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HEADQUARTERS
970TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS DETACHMENT
EUROPEAN COMMAND

D-169382, LILEIKIS, Aleksandras
CIC/S-3/OPS

APO 757
13 May 1947

SUBJECT: LILEIKIS, Aleksandras

TO : Deputy Theater Judge Advocate for War Crimes
7708 War Crimes Group
APO 178, US Army

1. It has been recently reported to this headquarters that Aleksandras LILEIKIS, born on 10 June 1907, was the chief of the political Lithuanian Security Police in VILNA during the German occupation, and that he was possibly connected with the shooting of Jews in VILNA. He is presently living as a Lithuanian DP in UNRRA Camp #6, BAMBERG.

2. A check of the lists of wanted war criminals available to this headquarters has failed to reveal any record of the subject; however, it is considered possible that he may be wanted because of his former activities.

3. It is requested that a check be made to determine if the subject is wanted as a war criminal, and that this headquarters be notified of the results of this check.

VVN/rec/telephone 22961



Earl E. Browning Jr. Major Gen.
for JOHN L. INSKEEP
Colonel, Cavalry
Commanding

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

U. S. DISPLACED PERSONS COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
FRANKFURT

TO: U. S. Displaced Persons Commission
Headquarters - Washington DC

FROM: Robert J. Corkery, Coordinator for Europe

SUBJECT: EC No. 66158 - LILEIKIS, Aleksandras
Washington Code No. D-12647

DATE: Dec. 4,
1950

APO 757

The Review Panel, having duly deliberated upon all the facts and documentary evidence submitted in support of the application of the above-mentioned Subject for admission into the United States under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended, as and for its unanimous decision of rejection under Section 13, finds:

Subject is (was) a member of, or participated in, a movement which is (was) hostile to the United States or its form of government, since the Subject

was area chief of the Sicherheitspolizei and was under the control of the Gestapo during the war years. According to Intelligence Service, men who were in authority in these organizations were generally there because of their known Nazi sympathies.

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Coordinator for Europe

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Charles E. O'Connor

by Charles E. O'Connor

Legal Section

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY C. J. Miller DATE 12/7/51

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Date of Birth: 10/6/1907

Place of Birth: Siauliai, Lithuania

Life: Stefaniya nee Zavadskaitė-7/4/1904 - Kaunas, Lith.

Daughter: Rita - 19/1/1934 - Kaunas, Lith.

Daughter: Marija - 19/8/1935 - Kaunas, Lith.

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1. Aleksandras LILEIKIS
2. NA
3. NA
4. None
5. a. 10 June 1907 b/ Paprudziu village, Siauliai district, Lithuania
6. Lithuanian
7. Lithuanian
8. Munich, Infanteriestr. 20, Regierungslager
9. same as 8.
10. Unemployed
11. I have some relatives in the U.S. but do not know where they are.
12. Matulevicius Juozas, 54 Providence Str. Worcester, Mass. USA
Gaidikas Valentinas, 242 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27, Mass. USA
Juozas Kavaliauskas, Box 32, Parcel Post Sta, Worcester 4, Mass. USA
Dr. B. Tomas Dirneikis, 148 Grand Str. Waterbury, Conn., USA
Mr. Stasys Paszkowski, 11600 S. Lafayette Ave, Chicago 28, Ill., USA
Klemensas Dundulis, 4436 S. Talman Ave., Chicago 32, Ill. USA
13. Antanas Lileikis, farmer. Died at 73 in 1937. Born in Lithuania, Paprudziu village.
14. Vincenta Lileikicne, remained in Lithuania. Born in Uzugiriu village, Vaiduvos county, about 78 years old. Address unknown.
15. Stefanija Zavadskaite - Lileikicne. Born on 7 April 1904 in Kaunas. Married on 27 September 1932 in Kaunas. Lithuanian citizen.
16. Daughter Riša Lileikyte, born on 19 January 1934 in Kaunas, Lithuanian citizen, living with parents.
Daughter Aldona Marija Lileikyte, born on 19 August 1935 in Kaunas, Lithuanian citizen, living with parents.
17. In Lithuania: brothers - Juozas 50 years old in Paprudziu village
Antanas 42 years old in Paprudzui village
Vladas 26 years old in Siurpiu village
sisters - Zefija 38 years old in Naudvario village
Tekle 36 years old in Naudvario village
18. None.
19. Lithuanian foreign passport issued on 12 June 1950, No. 3305, in Chicago, valid till 12 June 1952.

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19. German Identity Card No. 8 XXIX-27050 issued on 26 June 1951 in Munich, valid until 31 December 1952.
20. Roman Catholic
21. Member of Nationalist Party
22. None
23. Gymnasium in Kraziai from 1919 - 1927.
University in Kaunas, which I attended at intervals from 1927 to 1936, finished the Law course.
24.

Lithuanian	good	good	good
German	fair	fair	fair
Russian	fair	fair	fair
Polish	fair	fair	fair
25. From 1931 to 1932 and in 1937, in Cavalry in Lithuania Reserve first lieutenant.
26. Lithuanian Red Cross; Lithuanian YMCA; Union of Nationalists.
27. None
28. Dependent upon unemployment pay.
29. In the Department of Security and Police
1917 - 1931; 1932 - 1940; 1941 - 1944.
Nov. 1927 - Sept. 1931 in Kaunas as government clerk - 200-300 litas
Sept. 1931 - Sept. 1932 - Lithuanian Military School
Oct. 1932 - Jan. 1936 - government official in Kaunas - 320 litas
Jan. 1936 - Sept. 1939 in Marijampole as assistant of chief of the district - 420
Sept. 1939 - Oct. 1939 in Kaunas as assistant of chief of the district - 420 litas
Oct. 1939 - June 1940 in Vilnius as assistant of chief of the district - over 500 litas
June 1940 - Aug. 1941 in Germany, work on the river Inster, and in 1941 in Berlin in the printing office of "Deutscher Verlag", 50 to 60 Pfennig per hour.
Aug. 1941 - June 1944 in Vilnius as chief of district - 350 RM.
Aug. 1944 in Germany - to June 1945 at Diepenricht, Kreis Neumarkt/Oberpfalz at former J. Thuman; worked without pay.
July 1945 - Feb. 1948 in DP camp Bamberg as secretary. I was paid up to 100 RM. per month. 2) March 1947 - July 1947 in US Army Depot - 70 Pfennig per hour.
1948 - April 1949 in DP camp Garmisch: 1) Secretary of Gymnasium, 2) Camp worker for about 7 months, 100 DM. monthly.
April 1949 - Nov. 1949 in camp Mittenwald in YMCA, Earned 216 to 291.48 DM per mo.
1 Sept. 1950 - 14 May 1952 in Area 7, Employment Office (Munich): 240-335 DM.
30. None.
31. See items 12, 15 and 16.
32. Matulevicius Juozas, 54 Providence Ave, Worcester, Mass.
Dr. B. Tomas Dirmeikis, 148 Grand Str., Waterbury, Conn.
Juozas Skorubskas, Lithuanian-American Council, 1739 S. Holsted St., Chicago, Ill.

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Klemensas Dundlis, 4436 S. Talman Ave., Chicago 32, Ill.
Priest Rutkauskas, 487 Michigan Ave. N.E. Washington 17, D.C.

33. None

34. 45 Straight
 45 68
 179 in good repair.
 brown dark
 oblong none
 dark medium
 male
 neat
 none

35. Diseases: Measles and whooping cough as child.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

20 August 1952

MEMORANDUM

TO: STC/SPB
FROM: Acting Chief, SH/Baltic
SUBJECT: Aleksandras LILIKIS
REF: Memorandum to STC/SPB dated 13 August 1952; subject: ☐ and A. LILIKIS

1. With regard to a request for Operational Clearance for subject made in reference, the following additional information has come to our attention as a result of a name check:

The review panel of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission Headquarters Frankfurt unanimously rejected subject under Section 13 since he was "area chief of the Sicherheitspolizei and was under the control of the Gestapo during the war years. According to Intelligence Service, men who were in authority in these organizations were generally there because of their known Nazi sympathies".

2. The above is presented for your information.

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19 November 1952

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On 18 November 1952 CIC Central Files were reviewed at Ft. Holabird, Maryland. Dossier #169382 in Subject's name disclosed an index card dated 7 July 1947 from Headquarters, CIC Region IV, in which the following biographical information was set forth:

NAME: Alexandras _____

FILE: DP 48/9308; EC 66158; RD 404

ADDRESS: DP Camp, Pionier Kaserne, Mittenwald, Bl. II/49.

BIRTH: 10 June 1907 at Vaiguva/Lithuania

OCCUPATION: Field laborer

MISCELLANEOUS: Shows derogatory information on file at CIC Visa Section and Berlin Document Center, 19 September 1949.

An index card dated 23 February 1951, origin not indicated, contains the notation, "List #28 of cases rejected under Section 13 of Public Law 774."

A letter from the 970th CIC Detachment dated 13 May 1947 to the Deputy Theatre Judge for War Crimes, 7708 War Crimes Group, APO 178, U. S. Army, reflects that it had recently been reported that Subject was the Chief of the political Lithuanian Security Police in Vilna during the German occupation and that he was possibly connected with the shooting of Jews in Vilna. At the date of the letter he was living as a Lithuanian DP in UNRRA Camp #6, Bamberg. A check of records available to the 970th CIC Detachment failed to reveal any record of Subject; however, it was considered possible that he might have been wanted because of his former activities.

A letter dated 17 June 1947 from the 970th CIC Detachment to CIC Region VI stated that the Office of the Chief Counsel for War Crimes had advised that it had no interest in Subject.

A letter dated 14 December 1950 from the DP Coordinator for Europe to Subject advised him that his application for admission to the United States had been rejected by the Review Panel of the Displaced Persons Commission.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

OSO file 200-7-51-775 contains a report dated 4 December 1950 from the Displaced Persons Commission in Frankfurt, Germany to Washington, D. C. The report states that one Aleksandras ----- was rejected for entrance into the United States because he was area chief of the Sicherheitspaizer (not identified) and was under control of the Gestapo. According to Displaced Persons Intelligence Service, men who were in authority in these organizations were Nazi sympathizers. This may be our Subject since the date of birth is 6 October 1907 in Siaulia, Lithuania.

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No. 5289

OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE

TO: Chief, SR/2

Operational Clearance is granted for the use of Alesandras LILEIKIS.

Limitations: To be used as stated in memo dated 20 Aug 1952. This clearance is based upon a ~~(covert investigation)~~ check of (non-derogatory) (negative) files available to headquarters and (non-derogatory) results (negative) of field traces. It should be borne in mind that this clearance is in no way to be construed as a guarantee of subject's bona fides, but merely reflects that disqualifying derogatory information was not developed during the course of the inquiry outlined above. The extent of headquarters checking and the basis for this clearance should be conveyed to the field station concerned.

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STAFF C/SPB
JWA/dea

Date 20 Feb 1953

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

5 MAY 1953

SUMMARY

OUT 94196

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5: SR REF GERMANY:
(MUNICH) (FRANKFURT)

FROM: DIRECTOR, CIA

CONF :

SR 6

INFORMATION: FI/OPS, FI/STC, EE 2, FI/RI 2

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ROUTINE

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DIR 44062

TO: STANLEY

INFO: SIFRAN

CITE: DIR

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PERSONAL RECORD QUESTIONNAIRE

PART II - OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

/PRQ/

INSTRUCTIONS TO CASE OFFICER:

1. If feasible, subject should fill in Part I of PRQ in his own hand.
2. Part II of PRQ is classified; must be filled in by the Case Officer and is not to be shown to subject.
3. Headquarters will not be able to provide an Operational Clearance unless it receives answers to all questions on page 1 of Part I (Items 1 to 12), and to all questions of Part II (Items 35 to 58).
4. In emergency these answers, keyed to Items 1 to 12 by number, and with summary of Part II, may be cabled to Headquarters, followed promptly by pouch with complete data.
5. Fully completed PRQ must be sent to Headquarters as soon as possible, two copies of Part I (including copy in subject's handwriting, if possible) and one copy of Part II.
6. Data acquired later must be sent to Headquarters in PRQ format on a continuing basis.
7. All pages of both parts will bear the PRQ number, composed of (a) Station symbol (b) PRQ (c) number assigned consecutively by the field station; e.g. PGA/PRQ/10.

36. Cryptonym AECHAMP 7

37. How, when and where was subject first contacted or developed?

Contacted by ☐ on 3 June 1952 in Munich

38. Could subject be turned over quickly and in a secure manner to

someone else for handling? Yes. To whom? To any competent Case Officer.

39. Best estimate of subject's motivation

Subject is in need of employment to support himself and family.

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PRQ

Subject will act as liaison with [] , a Lithuanian national employed by the East German Government. There ~~is a possibility that~~ [] has links with the Lithuanian SSR.

No.

Approximately 600 DM per month ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXX~~ and 21 lbs. of coffee and 2 cartons of cigarettes per month.

No.

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/PRQ/

51. What is subject's social standing? Aristocracy, upper middle class, lower middle class, peasantry, etc.?

Lower middle class.

52. What are subject's personal habits? Liquor, drugs, gambling, mistresses or lovers?

Drinks and smokes moderately.

53. Evaluation of subject's character, reliability, security.

Considered reliable by ☐ and ☐

54. With what other foreign power would subject be most likely to collaborate because of his ideology, obligation, etc.? Explain.

Any western anti-Soviet power.

55. What special abilities, talents, or qualifications are possessed by subject which would conceivably be of value for other operations in the future?

None known.

56. Attach samples of subject's signature and handwriting in all languages known to him, also a recent, dated photograph, and fingerprints.

