslie K. (VP)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2000 12:16 PM
To: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Cc: @BLINKEN; Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE)
Subject: FW: Follow up to JBS meeting with Lithuanian FM [CONFIDENTIAL]

Here are my suggested fixes, based on Friday's protocol signing.

What was Saudargas asking for, precisely? Certainly, it seems he would know as much about the deal as anyone...

-----Original Message-----

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From: Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2000 12:14 PM
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Subject: RE: How about checking out the room request [UNCLASSIFIED]

Rather than Rod, you should put yourself as Staff Contact -- you are easier to reach. You need to put in a number for number of tables -- like 2 or 3. You shouldn't put the bar setup as mess takes care of that. If you want some chairs you need to say how many -- I just had twenty around the wall -- and where you want them. On the total attendees, just guess as that figure would include inside the building people.

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To: Hunerwadel, Joan S. (LEGAL)
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I think I got everything you mentioned. JR
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To: Davidson, Leslie K. (VP); Hinckley, Steedman (VP); Elkind, Jonathan H. (RUE)
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Leslie, the letter is still here -- Tony signed it out over the weekend but it had not left our office yet. Would you like to propose some additions to the current version (attached)?



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Has this letter gone? Williams just had a break-through on Friday -- we talked with them on Saturday. They had specific requests vis-a-vis upcoming POTUS trip.

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To: Davidson, Leslie K. (VP)
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Jon, how about if I open the Williams "portion" of my letter by striking the current sentence saying we're committed to the success etc., and substitute the following:

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I fiddled with State's language a bit (I believe it came from Russ Trowbridge in EB) because it was just all over the place -- but I'm happy to tone it back if you want. Here's what State sent over to begin with:

Draft Letter for DAPNSA Steinberg to Lithuanian FM Saudargas

Dear Mr. Minister:

I was glad to have the opportunity to meet with you recently and

discuss how we can advance our common Baltic Partnership agenda. We agree that we have to help ensure the profitability of the Williams Company investment if it is to bring maximum economic and social benefits to Lithuania. Obtaining financing for plant modernization is complicated by the need for a long-term crude supply contract. We have reiterated to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) our support for the Williams project in general and the benefits it will bring to your country. We understand Williams will complete a business proposal and submit formal applications to the EBRD and other financial institutions in the near future, and we will follow the progress of these proposals closely.

We also understand that Williams is currently negotiating with Lukoil and Yukos for long-term supply contracts. Our Embassy in Moscow is facilitating contacts between Williams and the Russian Government in the hope that mutually-beneficial agreements can soon be reached. Given the size and importance of this investment, we are committed to making it work to the benefit of all, including Lithuania.

On World Trade Organization (WTO) accession, we stand by President Clinton's January 1998 commitment to facilitate the integration of Lithuania into the WTO. We believe that Lithuania is now very close to completing negotiations, although your government's position on agricultural tariffs remains a problem for many member countries, including, but not restricted to, the United States. Your government's March 30 offer made in Geneva proposed higher tariffs, which we cannot accept at this stage in the negotiations. I believe this issues can be settled in a manner satisfactory to all countries if your negotiators are given sufficient leeway to engage in the give-and-take necessary to complete an accession package. We sincerely hope that these issues can be resolved in Geneva before too long, and we are working toward that goal.

Sincerely, etc.

Drafted:EUR/NB:DRLeader

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Dick:

What part of State drafted this language on Williams? ...and who cleared?

I ask the question because the statement -- in writing -- that we are committed to the success of Williams' investment takes us to what I believe is a new level in this matter. LUKOil's actions cannot be interpreted as having been free of political muscle-flexing, and that is bad medicine. But on the other hand Williams has at times been amateurish in their actions. Are we sure we want Jim's name on the line so unambiguously???

Jon

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State has produced a draft letter from Jim to the Lithuanian FM, following up on (a) Williams and (b) WTO accession (language on the latter came from Cecelia Klein in USTR).

I have tightened it up a bit and would appreciate your clearance by COB tomorrow if possible. thanks.

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