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57. How was information in Part I obtained?

Interview by []

58. Other miscellaneous operational data and comments.

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/ Case officer

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27 May 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO : STC/SPB
Attn: ☐ ☐

FROM : Chief, SR/2

SUBJECT: Aleksodras LILEIKIS

1. It is hereby requested that a new Operational Clearance be granted to Subject to act as a liaison with ☐ a Lithuanian national employed by the East-German Government. ☐ has links with the Lithuanian SSR which we are presently exploring. There is also a possibility that ☐ is a Soviet agent. ☐ is currently being handled by CE, Munich.

2. Subject was granted an Operational Clearance on 20 February 1953 for use in the interrogation of repatriates in Germany. No derogatory information on Subject has come to our attention since the issuance of his clearance.

3. Attached is a PRQ, Part II, on Subject.

Attachment

I. PRQ, Part II

DRW/sgs
27 May 1953

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OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE

No. 6115

To: Chief, SR/2

Operational Clearance is granted for the use of AECHAMP 7

This clearance supersedes OC #5289 granted 20 Feb 1953

LIMITATIONS: To be used as stated in memo dated 27 May 1953

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Date 4 June 1953

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Att: PRQ II

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19 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: STC/SPB

SUBJECT : Request for Amendment of Clearance

1. Reference is made to Operational Clearance No. 6115, dated 4 June 1953.
2. It is requested that this Operational Clearance No. 6115 be amended to permit the use of subject of clearance as an interrogator of refugees, repatriates, and other categories of escapees from the Soviet Union.
3. No derogatory information concerning subject has come to our attention since issuance of the last operational clearance.

For any further information regarding this matter,
please contact ☐ , Room 2607 "J" Building,
Extension 8545.

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NC. C-13442

Operational Clearance is granted for the use of Alexandras LILEIKIS
_____ as follows:

As requested in memorandum dated 19 Aug 1954

FI/STC/SPB

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16 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: STC/SPB

SUBJECT: Request for Amendment of Clearance

1. Reference is made to Operational Clearance No. C-13442 for Alexandras LILIKIS, dated 24 August 1954.
2. It is requested that the above-mentioned clearance be amended to permit use of subject as:
 - a. Interrogator of refugees, repatriates, and other categories of escapees from the Soviet Union.
 - b. Member of surveillance team.
3. No derogatory information concerning subject has come to our attention since issuance of the last operational clearance.
4. For any further information regarding this matter, please contact ☐ , extension 8545, room 2609 "J."

☐ Chief, SR/2

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REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM
U. S. FILE CHECK

CLASS	Escapee	DATE	1 April 1955
IRP CONTROL NO.	Kunich 3449	FAMILY GROUP	3450, 3461, 3452
1. APPLICANT			
A. NAME	(Surname) LILIKIS (First Name) Aleksandras (Middle Name)	SEX:	male
B. ALIASES	Lyleikis		
C. PRESENT NATIONALITY	Lithuanian		
D. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY	Lithuanian		
E. DATE OF BIRTH	(Day)-(Month (spell out))-(Year) 10 June 1907	F. PLACE OF BIRTH	(City) Papruksiai (Country) Lithuania
G. OCCUPATION	clerk		
2. SPOUSE			
A. NAME	(Surname) LILIKIS (First Name) Stefanija (Middle Name)		
B. MAIDEN NAME	(Surname) ZAVADSKIS (First Name)		
C. PRESENT NATIONALITY	Lithuanian		
D. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY	Lithuanian		
E. DATE OF BIRTH	(Day)-(Month (spell out))-(Year) 7 April 1904	F. PLACE OF BIRTH	(City) Kaunas (Country) Lithuania
G. ACCOMPANYING APPLICANT	☒ YES ☐ NO		
3. APPLICANT'S RESIDENCE DURING PAST FIVE YEARS (City and country only, in reverse chronological order)			
1949 - present Munich/Germany 1949 April-Nov. Mittenwald/Germany 1948 - 1949 Garmisch/Germany 1945 - 1948 Bamberg/Germany 1945 April-July Neumarkt/Germany 1944 - 1945 Neumarkt/Germany			
4. REMARKS (Including applicant's affiliations and military service)			
Affiliation: 1948 - present Lithuanian National Union Military Service: 1931 - 1932, 1937 Caval. Occupation: clerk, book keeper and laborer			
IRP CONTROL:		MEMORANDUM COORDINATION	
ACCOMPANYING MINORS: (Name) (Sex) (DOP) (IRP Control Number)		Date 3 May 55 RI ANALYST DIV. BRANCH RI EDITOR RI TYPIST	
SPONSOR(S):		INITIALS	
VOLUNTARY AGENCY:		0167-1034 5 Aug 54 0055 ENCL. 1	
5. RESULT OF CENTRAL FILE CHECK		☒ NO RECORD ☐ NO DEROGATORY ☐ MATERIAL ATTACHED ☐ OTHER	
18 April 55 unclassified Classification		7 05 Aug 54 0055	

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FOR THE RECORD

[] of RI files Ext.3898 requested the following info on subject: A request has been received by RI from State Department for any derogatory info on subject in connection with his application for a US ~~work~~ visa. There is ~~disinformation~~ such information in subj file to the effect that he was ~~working~~ for the Gestapo in Vilnius. However, this info apparently did not preclude the issuance of an OC for him. RI wants to know whether the available info should be passed on to State Depart. After consulting [] ~~that~~ the undersigned informed RI that they may transmit the required info. to State. [] wanted to use subject in Germany. If he leaves ~~the~~ Germany he is of no interest to us.

3 May 1955

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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6 MAY 1955

TO: Department of State
Attention: Mr. A.W. Abajian
Office of Investigations
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: LITVICKIS, Alexander

1. Reference is made to your SI memorandum IEP/671 dated 14 April 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.
2. The files of this office contain the following information concerning an individual who is believed to be identical with the subject of the request.
3. A letter dated 13 May 1947 from the 970th Detachment, Counter Intelligence Corps, to the 7708 War Crimes Group indicated that Subject was chief of the Political Lithuanian Security Police in Vilna, Lithuania, during the German occupation and that he was possibly connected with the shooting of Jews in Vilna.
4. A memorandum dated 4 December 1950 from the United States Displaced Persons Commission Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, records that the review panel rejected Subject's application for the following reason: "The Subject was area chief of the Sicherheitspolizei and was under the control of the Gestapo during the war years. According to Intelligence Service, men who were in authority in these organizations were generally there because of their known Nazi sympathies."

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Encl. 1 name check

RI/CE: AMJ/ACH/arh

Based on:
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25 MAY 1955

VIA: A
(SPECIFY AIR OR SEA POUCH)

DISPATCH NO. EGFA-7

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DATE: NOV 4 1955

TO : Chief, SR
Attn:
FROM : Chief of Base, Frankfurt
SUBJECT: GENERAL— REDWOOD/AEMANNER

INFO: COS
EE

SPECIFIC— Cancellation of Memorandum of Oral Agreement

REFERENCE: EGFA 6814

Life/ki's
us For your information, AEMANNER 7 is immigrating to
PBPRIME. Consequently, his memorandum of oral agreement,
transmitted to you in reference, is terminated effective
30 September 1955, the date his services were ended.

Approved: [Signature]

3 November 1955

Distribution:
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REVIEWED: [Signature]

[Signature] Contracting Officer

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CI/Liaison
Attention: ☐

VIA : SR/COP/CE

SUBJECT : LILIENTHAL Aleksandras or Alexander
Department of Justice File No. a-10-201
553 (JWK) IB

1. It is requested that this office be informed of the reason for the Department of Justice investigation being conducted on above subject as reflected by the request for derogatory information from this Agency.

2. This desk has an interest in subject and would therefore like to know the reason for the inquiry. For any further information please contact ☐
extension 3582, room 2609 "J" building.

☐ Chief, SR/2

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MEMORANDUM

14 May 1956

TO : CI/Liaison
Attn: ☐

FROM : CSR/2

VIA : SR/COP/CE

SUBJECT : LILIKIS, Aleksandras, or Alexander, (DOB June 10, 1907, Papradziai, Lithuania)
(Immigration & Naturalization File No. A-10-201 553 (JMK) IB)

1. It is requested that this office be informed of the reason for the Immigration and Naturalization investigation being conducted on Aleksandras LILIKIS, husband of Stefania as reflected by the request for derogatory information, Agency Name Check Form 6-21-54.

2. This desk has an interest in Subject and would therefore like to know the reason for the inquiry. For any further information please contact ☐ Ext. 3432, Room 2609 J Building.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Alesandras LILEIKIS

1. A person believed to be above subject was observed at the Lithuanian Convention of 16-17 June at the Hotel Statler. He was wearing a name tag with A. LILEIKIS and was seen at the Art Exhibit on 16 June 1956. No contact was attempted with subject.

2. The last information received on subject was in EGFA-7741, which stated that subject was planning to immigrate to the U. S.

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16 July 1956

TO : CI/Liaison

Attn: []

FROM : SR/CE

SUBJECT : LILEIKIS, Aleksandras, or Alexander
[I&N File No. A-10-201 553 (JWK) IB]

REFERENCE: SR/2 Memorandum of 14 May 1956

1. Referenced memorandum requested that your office ascertain the reason behind the I&N investigation of Subject. It was indicated on the I&N Request for Derogatory Information (Name Check Form 6-21-54) of several months ago that I&N was conducting an investigation. This office replied to the name check request with a negative answer.

2. We are still interested in ascertaining I&N's reason, since SR/2 has an interest in the Subject.

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[] advised by [] on 22 May
that I & NS were investigating subject for possible
use as an I & NS informant. They also indicated
that they would withdraw if we objected or
had any interest. [] agreed to advise
me on this matter, for advice to I & NS. []

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10 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: CI/OA
SUBJECT : ARMANN/7
C J

Subject has immigrated to the United States and is therefore no longer of operational use to this branch. It is requested that Subject's operational clearance be cancelled.

Chief, SA/2

L J:rdv

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Requested that Memorandum of Oral Agreement for AEMANNER/7 be terminated since no longer being used operationally.

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*9 Jan - oral agreement had been cancelled per
EGFA-7741, 4 Nov 1955.*

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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25 May 1995

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Mr. Mark Lowenthal
Staff Director
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mark:

SUBJECT: Notification

COUNTRY: Lithuania

ISSUE: Former CIA Asset Aleksandras Lileikas

Forwarded herewith is a memorandum from our Office of General Counsel regarding former CIA asset Lileikas. Because of his World War II Nazi-associated police duties, the Department of Justice has initiated denaturalization proceedings against him. Although Lileikas was a CIA asset from 1952 to 1957, there is no evidence that this Agency was aware of his wartime activities, nor that he was aware that he was cooperating with the CIA before his immigration to the United States in 1957. It appears likely that a redacted copy of Lileikas's CIA file will be provided to his defense counsel for use in his denaturalization hearings. (S)

If you have any further questions, we are prepared to provide a briefing. (U)

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Sincerely,

for []
Director of Congressional Affairs

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9 May 1995

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

U.S. v. Aleksandras Lileikis
94-11902 (RGS) (E.D. Mass.)

1. Aleksandras Lileikis was a paid CIA asset between 1952 and 1957. From Directorate of Operations ("DO") files, it appears that he performed debriefing, linguistic and, possibly, surveillance and preliminary recruitment tasks for CIA. According to documents in the file, Lileikis alleged that he had served as a police official during WWII in Vilnius, Lithuania; in addition, the file contains information from military and civilian agencies which refer to unsubstantiated suspicion that Lileikis' war-time service may have included Nazi-related activities. However, there is no record that CIA was aware of specific facts indicating that Lileikis had concealed elements of his service during the war. According to the file, Lileikis was not witting to his CIA association, believing he was dealing with U.S. Military Intelligence. Finally, the file reflects that Lileikis' association with CIA ended in 1957, when he immigrated to the United States.

2. The Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations has initiated denaturalization proceedings against Lileikis, who is now an American citizen. Both OSI and CIA are attempting to coordinate a response to Lileikis's discovery requests: OSI has prepared a written accounting of those elements of the DO file which they feel are subject to discovery, while the DO's Policy Coordination Staff is actively evaluating the sensitivity of the information contained in the file, and is exploring the possibilities of limited or protected disclosure, as well as possible declassification.

3. It is likely that a copy of Lileikis' DO file, redacted to the "CONFIDENTIAL" level, will be provided to defense counsel within the context of a protective order to be sought from the court.

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TEXT
TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, PREL, SOCI, LH
SUBJECT: LITHUANIA PROMISES TO PROSECUTE A NAZI WAR
CRIMINAL IF DEPORTED FROM THE U.S.

REF: VILNIUS 1658

1. ACCORDING TO A SEPTEMBER 22 BALTIC NEWS SERVICE
REPORT, THE LITHUANIAN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WOULD LIKELY
PROSECUTE **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS**, A MASSACHUSETTS MAN
ACCUSED OF NAZI WAR CRIMES, IF HE IS DEPORTED FROM THE
UNITED STATES. LILEIKIS COULD FACE A MAXIMUM LIFE
SENTENCE IF CONVICTED IN LITHUANIA.

2. MEMBERS OF THE LITHUANIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY WELCOMED

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THE NEWS. (LILEIKIS ALLEGEDLY HEADED THE LITHUANIAN SECURITY POLICE IN VILNIUS AND TOOK PART IN THE MURDER OF JEWS, INCLUDING A SIX YEAR-OLD GIRL.) EMMANUEL ZINGERIS, A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH STATE MUSEUM, WELCOMED THE NEWS THAT A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL COULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN LITHUANIAN COURTS. ZINGERIS ADDED THAT MANY LITHUANIANS HAVE NOT FACED UP TO THE FACT THAT MANY OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN COLLABORATED WITH THE NAZIS IN THE JEWISH GENOCIDE. (OVER 90 PERCENT OF LITHUANIA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY PERISHED DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION.)

3. THE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER, VYTAUTAS LANDSBERGIS, DECLARED THAT MANY LITHUANIANS OPPOSE THE ACCUSATIONS ON THE BASIS OF RUMORS AND UNSUBSTANTIATED EVIDENCE. LANDSBERGIS ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE MANY NAZI WAR CRIMINALS ARE SOUGHT, AGENTS OF SOVIET-ERA CRIMES ARE OVERLOOKED.

4. THE GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, HAS ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN SIGNING AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, ON EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON WAR CRIMINALS. THE LITHUANIAN PROSECUTOR HAS "OPENED ITS FILES" TO U.S. OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING LILEIKIS. ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 22, PRIME MINISTER SLEZEVICIUS DELIVERED A STATEMENT ON NATIONWIDE TELEVISION CONCERNING THE ROLE OF LITHUANIANS IN THE HOLOCAUST. SLEZEVICIUS ADMITTED THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED LITHUANIANS TOOK PART IN THE GENOCIDE AND, ON BEHALF OF ALL LITHUANIANS, EXTENDED HIS APOLOGIES TO THE JEWISH NATION. HE STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LITHUANIA ASSUMES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE KILLINGS AND WILL PURSUE THIS "CONSISTENTLY, HONESTLY AND PUBLICLY." LASTLY, SLEZEVICIUS PROMISED TO COOPERATE WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN LITHUANIA, THE JEWISH DIASPORA ABROAD, AND TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TIES IN ALL SPHERES WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT PLAN TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL THIS FALL. WE UNDERSTAND PRESIDENT BRAZAUSKAS IS PALLING A STATE VISIT TO ISRAEL NEXT JANUARY. SWIHART.

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E.O. 12958: 1/21/2021

TEXT
TAGS: PGOV, PINR, ECON, EFIN, LH
COMBINE: COMPLETE

SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER REMOVED AS SCAPEGOAT;
OPPOSITION JOCKEYING FOR PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS

REF: A) VILNIUS 129; B) VILNIUS 71

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES W. SWIHART.
REASONS 1.6X6.

SUMMARY

2. (C) AS THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER SLEZEVICIUS
CONTINUES TO PROCLAIM THAT "ALL'S WELL" AND TO SEEK

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WESTERN FINANCIAL ADVICE TO SOLVE LITHUANIA'S BANKING CRISIS, INTERIOR MINISTER VAITEKUNAS WAS FINALLY SHOWN THE DOOR. IN THE MEANTIME, OPPOSITION POLITICIANS ARE STARTING TO PREPARE FOR THIS FALL'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND INEVITABLE POST-PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION COALITION-BUILDING, BUT HAVE GIVEN LITTLE THOUGHT TO POLICY ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

REMOVAL OF INTERIOR MINISTER

3. (U) AFTER A WEEK OF HESITATION, INTERIOR MINISTER VAITEKUNAS FINALLY RESIGNED LATE LAST WEEK, THE FIRST CASUALTY OF THE BANKING CRISIS. PRIME MINISTER SLEZEVICIUS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH PRESIDENT BRAZAUSKAS' CALL FOR VAITEKUNAS' REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. THERE HAS BEEN NO CONCERTED EFFORT TO PLACE THE BANKING CRISIS ON VAITEKUNAS' SHOULDERS, BUT THE WEIGHT OF CRIME AND CORRUPTION WAS TOO MUCH. ONLY HIS INTERIOR MINISTRY CRONIES WILL MOURN HIM.

COALITION-BUILDING...

4. (U) RECENT POLLS INDICATE WIDESPREAD VOTER CYNICISM, DOUBT, AND APATHY OVER THE POLITICAL PROCESS. ASKED WHICH PARTY THEY WOULD VOTE FOR IF ELECTIONS WERE HELD NOW, THE LARGEST NUMBER, 25.9 PERCENT, SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW. THE SECOND LARGEST PERCENTAGE, 21.2 PERCENT, SAID THEY WOULD NOT VOTE AT ALL. THE HOMELAND UNION (LITHUANIAN CONSERVATIVES) WAS THE MOST POPULAR PARTY -- RECEIVING ABOUT 11.6 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS' SUPPORT; THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS FOLLOW WITH ABOUT 8.1 PERCENT AND THE RULING LITHUANIAN DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY (LDDP) HAS SLIPPED TO 7.1 PERCENT.

5. (C) WITH THE RULING LDDP IN DISARRAY, CONSERVATIVE PARTY MEMBERS ARE BEGINNING TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS FOR FORMING A COALITION WITH LIKE-MINDED PARTIES AFTER THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS THIS FALL. ONE SCENARIO BEING DISCUSSED IS THAT FORMER HEAD OF STATE LANDSBERGIS (CONSERVATIVE) WOULD BE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS) PENDING A POSSIBLE RUN FOR PRESIDENT OF LITHUANIA IN 1998. GEDIMINAS VAGNORIUS (CONSERVATIVE) AND ALGIRDAS SAUDARGAS (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) WOULD RETURN TO THEIR PRE-1992 POSITIONS AS PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER.

6. (C) THE CENTRISTS (ESSENTIALLY FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ROMUALDAS OZOLAS AND BALTIC ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN EGIDIJUS BICKAUSKAS, BOTH OF WHOM WOULD EXPECT SENIOR POSITIONS) WOULD ALSO BE WELCOMED BY THE CONSERVATIVES, WHO FEEL LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT JOINING WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (LARGELY DUE TO PERSONALITY CONFLICTS). ALTHOUGH THE LDDP IS EXPECTED TO BE OUT OF THE RUNNING AS A POTENTIAL COALITION PARTNER, THE LARGE NUMBER OF OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL MAKE COALITION-BUILDING A

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DIFFICULT EXERCISE, AND THE CONSERVATIVES (IF THEY LEAD IT) WILL LIKELY HAVE TO CAST A WIDER NET.

...IN A POLICY VACUUM

7. (C) WHILE IT IS BEGINNING TO CONSIDER THE POLITICS OF THE ELECTION, THE OPPOSITION HAS NOT SPENT MUCH TIME ON LOOKING AT POLICY. HOT-BUTTON ISSUES LIKE JEWISH PROPERTY RESTITUTION AND THE PROSECUTION OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** HAVE BARELY CROSSED THEIR SCREENS. LARGER QUESTIONS LIKE NATO AND EU MEMBERSHIP ARE EQUALLY OPAQUE; WHILE MOST OPPOSITION MEMBERS SUPPORT BOTH IN PRINCIPLE, MANY MAINTAIN A XENOPHOBIC AND CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION (E.G., AMENDING ARTICLE 47 TO ALLOW FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF LAND) AND REORGANIZATION. THE OPPOSITIONS' PROGRAM: ATTACK THE IMF

B. (U) THE OPPOSITION'S UNPREPAREDNESS FOR GOVERNING WAS ON DISPLAY AT A JANUARY 19 MEETING OF THE SEIMAS FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. TWO IMF REPRESENTATIVES WERE TREATED TO A VARIETY OF ACCUSATIONS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BOBELIS, LANDSBERGIS AND ALGIRDAS GRICIUS (WHO RECENTLY SUSPENDED HIS LDDP MEMBERSHIP). NONE OF THE QUESTIONS WERE GERMANE TO POLICY ISSUES. INSTEAD BOBELIS AND LANDSBERGIS ALL BUT ACCUSED THE IMF OF CONSPIRING WITH SLEZEVICIUS TO UNDERMINE THE BANKING SYSTEM. THE IMF REPS RESPONDED THAT "WE'RE WORKING WITH THIS (SLEZEVICIUS') GOVERNMENT, WE WORKED WITH YOUR (LANDSBERGIS') GOVERNMENT, AND WE'LL WORK WITH THE NEXT GOVERNMENT."

9. (U) BOBELIS TRIED TO PIN THE BLAME ON THE CENTRAL BANK, WHICH THE IMF REPS REJECTED. THEY SAW MORE FAULT IN THE CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO CLOSED BANKS, INNOVATION AND LITIMPEKS. LANDSBERGIS, VOICING THE CONSERVATIVES' DESIRE TO DELINK THE LITAS FROM THE DOLLAR (CURRENTLY 4:1), DECRIED THE "RATE OF THE LITAS TO BREAD". PICKING UP ON LANDSBERGIS' QUESTION, FELLOW CONSERVATIVE EMANUEL ZINGERIS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PLECKAITIS ASKED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF DELINKING THE LITAS. THE IMF REPS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD MAKE NO FISCAL SENSE IN THE ABSENCE OF A BALANCED BUDGET OR A BUDGET SURPLUS. POSSIBLE OPPOSITION ROLE FOR DEFENSE MINISTER?

10. (C) DEFENSE MINISTER LINKEVICIUS -- THE MOST LIKELY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS OFFERED RESIGNATION (REF B) -- IS THE ONLY CABINET MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE OPPOSITION. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT POLITICAL AMBITIONS THE 35-YEAR OLD MINISTER MAY HAVE, BUT AT LEAST THE CONSERVATIVES MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

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SEEING HIM JOIN THEIR RANKS (HE HAS NOT SPOKEN TO THEM AS YET).

COMMENT

11. (C) WHILE THE OPPOSITION UNQUESTIONINGLY HAS THE MORAL UPPER HAND IN LITHUANIA, THEY ARE FAR FROM PREPARED TO GOVERN. THEIR APPROACH IS MORALISTIC AND POLITICAL -- JABBING THE LDDP WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BUT SHOWING LITTLE INCLINATION TO COORDINATE SERIOUS POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE ECONOMY AND MONETARY SYSTEM. (NOTE THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING EVEN WITHIN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY ITSELF FOR LINKING THE LITAS TO A WESTERN CURRENCY -- THE VERY BEDROCK OF THE RELATIVE STABILITY ACHIEVED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS). THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, AND ESPECIALLY THE CONSERVATIVES, HARBOR SUSPICIONS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD, INCLUDING WESTERN ADVISORS, WHICH ARE UNDERSTANDABLE IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE IN (AND RESISTANCE TO) THE SOVIET SYSTEM, BUT INAPPROPRIATE TO THE TASK OF MOVING LITHUANIA INTO THE MODERN WORLD.

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TEXT
TAGS: PHUM, PREL, LH
SUBJECT: LITHUANIAN PROPERTY RESTITUTION UPDATE

REF: A) STATE 257212 C) VILNIUS 1541
B) USEU BRUSSELS 2971 D) VILNIUS 3308

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE JOHN STEPANCHUK. REASON
1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. (U) THE GENERAL PROCESS OF PROPERTY RESTITUTION IN
LITHUANIA REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THE
CONDITIONS REPORTED IN REFS B AND C. JEWISH COMMUNITY
HEAD SIMONAS ALPERAVICIUS RECENTLY CONFIRMED OUR
SUSPICIONS THAT ALTHOUGH SOME ADDITIONAL RELIGIOUS
PROPERTY HAS BEEN RETURNED, ALMOST NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN
MADE ON RETURNING PRIVATE PROPERTY.

3. (C) HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT
(WHICH WAS ELECTED THIS FALL AND BEGAN ITS WORK
DECEMBER 10) MAY BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO IMPROVE
AND/OR ADDRESS A HOST OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATED

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JUSTICE ISSUES, INCLUDING CASES OF ALLEGED LITHUANIAN
WAR CRIMINALS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP SUCH
AS ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS, THE FATE OF THE "JEWISH
LIBRARY" IN VILNIUS (REF D), AND PROPERTY RESTITUTION.
IN THE LATTER CATEGORY, TWO POINTS WHICH COULD BE
EXPLORED ARE THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTITUTION TO NON-
CITIZENS AND EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS
FOR CLAIMS, WHICH HAS NOW ELAPSED. STEPANCHUK

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SUBJECT: SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO
LITHUANIA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

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SUMMARY

2. (C) WHILE WORDS HAVE YET TO BE FOLLOWED BY ACTIONS, THERE ARE SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF PROGRESS OVER MAJOR ISSUES OF CONCERN TO LITHUANIA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY -- AND OF INCREASING RELEVANCE TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THE GOL IS APPARENTLY POISED TO TURN OVER THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS MATERIALS IN ITS POSSESSION; THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAS FINALLY COMPLETED ITS INTERROGATIONS OF ALLEGED HOLOCAUST PARTICIPANT LILEIKIS; AND NEW PROPERTY RESTITUTION LEGISLATION MAY INCLUDE A PROVISION TO GRANT PROPERTY TO LEGITIMATE OWNERS AND THEIR HEIRS EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT LITHUANIAN CITIZENS. END SUMMARY.

RETURN OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS MATERIALS

3. (C) RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS -- TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH PASSOVER -- BY MINISTER OF CULTURE SALTENIS THAT THE GOL WOULD TURN OVER FOUR/FOUR OF THE 371 TORAH SCROLLS, RELATED MANUSCRIPTS AND FRAGMENTS THEREOF HELD IN THE LITHUANIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY WAS GREETED WITH UNIVERSAL SKEPTICISM BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE. STILL DIVIDED INTO DISTINCT SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS FACTIONS, THE VIEW WAS UNIVERSALLY AND STRONGLY EXPRESSED THAT ALL OF THE RELIGIOUS MATERIALS HELD BY THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE RETURNED TO AS WIDE A VARIETY OF LITHUANIA'S RELIGIOUS JEWISH COMMUNITIES AS POSSIBLE (NOT CONFINED SOLELY TO THOSE IN VILNIUS AND KAUNAS, BUT ALSO HASIDIC COMMUNITIES ELSEWHERE).

4. (C) AS REPORTED REF A, VERY FEW (PERHAPS SIX OR LESS) OF THE 371 TORAHS AND RELATED SCROLLS ARE SUFFICIENTLY INTACT FOR USE IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES. NEVERTHELESS, THE RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR COMMUNITIES AGREE THAT THE REMAINDER MUST BE BURIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH JEWISH LAW. GIVEN THE RESPONSE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES AND AFTER EMBOFF'S INTERVENTION ON THE SUBJECT, A KEY MEMBER OF THE LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS) AND MINISTER SALTENIS HAVE SINCE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT TURNING OVER ONLY FOUR, WHETHER INTACT OR NOT, IS AN EMPTY GESTURE. BUILDING ON THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY U.S. SENATOR DURBIN DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT, THE GOL IS NOW POISED TO TURN ALL OF THEM OVER, FINALLY WITH SEIMAS CHAIRMAN LANDSBERGIS' BLESSING (WITHOUT WHICH THIS ISSUE HAS REMAINED ON HOLD).

PROGRESS TOWARDS PROSECUTING ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL LILEIKIS

5. (U) PRESS REPORTS THAT THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAS COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE GUILT OF **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** HAVE NOW BEEN CONFIRMED. LILEIKIS, WHO WAS STRIPPED OF HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR CONCEALING HIS SERVICE DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF LITHUANIA AS A SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE HOLOCAUST.

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DOCUMENTS LOCATED BY THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN LITHUANIAN ARCHIVES SHOW LILEIKIS' SIGNATURE ON NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS, TURNING JEWS OVER TO THE GERMANS WHO -- AS WAS WELL-KNOWN AT THE TIME -- SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED THEM.

6. (U) LILEIKIS HAS BEEN RESIDENT IN LITHUANIA SINCE JUNE 1996, LIVING WITH RELATIVES; HE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN BANKRUPTED BY LEGAL COSTS AND LEFT THE U.S. BEFORE HIS DEPORTATION BECAME NECESSARY. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ONLY HALF-HEARTEDLY INTERROGATED HIM, CITING

LILEIKIS' ILLNESS AND ADVANCED AGE, WHILE HE CONVENIENTLY FOUND SUFFICIENT ENERGY TO CONDUCT OCCASIONAL INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRESS. IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, A NEW PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAS BEEN APPOINTED, OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE, AND INTERROGATIONS HAVE ENDED, PROVIDING GROUNDS FOR HOPE THAT THE CASE WILL SOON COME TO TRIAL. HOWEVER, NO SPECIFIC DATE OR CHARGES HAVE YET BEEN DETERMINED.

PROPERTY RESTITUTION

7. (U) CURRENT PROPERTY RESTITUTION LEGISLATION WAS SUSPENDED BY THE RULING CONSERVATIVE/CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC COALITION, WHICH INTENDS TO ADDRESS CERTAIN CONCERNS AND EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR MAKING CLAIMS. THE SEIMAS IS RE-WORKING THREE OPPOSING DRAFTS WHICH HANDLE THE QUESTION OF ETHNIC GROUPS IN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT WAYS. THE LEAST ENLIGHTENED DRAFT SUGGESTS THAT THOSE PERSONS WHO "RETURNED TO THEIR ETHNIC HOMELAND" UPON DEPARTING LITHUANIA (DIRECTED AT JEWS, RUSSIANS AND POLES) SURRENDERED THEIR RIGHTS TO PROPERTY IN LITHUANIA BY DOING SO. ONE OF THREE DRAFTS OPENS THE DOOR TO NON-CITIZENS' CLAIMS, WHICH WOULD BE A MARKED IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRESENT STIPULATION THAT ONLY CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REGAIN PROPERTY.

8. (C) DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH EMBOFF MAY 6, SEIMAS FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ANDRIUS KUBILIUS ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIALLY GREAT EXPENSE OF RESTORING PROPERTY TO NON-CITIZENS. THE SEIMAS UNDERSTANDS THAT NON-CITIZENS' RIGHTS TO FILE CLAIMS ARE CONSTRAINED ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL EUROPE, KUBILIUS NOTED; HE ADDED THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF RESIDENCE IN LITHUANIA WOULD IN ANY CASE BE LIFTED. (NOTE: SUCH A PROVISION CLEARLY FAVORS THE LITHUANIAN DIASPORA BUT WOULD ALSO ADDRESS THE CLAIMS OF OTHER CITIZENS ABROAD REGARDLESS OF THEIR ETHNICITY. END NOTE.)

9. (C) KUBILIUS ACKNOWLEDGED EMBOFF'S ARGUMENT THAT LEGISLATION WHICH AT LEAST ESTABLISHES A MECHANISM TO RETURN PROPERTY TO BOTH CITIZENS AND NON-CITIZENS WITH LEGITIMATE CLAIMS WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT, AND THAT QUESTIONS OF ACTUAL PROPERTY RETURN AND/OR PAYMENT IN KIND COULD BE DEALT WITH LATER. KUBILIUS EXPLAINED THAT

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DISCUSSIONS ON THE LEGISLATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, AND HOPED TO INCORPORATE SUCH CONSIDERATIONS IN THE FINAL, ADOPTED VERSION.

COMMENT

10. (C) WE ARE INITIALLY ENCOURAGED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS -- WHICH SEIMAS MEMBER EMANUELIS ZINGERIS MAY RAISE IN HIS WASHINGTON MEETINGS THIS WEEK -- BUT DO NOT FEEL COMPLACENT. THE TORAHS AND OTHER SCROLLS ARE STILL IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY; WHILE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROPERTY RESTITUTION IS UNDER REPAIR, IT IS NOT A CERTAINTY THAT THE RIGHTS OF NON-CITIZENS WILL FIGURE IN THE FINAL DRAFT; AND REGARDING LILEIKIS -- WHO AT 89 IS REPORTEDLY DYING OF CANCER -- WE WILL REMAIN SKEPTICAL OF THE PROSECUTOR'S INTENTIONS UNTIL CHARGES ARE ACTUALLY FILED AND THE TRIAL BEGINS. NEVERTHELESS, THE STAGE HAS BEEN SET FOR SOME CONCRETE STEPS FORWARD.

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SUBJECT: LITHUANIA SUSPENDS PROSECUTION OF ALLEGED WAR
CRIMINAL **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** ON MEDICAL GROUNDS

CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE JONATHAN MOORE. REASON 1.5 B AND D.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

1. (C) POST RECEIVED JULY 22 A LETTER FROM LITHUANIAN

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HEALTH MINISTER GALDIKAS FORWARDING THE OPINION OF A TEAM OF GOL MEDICAL EXPERTS ON THE HEALTH OF **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** (TEXT PARA 8). BASED UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, ALL/ALL EFFORTS TO PROSECUTE LILEIKIS ARE NOW SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY. THIS INFORMATION UNFORTUNATELY COMES JUST WEEKS AFTER THE DETERMINATION OF THE NEW PROSECUTOR GENERAL THAT CHARGES COULD IN FACT BE FILED AGAINST LILEIKIS. WHILE THERE IS A CREDIBLE PRECEDENT FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION TAKING PRIORITY IN LEGAL CASES, POST RECOMMENDS THAT THE GOL BE DEMARCHED TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF FILING CHARGES AGAINST LILEIKIS WITHOUT HIS PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN COURT. END SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION.

BACKGROUND

2. (U) LILEIKIS, A FORMER BOSTON AREA RESIDENT, IS THE MOST PROMINENT FORMER U.S. CITIZEN IN LITHUANIA ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN GENOCIDE. HE WAS STRIPPED OF HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR CONCEALING HIS SERVICE DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION OF LITHUANIA AS HEAD OF THE SECURITY SERVICE IN VILNIUS AND IS SUSPECTED OF ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE HOLOCAUST. EVIDENCE LOCATED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXPERTS IN LITHUANIAN ARCHIVES SHOWS REPEATED INSTANCES OF LILEIKIS TURNING JEWS OVER TO THE NAZIS (AS WAS OBVIOUS AT THE TIME) TO BE KILLED.

3. (U) BORN IN 1907, LILEIKIS HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO A RAMBLING AND CONFUSED SERIES OF "INVESTIGATIONS" SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN LITHUANIA FROM THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR. THE EFFORTS OF SUCCESSIVE PROSECUTORS GENERAL CULMINATED IN A DETERMINATION AT THE END OF JUNE THAT WORK WAS COMPLETE AND THAT CHARGES COULD IN FACT BE FILED.

4. (C) IN A PRIVATE LETTER TO SEIMAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EMANUELIS ZINGERIS (PROTECT), PROSECUTOR GENERAL PEDNYCIA RECENTLY ADMITTED THAT HIS PREDECESSORS HAD NOT INVESTIGATED THE CASE PROPERLY AND THAT THERE WERE LINKS BETWEEN LILEIKIS AND ACTS OF GENOCIDE. (NOTE: ZINGERIS HAS GOTTEN PEDNYCIA'S PERMISSION TO SHARE THE LETTER BUT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED.)

5. (U) ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER PEDNYCIA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETE, MEDICAL "EXPERTS" ASSERTED THAT LILEIKIS' HEALTH WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO BE PROSECUTED. PEDNYCIA CHALLENGED SUCH OPINIONS, AND A BOARD OF EXPERTS WAS APPOINTED BY HEALTH MINISTER GALDIKAS JULY 2 TO EXAMINE LILEIKIS AND PROVIDE THEIR DIAGNOSIS. PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE REPORT, WE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT THE PROSECUTION OF LILEIKIS COULD CONTINUE; THAT NOW APPEARS NOT TO BE THE CASE. THE FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EXPERTS ARE REPEATED PARA 8 BELOW.

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6. (C) POST HAS LONG BELIEVED THAT THE GOL HAS NOT WANTED TO SERIOUSLY ADDRESS THE LILEIKIS CASE AND HAS HOPED THE ISSUE WOULD DIE WITH HIM. HOWEVER, BOTH LILEIKIS AND THE CONTROVERSY REMAIN ALIVE; SENATOR DURBIN, DURING HIS

FEBRUARY 1997 VISIT, STRESSED THE NEED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE PROSECUTION BUT HIS WORDS FELL ON DEAF EARS. SENIOR GOL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PARLIAMENTARY CHAIRMAN LANDSBERGIS, ARE RELUCTANT TO SEE THE CASE GO FORWARD AND, WE SUSPECT, HAVE WORKED TO SLOW DOWN THE EFFORTS OF PREVIOUS PROSECUTORS. WHILE LILEIKIS' HEALTH IS OBVIOUSLY POOR, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHY THE GOL IS MAKING NO EFFORT TO PROSECUTE HIM WITHOUT REQUIRING HIS PHYSICAL PRESENCE.

7. (C) IF THIS IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT TO BE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOL SHOULD BE DEMARCHED AT A HIGH LEVEL (PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS WOULD BE THE BEST INTERLOCUTOR; DUE TO THE LITHUANIAN "COHABITATION", PRESIDENT BRAZAUSKAS' ABILITY TO EFFECT THIS TURN OF EVENTS IS SEVERELY LIMITED) TO STRESS THE VIEW THAT PROSECUTION OF LILEIKIS SHOULD NOT BE HOSTAGE TO THE FACT THAT HE IS AN OLD MAN. AS POST UNDERSTANDS THE VIEWS OF SENATOR DURBIN AND OTHERS, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO JUDGE LITHUANIA BY ITS CONDUCT IN THIS CASE; THE IMPOSITION OF YET ANOTHER OBSTACLE TO PROSECUTION OF LILEIKIS, NO MATTER HOW LEGITIMATE UNDER LITHUANIAN LAW, LEAVES A VERY STRONG IMPRESSION OF DUPLICITY AND DECEIT. POST BELIEVES THAT LILEIKIS' MEDICAL CONDITION HAS BEEN RAISED LEGITIMATELY, BUT WE REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THE PROSECUTION OF A PROMINENT WAR CRIMINAL BE SO EASILY PUSHED ASIDE.

8. (U) TEXT OF MEDICAL OPINION:

HAVING ANALYZED THE AVAILABLE MEDICAL INFORMATION AND HAVING EXAMINED MR. LILEIKIS, THE COMMISSION IS PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING OPINION IN RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE RESOLUTION (OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH):

1. MR. A. LILEIKIS IS NOT SIMULATING ANY DISEASE OR ILLNESS.

2. PRESENTLY, MR. A. LILEIKIS SUFFERS FROM THE FOLLOWING DISEASES:

A) CHRONIC VASCULAR INEFFICIENCY IN THE PRESENCE OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS OF THE BASIC BRAIN AND BACKBONE BLOOD VESSELS;

B) ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE WITH TENSION AND REST ANGINA PECTORIS OF II DEGREE;

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C) STATUS AFTER REMOVAL OF PROSTATE DUE TO ADENOMA WITH FREQUENT BLEEDING FROM URINARY TRACT.

3. THE CAUSE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DISEASES IS CHANGE OF THE BODY DUE TO THE OLD AGE.

4. DISEASES, FROM WHICH MR. A. LILEIKIS IS SUFFERING, ARE INCURABLE.

5. MR. A. LILEIKIS MAY NOT UNDERGO INVESTIGATIONS, SINCE ANY STRESS MAY ACUSE LIFE THREATENING STATUS, LIKE:

A) ACUTE DISTURBANCE OF BLOOD CIRCULATION IN BRAIN;

B) ACUTE CARDIOVASCULAR INSUFFICIENCY DUE TO THE ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE;

C) ACUTE ARRHYTHMIA DUE TO FREQUENT VENTRICULAR EXTRASYSTOLES (SEVEN PER MINUTE).

6. SINCE THE DISEASES ARE INCURABLE, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY TO DETERMINE THE TIME WHEN MR. A. LILEIKIS MAY UNDERGO INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES.

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SUBJECT: LITHUANIAN PRIME MINISTER REQUESTS U.S. ADVICE
IN ENDING LILEIKIS IMPASSE

REF: A) STATE 137403 (NOTAL)
B) VILNIUS 2119
C) VILNIUS 2113

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1. (C) ACTING AS CHARGE, POL/ECON CHIEF DELIVERED REF A
DEMARCHÉ TO LITHUANIAN PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS JULY 23.
VAGNORIUS EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL

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CONCERN THAT PROSECUTION OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL LILEIKIS WAS SUSPENDED SIMPLY DUE TO A REPORT THAT HIS HEALTH WAS POOR. THE PRIME MINISTER NOTED THAT FOUR OPTIONS FOR RESOLVING THE MATTER COULD BE CONSIDERED: A) A REPORT BY A NEW MEDICAL COMMISSION; B) A REPORT BY AN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION (INCLUDING U.S. EXPERTS); C) INITIATION OF THE PROSECUTION'S CASE (WHICH WOULD FORMALLY CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF LITHUANIAN LAW); AND D) THE PARLIAMENT WOULD PASS A NEW LAW WHEN IT RESUMES WORK IN SEPTEMBER TO REMOVE THE ACCUSED'S HEALTH AS AN OBSTACLE TO PROSECUTION.

2. (C) CHARGE RESPONDED THAT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN GENERAL WAS SEEKING TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION OR A VERDICT, BUT THAT THERE WAS UNIVERSAL FRUSTRATION THAT PROSECUTION HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AFTER YEARS OF DELAYS. HE ADDED THAT THE DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD CLEARLY RESTED IN GOL HANDS. PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS RESPONDED, PREDICTABLY, THAT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND PROSECUTORS GENERAL HAD NOT DEALT ADEQUATELY WITH THE CASE.

3. (C) BASED ON INFORMATION FROM FORMER PROSECUTOR GENERAL PAULASKAS (REF B), CHARGE INQUIRED IF LILEIKIS COULD BE CHARGED REGARDLESS OF HIS HEALTH CONDITION. PROSECUTOR GENERAL PEDNYCIA AND INTERIOR MINISTER ZIEMELIS WERE ADAMANT THAT UNDER CURRENT LITHUANIAN LAW THE CASE COULD NOT BE PRESENTED TO LILEIKIS AS IT MIGHT -- IN THE OPINION OF MEDICAL EXPERTS -- DAMAGE HIS HEALTH. TO HIS CREDIT, PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS SHOWED NO GREAT CONCERN FOR LILEIKIS' WELL-BEING; HE ACCEPTED CHARGE'S POINT THAT GENOCIDE WAS A CRIME OF SUCH PROFOUND MAGNITUDE THAT THE CRIMINAL'S HEALTH SHOULD NOT BE A FACTOR.

4. (C) PROSECUTOR GENERAL PEDNYCIA AND HEALTH MINISTER GALDIKAS, WHO MET WITH CHARGE PRIOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL, SHOWED SOME FRUSTRATION WITH EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS. WHILE GALDIKAS AND HIS MINISTRY HAVE HANDLED THIS MATTER WITH GREAT SENSITIVITY AND PROFESSIONALISM -- IT WAS GALDIKAS' LETTER THAT ALERTED US TO THIS OBSTACLE IN THE FIRST PLACE (REF C) -- PEDNYCIA HAS COLLECTED THREE LARGE VOLUMES OF EVIDENCE AND IS OBVIOUSLY EAGER TO PROSECUTE LILEIKIS.

COMMENT

5. (C) THE HEALTH ISSUE IS NOT ENTIRELY A CANARD, BUT AS LONG AS LILEIKIS' MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT IN QUESTION WE SEE NO BENEFIT IN ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS. WHILE WE DEFER TO WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE WHAT ADVICE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE GOL AT THIS STAGE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND SIMPLY REITERATING THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF LILEIKIS' CRIMES WARRANTS WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING A CASE AGAINST HIM.

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SUBJECT: LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT STEP
FORWARD IN LILEIKIS CASE: ACTION REQUEST

REF: A) STATE 147492 (NOTAL)
B) VILNIUS 2122
C) STATE 137403 (NOTAL)
D) VILNIUS 2113

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1. (C) CHARGE DELIVERED REF A TALKING POINTS TO
LITHUANIAN PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS AUGUST 5. VAGNORIUS

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ADMITTED THAT UPON RECEIPT OF OUR DEMARCHE (REF B), "WE NOW UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM" AND THAT HE INTENDS TO SEE THAT THE PROSECUTION OF LILEIKIS GO FORWARD. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON MONDAY AUGUST 11 ANNOUNCING THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE CASE AGAINST LILEIKIS PREPARED BY THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUBMIT IN SEPTEMBER AN AMENDMENT TO EXISTING LAW TO ALLOW CHARGES OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY TO BE BROUGHT AGAINST INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF THEIR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

2. (C) VAGNORIUS ALSO ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THIS STATEMENT, ENDORSED BOTH BY PRESIDENT BRAZAUSKAS AND PARLIAMENTARY CHAIRMAN LANDSBERGIS, TO RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC RESPONSE FROM THE UNITED STATES AFTER ITS RELEASE.

COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST

3. (C) THIS MOVE IS CERTAINLY OVERDUE; THAT LITHUANIA HAS NOT HANDLED THIS CASE EXPEDITIOUSLY IS WELL KNOWN, THE PRIME MINISTER ADMITTING AS MUCH IN OUR PREVIOUS MEETING WITH HIM (REF B). HOWEVER, THIS IS A VERY POSITIVE AND IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD: A PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MOST SENIOR FIGURES IN LITHUANIA'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THAT A CASE HAS BEEN FORMED AGAINST LILEIKIS, THAT HE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED, AND THAT ALL OBSTACLES TO DOING SO MUST BE REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, POST WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE A COMPLIMENTARY STATEMENT FROM THE SPOKESMAN OR DEPUTY SPOKESMAN ON MONDAY AUGUST 11 (SEE DRAFT TEXT PARA 4) TO COMMEND LITHUANIA FOR FINALLY MAKING THIS EFFORT TO SEE JUSTICE DONE.

DRAFT TEXT OF STATEMENT FROM SPOKESMAN/DEPUTY SPOKESMAN

4. (SBU) MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1997

THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG BEEN CONCERNED THAT THE CASE OF **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** (AH-LEK-SAHN'-DRAS LIH-LAY'-KISS) AND OTHER CASES OF NAZI COLLABORATORS WHO ALLEGEDLY PARTICIPATED IN ACTS OF GENOCIDE HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL. LILEIKIS AND SEVERAL OTHERS HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR CONCEALING THEIR WARTIME ACTIVITIES AND IT IS UP TO LITHUANIA TO PROSECUTE THEM.

IN THIS REGARD, WE WELCOME THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS (VAHG'-NORE-YOOS) THAT LILEIKIS HAS BEEN IMPLICATED IN ACTS OF GENOCIDE AND THAT LITHUANIA WILL REMOVE THE HEALTH OF THE ACCUSED AS AN OBSTACLE TO PROSECUTING THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED SUCH ACTS. ONCE APPROVED BY THE LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT AND PRESIDENT, THIS STEP WILL CLEAR THE WAY FOR LILEIKIS TO BE BROUGHT INTO COURT.

WHILE THIS IS THE FIRST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS LEVEL, THEIR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN ONGOING:

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MR. ZINGERIS (ZING'-GER-ISS), CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF THE LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT, HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THE POLITICAL EFFORT TO BRING LILEIKIS TO TRIAL. WE RECOGNIZE AS WELL THE WORK OF PROSECUTOR GENERAL PEDNYCIA (PEHD-NEE'-CHYA) OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS TO COLLECT EVIDENCE AND FORM A CASE AGAINST LILEIKIS, WHICH WOULD HAVE ALREADY GONE TO TRIAL HAD LILEIKIS' HEALTH NOT BEEN A LEGAL FACTOR.

THIS IS CLEARLY AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD; WE NOW LOOK TO LITHUANIA TO BRING ALL OF THE ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS IN ITS TERRITORY TO TRIAL.

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TEXT

TAGS: PGOV, PINR, EPET, KCRM, LH
SUBJECT: PROSECUTOR GENERAL CHARGES MEMBER OF THE
LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT WITH TAKING A BRIBE

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE JOHN STEPANCHUK. REASONS 1.5
B AND D.

2. (U) MEMBER OF THE LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS)
AUDRIUS BUTKEVICIUS WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 12 FOR
ALLEGEDLY TAKING A BRIBE OF USD 15,000 FROM THE LITHUANIAN
ENERGY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY "DEGA". DEGA IS CURRENTLY
UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ITS COMPLICITY IN THE FAILURE OF
LITHUANIAN INSTITUTIONS TO PAY A DEBT TO THE AMERICAN
MOBIL SALES AND SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR USD 2.7 MILLION.
AS A SEIMAS MEMBER, BUTKEVICIUS HAS LEGAL IMMUNITY, AND
WAS RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. PROSECUTOR GENERAL PEDNYCIA,
HOWEVER, QUICKLY TOOK THE ISSUE TO THE PRESS AND HAS ASKED

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THE SEIMAS TO REMOVE HIS IMMUNITY.

3. (C) BUTKEVICIUS HAS A FAIRLY CHECKERED REPUTATION. WHILE CHARGES WERE NEVER BROUGHT AGAINST HIM, AS DEFENSE MINISTER IN 1991-93 HE WAS ACCUSED OF TAKING BRIBES IN CONNECTION WITH WEAPONS PURCHASES FOR THE MINISTRY FROM RUSSIA. DURING THE FALL 1996 ELECTIONS, HE WAS SUSPECTED OF BRIBING AND/OR MANIPULATING VOTERS IN A HIGHLY CONTESTED VILNIUS CONSTITUENCY -- HIS UNSUCCESSFUL OPPONENT IN THE SECOND ROUND OF POLLING WAS SEIMAS FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KUBILIUS. WHILE BUTKEVICIUS' VERSION OF THE OTHER DAY'S EVENTS (THAT THE USD 15,000 WAS A PERSONAL LOAN) SEEMS IMPLAUSIBLE, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO EITHER CONFIRM OR REFUTE THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S ASSERTIONS.

4. (C) FOR HIS PART, PEDNYCIA HAS TAKEN THE UNUSUAL STEP OF MAKING ALL OF HIS CHARGES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MEDIA. CORRUPTION IS A NATIONAL PROBLEM HERE; PERPETRATORS RANGE FROM THE LOWEST RANKS OF THE TRAFFIC AND BORDER POLICE TO SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IF PEDNYCIA SUCCEEDS IN INDICTING BUTKEVICIUS, HE WILL HAVE CAUGHT THE BIGGEST FISH TO DATE (FOR THIS GOVERNMENT) IN THE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT CORRUPTION. PEDNYCIA, APPOINTED TO BE PROSECUTOR GENERAL LAST FEBRUARY, HAS ALREADY PROVEN HIS SKILLS AND SCORED SOME IMPORTANT SUCCESSSES (SUCH AS FINALIZING THE CASE OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** FOR PROSECUTION) BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HE HAS TAKEN HIS EFFORTS TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMENT

5. (C) AS DOMESTIC POLITICAL THEATER THIS IS AT BEST A ONE-ACT PLAY. IT IS BEING PLAYED UP BY THE MEDIA AS A NATIONAL SCANDAL; CONSPIRACY THEORISTS ARE INTRIGUED BY THE "AMERICAN ANGLE" THROUGH THE LARGE DEBT OWED TO MOBIL. HOWEVER, THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAS PUT HIS REPUTATION ON THE LINE IN TRYING TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. IF BUTKEVICIUS IS CONVICTED, PEDNYCIA WILL HAVE DEALT A MAJOR BLOW TO CORRUPTION. IF THE CASE FAILS TO STICK, THOUGH, PEDNYCIA MAY BE FORCED TO RESIGN. AND AS THE PERSON MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING PROGRESS IN CASES AGAINST ALLEGED HOLOCAUST PERPETRATORS, HIS LOSS COULD PROVE A SETBACK FOR SUCH CASES IN THE FUTURE.

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TEXT
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, CJAN (LILEIKIS, ALEKSANDRAS), LH
SUBJECT: PROSECUTOR GENERAL TO BRING HOLOCAUST CASES TO COURT

REF: 97 VILNIUS 3729

CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE JONATHAN MOORE. REASON 1.5 B AND D.

1. (SBU) IN A JANUARY 14 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, LITHUANIAN PROSECUTOR GENERAL PEDNYCIA STATED THAT THE CASES OF FORMER U.S. CITIZENS LILEIKIS AND GIMZAUSKAS -- BOTH ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE HOLOCAUST AS SENIOR SECURITY OFFICIALS DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION -- ARE ON

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THEIR WAY TO COURT. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE CRIMINAL CODE FINALLY PASSED BY THE SEIMAS IN DECEMBER (REFTEL) HAS NOW COME INTO FORCE, ALLOWING HIM TO CONTINUE THE WORK SUSPENDED BY LILEIKIS' INDIFFERENT PHYSICAL HEALTH UNDER PREVIOUS LEGISLATION. THE CASE AGAINST LILEIKIS -- THE HEAD OF THE SECURITY POLICE UNDER THE NAZIS -- WILL BE BROUGHT LATER THIS MONTH, WITH GIMZAUSKAS' CASE (WHO SERVED AS LILEIKIS' DEPUTY) WILL FOLLOW IN FEBRUARY.

2. (C) PEDNYCIA CONFIDED HIS FRUSTRATION WITH POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN HIS EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY THE DELAY IN THE SEIMAS IN PASSING THE REQUIRED AMENDMENT. CHARGE ASKED FOR PEDNYCIA'S UNDERSTANDING AND DEFINITION OF GENOCIDE; HE EXPLAINED HIS BELIEF THAT UNDER LITHUANIAN LAW SOME INSTANCES OF GROUP MURDERS CONDUCTED BY PERSONNEL SERVING IN SOVIET SECURITY FORCES (NKVD) AND OTHER OFFICIAL UNITS MAY ALSO CONSTITUTE "CASES OF GENOCIDE." (COMMENT: IT IS THIS TYPE OF CASE WHICH SOME IN THE MEDIA HAVE TRIED TO COMPARE WITH THE ALLEGED CRIMES OF LILEIKIS. AT LEAST TWO ETHNIC JEWS -- BOTH NOW ABROAD -- ARE SUSPECTED IN SUCH CASES, AS ARE ETHNIC LITHUANIANS AND RUSSIANS. END COMMENT.) HE WAS NONETHELESS ADAMANT THAT THERE IS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN THE HOLOCAUST AND INDIVIDUAL CASES OF WAR CRIMES WHICH OCCURRED UNDER SOVIET OCCUPATION.

COMMENT

3. (C) UNDER THE GENERAL RUBRIC OF GENOCIDE, PEDNYCIA EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST 50 PENDING CASES AT THE PRESENT TIME. HE HAS PLACED LILEIKIS AND GIMZAUSKAS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. PEDNYCIA'S MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS APPEAR TO BE GENUINE; HE WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS LAST JULY THAT NO FORWARD MOVEMENT WAS POSSIBLE WITHOUT A CHANGE TO THE CRIMINAL CODE, A CHANGE WHICH WAS ONLY MADE LAST MONTH. WHILE AWARE OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S WORK, WE WILL REMAIN CAUTIOUS IN OUR ENTHUSIASM UNTIL THE CASES ARE ACTUALLY BROUGHT TO COURT.
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TEXT

TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, CJAN (LILEIKIS, ALEKSANDRAS), LH
SUBJECT: PROSECUTOR GENERAL COMMENTS ON LILEIKAS CASE

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR KEITH SMITH. REASONS 1.5 (B)
AND (D).

REF: A) VILNIUS 688 B) WILNIUS 662

1. (C) AT A MARCH 10 MEETING, AMBASSADOR ASKED
LITHUANIA'S PROSECUTOR GENERAL KAZYS PEDNYCIA FOR HIS
ANALYSIS OF THE RECENT DECISION TO POSTPONE THE TRIAL OF

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ACCUSED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL LILEIKAS. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE USG WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO FURTHER DELAY A CASE ALREADY TOO LONG PUT OFF. PEDNYCIA REPLIED THAT WHILE HE CANNOT READ THE MIND OF THE JUDGE, HE BELIEVES THAT THE JUDGE'S INTENT IS NOT DELAY, BUT TO ACCEPT TO A SOMEWHAT REASONABLE REQUEST FROM THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR MORE INFORMATION. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE POSTPONMENT WILL RESULT IN A CHANGED OUTCOME -- PRESUMABLY A GUILTY VERDICT.

2. (C) PEDNYCIA WENT ON TO STATE THAT AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER MIGHT LEGITIMATELY QUESTION WHETHER HIS OFFICE DID AN ADEQUATE JOB OF PREPARATION, BUT ONE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS IS THEIR FIRST PRESENTATION OF CRIMES AGAINST LITHUANIAN JEWS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE NOW ACCUMULATED MORE EXPERIENCE AND HE HOPED THAT THE CASE OF KAZYS GIMZAUSKAS, LILEIKAS' DEPUTY, WILL MOVE FASTER ONCE IT GETS ON THE COURT DOCKET.

3. (C) HE ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO REITERATE TO WASHINGTON THAT THE GOL INTENDS TO PURSUE THE LILEIKAS AND GIMZAUSKAS CASES AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT THEY WILL TRY TO TURN ASIDE DEFENSE REQUESTS FOR FURTHER POSTPONMENT. HIS OFFICE IS OBLIGED TO HONOR A DECISION OF THE COURT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

4. (C) THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR ALL OF THE HOLOCAUST CASES AND WILL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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SUBJECT: LILEIKIS TRIAL SCHEDULED TO PROCEED ON JUNE 26

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR KEITH SMITH FOR REASONS 1.5 (B)
AND (D)

1. (C) EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY THE JUDGE PRESIDING OVER THE TRIAL OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** THAT THE COURT HAS REVIEWED OVER 400 PAGES OF EVIDENCE AGAINST LILEIKIS PROVIDED BY THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL. TRIAL PROCEEDINGS ("TVARKOMASIS") ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME ON JUNE 26. THE JUDGE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROCEDURE INVOLVES THE COURT'S FINAL QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES IN THE LILEIKIS CASE, AND THE NEXT STAGE WILL BE THE ACTUAL TRIAL.

2. (C) THE AMBASSADOR CHECKED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ABOUT A WEEK AGO ON THIS MATTER AND WAS TOLD THAT THE

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PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE CASE WAS
MOVING. THE AMBASSADOR WILL MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT'S
NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO TO
REITERATE OUR CONCERN THAT THE LILEIKIS TRIAL TAKE PLACE,
AND A VERDICT BE REACHED, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY.
EMBOFFS PLAN TO ATTEND THE JUNE 26 PROCEEDINGS.
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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, CJAN (LILEIKIS, ALEKSANDRAS), LH
SUBJECT: SERIOUS OBSTACLE ARISES IN CASE OF ACCUSED WAR
CRIMINAL LILEIKIS

REF: A) VILNIUS 1840, B) STATE 151614 (NOTAL)

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR KEITH SMITH. REASONS 1.5 B AND D.

1. (U) POST REPORTED REF A THAT ON JUNE 26, THE JUDGE
PRESIDING OVER THE CASE OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL ALEKSANDRAS
LILEIKIS (THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE VILNIUS SECURITY
POLICE DURING THE GERMAN OCCUPATION) DETERMINED THAT THE
PROSECUTOR HAD PROVIDED SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROCEED WITH
THE CRIMINAL TRIAL AGAINST LILEIKIS AND THAT THE TRIAL
WOULD BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1. THE SAME INFORMATION WAS SHARED
WITH THE MEDIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AS HAD THE

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EARLIER INFORMATION THAT SUFFICIENT LEGISLATION WAS IN PLACE TO ALLOW THE TRIAL TO GO FORWARD.

2. (C) HOWEVER, IN PREPARING FOR THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR WAR CRIMES ISSUES DAVID SCHEFFER (REF B), POST LEARNED THAT THE TRIAL DATE HAD BEEN ADJUSTED TO SEPTEMBER 9. FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT THE LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS) LAST WINTER (OSTENSIBLY TO ALLOW LILEIKIS AND OTHERS LIKE HIM TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL REGARDLESS OF THE PRESENCE IN COURT) MIGHT NOT BE SUFFICIENT. ON AUGUST 20, PRESIDING JUDGE KAZYS TOLD REUTERS THAT THE LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS) WOULD NOT ALLOW THE TRIAL TO BEGIN UNLESS LILEIKIS WAS PRESENT.

3. (C) IN A CONVERSATION THAT EVENING WITH ACTING DCM, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR SMULKSTYS CONCURRED THAT THE SAME EXPLANATION HAD JUST BEEN OFFERED TO THE PRESIDENCY: UNLESS LILEIKIS APPEARS, THE TRIAL WILL BE (AT A MINIMUM) POSTPONED PENDING A MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF LILEIKIS TO DETERMINE IF HE IS FIT TO STAND TRIAL. SMULKSTYS ADDED THAT PRESIDENT ADAMKUS AND ALL OF HIS STAFF WERE "SHOCKED AND SURPRISED" TO LEARN THAT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION WAS NOT IN FACT IN PLACE. THE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT ALONG THOSE LINES AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PROVE OUR MOST VALUABLE ALLY IN TRYING TO REMOVE THIS OBSTACLE.

4. (C) AT PRESENT, OBSERVERS AGREE (POST HAS NO CONTACT WITH LILEIKIS OR HIS ATTORNEY) THAT LILEIKIS WILL NOT APPEAR OF HIS OWN ACCORD. EVEN IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT MEDICAL EXPERTS CONFIRM HIS ABILITY TO STAND TRIAL (A 1997 MEDICAL EVALUATION CONCLUDED THAT WHILE MENTALLY COMPETENT, AS A 91-YEAR OLD HIS PHYSICAL HEALTH WAS INDIFFERENT), THAT DETERMINATION WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE REACHED BEFORE OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

5. (C) WHILE THIS NEWS HAS EVERY PROSPECT OF BECOMING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN THE VERY FUTURE (ALTHOUGH THE AUGUST 20 REUTERS ARTICLE, AFTER EDITS, SOMEWHAT CONFUSES THE ISSUE), POST IS ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS (I WILL MEET WITH SEIMAS CHAIRMAN LANDSBERGIS THIS AFTERNOON). I WOULD THEREFORE ASK THAT STATE AND JUSTICE LIMIT STATEMENTS TO MEDIA UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION. SMITH

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SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS IN LILEIKIS WAR CRIMES CASE

REF: VILNIUS 2326

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SUMMARY

1. (C) THE LILEIKIS TRIAL IS STILL SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 9. AS REPORTED REFTL, IF ACCUSED WAR CRIMINAL
ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS DOES NOT APPEAR IN COURT, THE TRIAL
WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED PENDING A JUSTIFICATION OF HIS
ABSENCE AND A RELEVANT MEDICAL EVALUATION. IN EFFECT, THE
TRIAL WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS LILEIKIS IS PRESENT;

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NOTABLY, PRESIDENT ADAMKUS BELIEVES THAT LILEIKIS WILL IN FACT APPEAR ON SEPTEMBER 9. END SUMMARY.

PRESIDENT ADAMKUS: OPTIMISTIC THAT LILEIKIS WILL APPEAR

2. (C) IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH POL/ECON CHIEF AUGUST 24, PRESIDENT ADAMKUS AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR SMULKSTYS NOTED THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT LILEIKIS HIMSELF INTENDS TO COME TO THE COURT SEPTEMBER 9 IF HE IS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO DO SO. LILEIKIS' ATTORNEY HAS ALLEGEDLY TOLD AN ASSOCIATED PRESS STRINGER THAT THERE IS AN "85 PERCENT" PROBABILITY THAT LILEIKIS WILL APPEAR. ADAMKUS CONFIRMED HIS SURPRISE AT HEARING THAT LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS) LAST YEAR WAS INSUFFICIENT TO TRY LILEIKIS IN HIS ABSENCE, BUT IS COMMITTED TO SEEING JUSTICE DONE; HE PLANS TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9 TO ASSERT HIS OPINION THAT JUSTICE BE DONE IN THIS AND IN SIMILAR WAR CRIMES CASES.

SEIMAS CHAIRMAN LANDSBERGIS: NO LEGAL PRECEDENT

3. (C) LANDSBERGIS UNABASHEDLY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AUGUST 21 THAT WHILE THE SEIMAS AMENDED THE LAW ONLY TO ALLOW ALL PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS TO OCCUR IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ACCUSED, ARTICLE 266 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE STILL PREVENTS A TRIAL FROM BEING CONDUCTED UNLESS THE ACCUSED IS PRESENT. HE DEFENSIVELY ASSERTED THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES WOULD NOT ALLOW TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED IF THE ACCUSED WERE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE FOR HEALTH REASONS (WHICH WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM A RESIDENT AMCIT CRIMINAL LAW EXPERT). LANDSBERGIS TRIED TO DIVERT THE CONVERSATION FURTHER, AWKWARDLY CLAIMING THAT THE KGB HAD TRIED IN THE 1980S TO DIVIDE THE BALTIC AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES BY MAKING CLAIMS.

COMMENT

4. (C) WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE PRESIDENT ADAMKUS' OPTIMISM, BUT HAVE FOLLOWED THIS CASE FOR SEVERAL YEARS LONGER THAN HE HAS (HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE ONLY SINCE FEBRUARY). IT IS BY NO MEANS A CERTAINTY THAT LILEIKIS WILL SHOW UP IN COURT ON SEPTEMBER 9. WHAT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, IS THAT WHERE LANDSBERGIS SEEKS TO OBSCURE THE ISSUE -- HE HAS NEVER MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRENGTH OF THE PROSECUTOR'S CASE AGAINST LILEIKIS -- ADAMKUS IS PREPARED, AT LEAST PUBLICLY, TO SEEK JUSTICE. SMITH

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TEXT
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COMBINE: COMPLETE

SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S MEETING
WITH LITHUANIAN PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS NOVEMBER 19

REF: VILNIUS 2909

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1. (C) AMBASSADOR MET NOVEMBER 10 WITH PRIME MINISTER VAGNORIUS TO DISCUSS HIS NOVEMBER 19 MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT GORE. VAGNORIUS EXPECTS TO DISCUSS NATO AND EU ENLARGEMENT ISSUES, AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY MAKE A PLEA FOR U.S. INTERVENTION ON LITHUANIA'S BEHALF WITH THE BRITISH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE EU SUMMIT. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO MAKING SUCCESSFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. BUSINESS, WITH THE LANDMARK INVESTMENT OF THE WILLIAMS COMPANY SETTING THE STAGE FOR FURTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES. GIVEN THESE FACTS, WE ASK THE WHITE HOUSE TO RELEASE AN APPROPRIATE SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING (SEE PARA 15 FOR DRAFT STATEMENT).

2. (C) HE HAS SUPPORTED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE FACE OF HARSH CRITICISM FROM EU GOVERNMENTS AND OF THE LEFTIST WING IN PARLIAMENT. WHILE WANTING TO SEE IT CLOSED, VAGNORIUS IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE ISSUE OF LITHUANIA'S NUCLEAR POWER PLANT BE CONSIDERED IN A TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICIZED PERSPECTIVE AND MAY SEEK THE VICE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUE. VAGNORIUS IS WELL PLACED TO DISCUSS SOME ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, AND CAN OFFER CANDID AND DIRECT ASSESSMENT TO CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA. END SUMMARY.

INTRODUCTION

3. (C) GEDIMINAS VAGNORIUS, LITHUANIA'S 41-YEAR OLD PRIME MINISTER, IS THE PRIME MOVER BEHIND HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO EMULATE WESTERN VALUES AND STANDARDS. FOCUSING GENERALLY ON ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS, HE IS A RESOUNDING AND CONSISTENT PROPONENT OF U.S. BUSINESS. VAGNORIUS HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO INCREASE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND TRADE SPECIFICALLY WITH THE U.S., WHILE REMAINING DEEPLY INTERESTED IN POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC ISSUES SUCH AS NATO ENLARGEMENT AND LITHUANIA'S REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. HE CAN TAKE FULL CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO BRING THE WILLIAMS COMPANY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA - - TOGETHER WITH A USD 300 MILLION INVESTMENT -- INTO LITHUANIA'S OIL SECTOR. IN ADDITION, HE WAS THE KEY SUPPORTER OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR "POWERBRIDGE" ENERGY TRANSMISSION PROJECT WON BY A U.S. CONSORTIUM.

4. (C) VAGNORIUS' EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS MICROMANAGEMENT BY HIS OPPONENTS, AND IT MAY BE TRUE THAT HE IS PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH MOST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS; HOWEVER, ON EVERY OCCASION WHEN WE HAVE DEALT WITH HIM, HIS JUDGMENT AND ABILITY TO DISCERN THE NATURE OF A PROBLEM HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT.

5. (C) WELL ESTABLISHED IN THE JOB, WHICH HE HAS HELD SINCE OCTOBER 1996, VAGNORIUS HAD ALSO BEEN PRIME MINISTER FROM 1991 TO 1992. HE HAS LEARNED FROM HIS EARLIER EXPERIENCES, WHEN HE WAS ROUNDLY CRITICIZED FOR PRESIDING OVER LIMITED FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND A STUNTED

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PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM. A MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, HIS OUTLOOK IS FAR MORE FORWARD-LOOKING THAN THAT OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN (AND FREQUENT INTERNAL OPPONENT) VYTAUTAS LANDSBERGIS, NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENT. NOTABLY, VAGNORIUS HAS STRENGTHENED HIS CREDIBILITY (AND EARNED LANDSBERGIS' DISDAIN) BY WORKING CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT ADAMKUS SINCE THE LATTER'S INAUGURATION IN FEBRUARY 1998.

6. (C) VAGNORIUS' LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN CRUCIAL TO LITHUANIA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS. CUMULATIVE FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT FROM 1991 TO THE PRESENT HAS NEARLY DOUBLED (FROM USD 1 BILLION TO USD 2 BILLION) THIS YEAR ALONE; INFLATION IS LOW AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IS GOOD, WHILE FOREIGN RESERVES ARE OVER USD 1.5 BILLION.

SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS

7. (C) IN ADDITION TO THE WILLIAMS DEAL, VAGNORIUS HAS CONSISTENTLY PROVEN HIS SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES. WHERE U.S. FIRMS HAVE WON TENDERS AND BEEN CHALLENGED, HIS ADVOCACY -- DESPITE EUROPEAN PRESSURE; SEE PARA 5 BELOW -- HAS BEEN FIRM; WHEN U.S. COMPANIES HAVE RAISED SPECIFIC ISSUES, HE HAS FULLY ENGAGED HIS STAFF TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AND EXPAND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES. HE STRONGLY DEFENDED THE INTERESTS OF U.S.-OWNED OMNITEL, THE MAJOR MOBILE PHONE PROVIDER LINKED TO MOTOROLA, WHEN TELECOM PRIVATIZATION THREATENED THEM. VAGNORIUS IS THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO ERODE THE SEDIMENTARY LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY THAT REMAIN FROM THE DAYS OF SOVIET OCCUPATION. FOR THESE REASONS, WE BELIEVE THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD POSITIVELY ENDORSE VAGNORIUS' WORK ON BEHALF OF U.S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

EUROPEAN UNION

8. (C) WHILE DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT THE EU HAS DEFERRED ANY INVITATION TO LITHUANIA TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, VAGNORIUS REMAINS ANXIOUS TO GET U.S. PROVIDE MORAL SUPPORT FOR LITHUANIAN EFFORTS TO ENTER THE EU, AND ENGAGE EU MEMBERS -- PARTICULARLY THE UK AND GERMANY -- ON LITHUANIA'S BEHALF WHERE POSSIBLE. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ARGUED THAT NOT BEING A MEMBER, WE CANNOT INFLUENCE THE EU'S ENLARGEMENT PROCESS, BUT ANY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT CAN OFFER WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. (NOTE: THE RECENT EU DECISION MAY CHANGE HIS THINKING SOMEWHAT, BUT THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND WHEN VAGNORIUS REQUESTS U.S. ADVOCACY FOR LITHUANIAN EU ACCESSION. END NOTE.)

9. (C) OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO VAGNORIUS -- AND ESPECIALLY TO THIS EMBASSY -- IS THE EFFORT OF THE GERMANS HERE TO LINK BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES TO EU MEMBERSHIP CHANCES (REFTEL). WE HAVE NOT SEEN EVIDENCE THAT OTHER

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EUROPEAN EMBASSIES ARE MAKING SIMILAR ARGUMENTS -- WHICH HAVE BEEN QUIETLY REPUDIATED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION DELEGATION -- BUT ARE VERY UNHAPPY THAT VAGNORIUS' EFFORTS TO KEEP THE PLAYING FIELD LEVEL FOR U.S. BUSINESS HAVE LED TO "EUROPEAN" COMPLAINTS.

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10. (C) WHILE COMPLETELY COMMITTED TO BRINGING LITHUANIA INTO THE ALLIANCE, VAGNORIUS IS NOT AN ORIGINAL THINKER ON NATO. THE LITHUANIANS UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY NEW MEMBERS WILL BE INVITED AT THE APRIL 1999 SUMMIT, A FINDING WHICH THEY SUPPORT. AS NOTED IN THE OSD/EUCOM DEFENSE ASSESSMENT OF LITHUANIA, THEY HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS ON THE PATH TO MEMBERSHIP, MOVING CLOSELY TOWARDS A DEFENSE BUDGET AT TWO PERCENT OF GDP AND IN BUILDING THE BEST MILITARY IN THE BALTICS, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE FAR TO GO. AND WHILE UNDERSTANDING THAT HIS INFLUENCE ON POLICY IS ONLY PERIPHERAL, LITHUANIA WAS FURTHER ENCOURAGED BY ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI'S THESIS THAT LITHUANIA AND SLOVENIA SHOULD BE THE NEXT TWO NATO MEMBERS. STATING THE GOL POSITION, VAGNORIUS MAY MAKE A PLEA FOR SPECIFIC MENTION OF EACH OF THE BALTIC STATES IN THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, AN IDEA WHICH BUILDS ON THE JULY 1997 MADRID SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE (WHICH MENTIONED ONLY "THE BALTIC STATES").

ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

11. (C) VAGNORIUS IS THE STRONGEST GOL SUPPORTER OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY COLLEAGUE EMANUELIS ZINGERIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND THE ONLY JEW IN THE SEIMAS. HE HAS BEEN OUR KEY GOL INTERLOCUTOR IN WORKING TO BRING ACCUSED WAR CRIMINAL **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** (WHO FINALLY APPEARED IN COURT NOVEMBER 5) TO TRIAL, AND HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO REMOVE LEGAL OBSTACLES TO DOING SO. HE IS SYMPATHETIC TO CLAIMS FOR THE RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY AND HAS ENDORSED THE RETURN OF HUNDREDS OF TORAH SCROLLS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

NUCLEAR POWER

12. (C) LITHUANIA IS THE MOST DEPENDENT ON NUCLEAR POWER OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. DECOMMISSIONING THE RBMK-TYPE IGNALINA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY RAISED AS A POLITICAL ISSUE RELEVANT TO LITHUANIA'S EU MEMBERSHIP ASPIRATIONS; VAGNORIUS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 10 THAT A RECENT LETTER FROM VAN DEN BROEK WAS AT ODDS WITH EARLIER PLANS (WORKED OUT WITH JACQUES SANTER) TO CONVENE A GROUP OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO DISCUSS CLOSING IGNALINA DOWN. WE SHARE VAGNORIUS' CONCERN THAT THE ISSUE OF CLOSING DOWN AN INHERENTLY UNSAFE PLANT SHOULD BE A QUESTION FOR EXPERTS

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RATHER THAN POLITICIANS.

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13. (C) WITH LATVIA JOINING THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION RECENTLY, LITHUANIA'S INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP HAS RAISED SOMEWHAT. STILL BURDENED WITH A PROTECTIONIST AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, WHERE TARIFFS ON SUCH COMMODITIES AS GRAIN, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND SUGAR HAVE BECOME INSTITUTIONALIZED, IT WILL TAKE A COMMITMENT FROM VAGNORIUS TO MOVE LITHUANIA FORWARD. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE VICE PRESIDENT TO IMPART TO VAGNORIUS THAT WHILE THE U.S. WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO SUPPORT LITHUANIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE WTO, LITHUANIA ITSELF MUST WORK TO IMPROVE ITS CHANCES.

GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY

14. (C) ON DIRECT FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, VAGNORIUS GENERALLY DEFERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER SAUDARGAS AND HIS MINISTRY. NEVERTHELESS, HE IS WELL AWARE OF SUCH ISSUES AND HAS PROFESSIONALLY ENGAGED MANY OF HIS COUNTERPARTS IN EUROPE, INCLUDING PRIMAKOV (WHO HAD VISITED AS FOREIGN MINISTER EARLIER THIS YEAR). HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO OFFER THE VICE PRESIDENT HIS INSIGHTS INTO RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

ACTION REQUEST: PUBLIC STATEMENT

15. (C) GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND VAGNORIUS' CRITICAL ROLE IN SUPPORT OF U.S. BUSINESS IN THE FACE OF STRONG DOMESTIC AND EU CRITICISM, POST ASKS THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT -- THE DRAFT BELOW HAS NOT BEEN SHARED OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY -- BE RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 19:

"THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MEET/MET TODAY WITH LITHUANIAN PRIME MINISTER GEDIMINAS VAGNORIUS. THE UNITED STATES IS GRATEFUL FOR THE DISTINGUISHED WORK OF THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY WORKED TO REFORM LITHUANIA'S ECONOMY AND CREATE AND IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN HIS COUNTRY. WHILE OUR NATIONS REMAIN CLOSE, THE ROLE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY CRITICAL TO RESTORING LITHUANIA'S ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND CONFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO HIGH STANDARDS OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE."

END TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT. SMITH

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TEXT

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SUBJECT: FIRST LITHUANIAN FALLOUT FROM OSI'S ALLEGED
REMARKS ON WAR CRIMES CASES: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUEST

REF: A) VILNIUS 288, B) SMITH/ROSENBAUM TELCON 2/1/99

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1. (U) PLEASE SEE IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUEST PARA 4.
2. (C) WE ARE SEEING THE FIRST NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE
JANUARY 31 AP ARTICLE QUOTING OSI ON LITHUANIAN WAR CRIMES
CASES (REPORTED REF A). MY STAFF RECEIVED AN EMOTIONAL
CALL FROM LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN EMANUELIS ZINGERIS
FEBRUARY 2. BASED ON THE ARTICLE (NOW REPEATED WIDELY AND
PROMINENTLY IN THE LITHUANIAN PRESS) AND THE MESSAGES OF
CONDEMNATION ZINGERIS HAS RECEIVED CONCERNING THE ARTICLE'S
CHARGES BY MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED
STATES, HE IS SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING RESIGNATION FROM HIS

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2. (C) ZINGERIS, A MAN OF MANY HATS -- CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE JEWISH MUSEUM, DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR DISPERSED ETHNIC MINORITIES, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE RULING CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENTIAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE HOLOCAUST AND CRIMES COMMITTED UNDER SOVIET OCCUPATION -- IS THE ONLY JEW IN PARLIAMENT. GIVEN HIS STATURE, HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FEW FULLY EFFECTIVE INTERLOCUTORS ON WAR CRIMES ISSUES. ZINGERIS HAS COME UNDER FIRE BEFORE WHEN LITHUANIA HAS NOT MOVED AS ACTIVELY TO ADDRESS WAR CRIMES CASES AS IT SHOULD. NOW, HOWEVER, ZINGERIS FEELS PARTICULARLY UPSET THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE SUCH A STRONG NEGATIVE POSITION AS REPORTED IN REF A.

4. (C) WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH ZINGERIS -- AS WE ALWAYS DO -- AND ARE TRYING TO REASSURE HIM, BUT THIS INCIDENT ONLY CONFIRMS OUR BELIEF THAT THE RECORD NEEDS TO BE SET STRAIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, THE EMBASSY WILL USE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO RESPOND TO ZINGERIS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS DISAPPOINTED THAT ACCUSED WAR CRIMINALS FROM THE NAZI ERA HAVE NOT STOOD TRIAL IN LITHUANIA. HOWEVER, NEITHER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOR THE U.S. EMBASSY ARE IN POSSESSION OF OR AWARE OF SPECIFIC EVIDENCE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF FORMER VILNIUS SECURITY POLICE COMMANDER **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** ARE INACCURATE. FURTHERMORE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT LITHUANIA IS GOVERNED BY THE RULE OF LAW, AND THAT THE CASES OF LILEIKIS AND HIS FORMER DEPUTY, KAZYS GIMZAUSKAS, ARE MATTERS FOR THE COURT RATHER THAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT. SMITH

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TEXT

TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, CJAN (LILEIKIS, ALEKSANDRAS), LH
SUBJECT: ANSWERING LITHUANIAN REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE IN LILEIKIS WAR CRIMES CASE

REF: A) VILNIUS 784, B) VILNIUS 436

(U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR KEITH SMITH FOR REASONS 1.5 B AND D.

1. (C) AS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGE, THE WAR CRIMES CASE AGAINST FORMER U.S. CITIZEN ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS REMAINS SUSPENDED (AS REPORTED REFS A AND B)
PENDING RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE FROM ELI ROSENBAUM -- DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT - REGARDING LILEIKIS' HEALTH. LILEIKIS, BORN IN 1907 AND CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN LITHUANIA

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A, WAS THE CHIEF OF THE VILNIUS SECURITY POLICE DURING THE NAZI OCCUPATION AND HAS BEEN IMPLICATED IN ACTS OF GENOCIDE.

2. (C) MAY 26 DISCUSSIONS WITH VISITING OSI CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS MICHAEL MACQUEEN AND POST PERSONNEL SUGGEST THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE FOR DIRECTOR ROSENBAUM TO WRITE THE LITHUANIAN AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY. IT COULD BE EXPLAINED THAT THE EVIDENCE IN OSI'S POSSESSION -- SUGGESTING THAT LILEIKIS IS FIT TO STAND TRIAL -- IS NOW OUT OF DATE AND THAT THE USG WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION WHICH WOULD EXAMINE LILEIKIS AND DETERMINE THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH.

3. (C) PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR SMULKSTYS HAS RECENTLY CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY AND TO MACQUEEN THAT THE PRESIDENCY WILL PURSUE ALL APPROPRIATE EFFORTS TO HAVE THE JUDGE IN THE CASE REQUEST THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION. THE MEDICAL DOCUMENTS IN THE CASE HAVE ALREADY BEEN OFFERED TO THE USG (REF A) FOR SCRUTINY, BUT POST AGREES WITH MACQUEEN THAT INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION OF THE PAPERWORK (RATHER THAN THE PATIENT) IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, ONLY THE JUDGE CAN DETERMINE THAT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IS APPROPRIATE. FOR US TO REACH THAT POINT, AT LEAST AN INITIAL RESPONSE IS NEEDED FROM OSI.

4. (C) POST WILL REQUEST MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION AS SOUGHT BY MACQUEEN AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MOVING THIS CASE FORWARD IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH OSI . SMITH

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SUBJECT: LITHUANIAN PROSECUTOR TRYING TO SHOW SOME MOVEMENT IN
INVESTIGATING WAR CRIMINALS

REF: (A) VILNIUS 0049, (B) VILNIUS 0050

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1. (C) SUMMARY: IN THE WAKE OF REP. LANTOS' VISIT AND PRESS
REPORTS ON THE KALEJS CASE, THE LITHUANIAN PRESS HAS HAD SEVERAL
ARTICLES THIS WEEK ABOUT THE SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS ANTANAS
GECAS WHO IS LIVING IN BRITAIN AND ANTANAS GUDELIS WHO IS LIVING
IN AUSTRALIA. THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS RESPONDED BY
SAYING THAT THE CASES ARE UNDER ACTIVE INVESTIGATION, BUT THAT
THEY DO NOT YET HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST

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EITHER MAN. THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING WAR CRIMES SEEMS OVERWHELMED BY THE GLARE OF PUBLIC ATTENTION AND IS NOT CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN GATHER THE EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES NEEDED TO BRING THE TWO MEN TO TRIAL. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROSECUTOR-GENERAL IS BESET BY ACCUSATIONS THAT HE HAS FAILED TO PROSECUTE A HIGH PROFILE PUBLIC CORRUPTION CASE AND ACCEPTED GIFTS HE SHOULDN'T HAVE. OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE CALLED ON THE PROSECUTOR-GENERAL TO RESIGN

2. GECAS

(C) ON JANUARY 10 THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM CALLED ON BRITAIN TO DEPORT ANTANAS GECAS (REAL NAME IS GECEVICIUS) TO LITHUANIA TO STAND TRIAL FOR WAR CRIMES. THE DAY AFTER THE WIESENTHAL CENTER STATEMENT LITHUANIA'S SPECIAL PROSECUTOR RIMVYDAS VALENTUKEVICIUS STATED THAT HIS OFFICE IS ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING GECAS' CASE BUT THAT SO FAR THEY HAD EVIDENCE ONLY TO PROVE THAT HE WORKED IN THE NAZI-LEAD LITHUANIAN SECRET POLICE, BUT THAT SO FAR THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC EVIDENCE THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN GENOCIDE. VALENTUKEVICIUS TOLD EMBASSY THAT HIS OFFICE IS TRYING GET THE EVIDENCE TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST GECAS. THEY OPENED THE CASE AGAINST GECAS IN FEBRUARY AND ARE NOW REVIEWING ABOUT 1100 PAGES OF ARCHIVES RECENTLY PROVIDED BY THE LITHUANIAN RESEARCH CENTER ON GENOCIDE AND RESISTANCE (NOTE: THIS ORGANIZATION USUALLY EMPHASIZES SOVIET ERA CRIMES). VALENTUKEVICIUS TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE THINKS HE WILL KNOW IN ABOUT A MONTH IF THESE ARCHIVES PROVIDE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PRESS CHARGES AND BEGIN THE EXTRADITION PROCESS.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BRITISH PROSECUTORS TRIED TO CONVICT GECAS FIRST IN 1986, BUT WAS UNABLE TO GET A CONVICTION. LATER, GECAS SUED FOR LIBEL IN 1994 AFTER A TV REPORT ACCUSED HIM OF WAR CRIMES. HE LOST THE CASE WHEN THE BRITISH JUDGE RULED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT GECAS WAS A MASS MURDERER, BUT THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO TRY HIM FOR WAR CRIMES. THE GECAS CASE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE 11 CASES OF NAZI-ERA WAR CRIMES THAT PROSECUTOR-GENERAL PEDNYCIA MENTIONED IN MEETINGS IN EARLY JANUARY. (SEE LIST BELOW)

4. GUEDELIS

(U) THE PROSECUTOR-GENERAL RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD FINALLY RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA ON ANTANAS GUEDELIS, NOW AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN. LITHUANIAN PROSECUTORS HAD OPENED THE CASE AGAINST GUEDELIS IN JULY, 1999 AND REQUESTED DOCUMENTS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT THEN. THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TOLD EMBASSY THAT THEY HAD TWO LARGE BOXES OF AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS. THE MATERIALS INCLUDE THE RECORDS OF INTERVIEWS WITH GUEDELIS AND WITH WITNESSES THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CARRIED OUT IN THE EARLY 1990S. AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES DECIDED NOT TO PROSECUTE GUEDELIS AT THAT TIME DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. VALENTUKEVICIUS TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD TAKE THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ABOUT A MONTH TO EVALUATE THE MATERIAL, BUT THAT SO FAR THEY HAD NOT FOUND SPECIFIC EVIDENCE WHICH COULD BE USED TO CHARGE GUEDELIS WITH MURDER.

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5. OPPOSITION WANTS PROSECUTOR-GENERAL TO RESIGN

(U) PROSECUTOR-GENERAL PEDNYCIA HAS BEEN PUMMELED IN THE PRESS NEARLY EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THE MAIN COMPLAINT IS THAT HE HAS NOT FOLLOWED UP IN CASES OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION. THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL CASE INVOLVES THE HUGE LOSSES OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY LIETUVOS ENERGIJA ESPECIALLY FROM ITS SALES TO BELARUS. AS LITHUANIAN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER GYLYS SAID ON JANUARY 12 THE SHADY DEALINGS GOING ON AT LIETUVOS ENERGIJA WERE "NOT A SECRET TO ANYONE IN THIS COUNTRY EXCEPT THE PROSECUTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE." PEDNYCIA WAS ALSO ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING GIFTS HE SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN.

6. (U) THERE HAS BEEN NO CRITICISM OF HIS HANDLING OF NAZI-ERA WAR CRIMES CASES, HOWEVER. A RECENT (EXTREMELY UNSCIENTIFIC) POLL ON "LIETUVOS RYTAS" DAILY INTERNET PAGE FOUND THAT MORE THAN 90% OF RESPONDENTS APPROVED OF THE WAY PEDNYCIA HAD HANDLED THE "BELLICOSE ATTITUDE" OF REP. LANTOS IN HIS MEETING WITH THE CONGRESSMAN.

7. (C) COMMENT: . IN GENERAL, SPECIAL PROSECUTOR VALENTUKEVICIUS STRIKES US AS LACKING THE AUTHORITY, TEMPERAMENT, AND KNOW-HOW TO MOVE QUICKLY TO BRING NEW GENOCIDE CASES TO COURT. IN RECENT MEETINGS WITH THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, VALENTUKEVICIUS SEEMED TO BE UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF STRESS. HE WAS VISIBLY UPSET FOLLOWING LANTOS MEETING, BUT, TOLD EMBASSY POLOFF THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO INTERRUPT OR CORRECT HIS BOSS, PROSECUTOR-GENERAL PEDNYCIA. HE IS EXTREMELY DISTURBED BY WHAT HE SEES AS THE INTERFERENCE OF POLITICS INTO THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE, WHICH HE THINKS IS DISTORTING THE GOOD WORK THEY ARE DOING. HE WAS ALSO ANXIOUS TO POINT OUT THAT ASSEMBLING CASES IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT UNDER THE SOVIET-ERA LEGAL CODEX UNDER WHICH HE MUST OPERATE. THERE IS, HE SAID, NO CRIME OF GENOCIDE OR MASS MURDER OR SOMETHING LIKE COLLUSION IN AN ORGANIZED CRIME. HE SAID THAT HE CAN PROSECUTE ONLY INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF MURDER AGAINST SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS. THE SOVIET CODEX, ACCORDING TO HIM, DEMANDS EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN KINDS OF EVIDENCE WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO ASSEMBLE. THE LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON A NEW LEGAL CODEX FOR SOME TIME WHICH WILL MAKE IT CONSIDERABLY EASIER FOR THE PROSECUTOR TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST WAR CRIMINALS, ACCORDING TO VALENTUKEVICIUS. THE LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT HAS NOT FINISHED ITS WORK AND MOST OBSERVERS SAY IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER YEAR OR TWO TO COMPLETE THE NEW LEGAL CODEX

8. (C) FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL, INFORMAL LIST PROVIDED BY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF THE 11 NAZI-ERA GENOCIDE CASES TO WHICH PROSECUTOR-GENERAL REFERRED DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH AMB. SMITH AND REP. LANTOS. NOTES ABOUT STATUS OF CASES ARE EMBASSY COMMENTS BASED ON WHAT VALENTUKEVICIUS INFORMALLY TOLD US RECENTLY:

1. **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** (FORMER U.S. CITIZEN, TRIAL STOPPED IN 1999 DUE TO DEFENDENT'S POOR HEALTH)

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2. KAZYS GIMZAUSKAS (FORMER U.S. CITIZEN, TRIAL STOPPED IN 1999 DUE TO DEFENDENT'S POOR HEALTH)
 3. PETRAS BERNOTAVICIUS (U.S. CITIZEN, CASE STARTED IN 1999, NO CHARGES YET)
 4. VINCAS VALKAVICKAS (FORMER U.S. CITIZEN, CASE STARTED IN 1999, NO CHARGES YET)
 5. ANTANAS GUDELIS (AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, CRIMINAL CASE STARTED IN 1999, NO CHARGES YET)
- (REST OF CASES REFER TO PLACES WHERE CERTAIN CRIMES WERE COMMITTED, NOT TO SUSPECTS)
6. LIETUKIO GARAGE (POSTPONED)
 7. GRUZDZIAI (50 JEWS KILLED) (POSTPONED)
 8. GIRKALNIS (50 RELATIVES OF KAUNAS JEWISH COMMUNIST LEADER JOSIFAS TACAS)
 9. PASVALYS (1350 JEW MURDERED) (POSTPONED)
 10. MINEIKIS (CASE CANCELED)
 11. SIAULIAI PROVINCE (600 JEWS KILLED) (CANCELLED)

(NOTE: SOME CASES WERE CANCELED BECAUSE THE SUSPECTS DIED OR WERE ALREADY SENTENCED DURING THE SOVIET PERIOD ACCORDING TO VALENTUKEVICIUS.)

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