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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 1991 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

91 JUN 11 PM 5:58

June 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *Dm*
SUBJECT: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, June 13, at 2:15 p.m., you will give brief remarks in the Roosevelt Room before signing a proclamation declaring Baltic Freedom Day.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (5 minutes, on cards) discuss our desire for peaceful change as the Baltic nations strive for freedom and independence.

McGroarty/(Simon/Trujillo)
June 11, 1991
5:00 pm
[BAL TIC]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BAL TIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
JUNE 13, 1991
2:15 pm

Welcome, all of you, to the White House. [Introductory acknowledgements. Congressional co-sponsors.] Let me begin by thanking all of you for coming today. I had the pleasure of meeting a few of you several months ago here at the White House. I valued the chance to exchange views on the situation in the Baltics and I pledge my Administration's desire to continue close consultations with the Baltic-American community -- and of course the Congress. /

It is an honor to mark this important occasion with so many of the men and women who champion the cause of **freedom in the Baltics.** //

More than 50 years have passed since the dark days of June 1940, when three sovereign nations were subjugated by superior force. In those 50 years, the courage of the Baltic peoples has shown that force can subjugate a nation -- but it cannot rob a people of their desire for freedom.

Never has anyone in this room believed that the fate of the Baltic states was sealed by the secret pact between Hitler and Stalin. Never has the United States recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union.

Never in five long decades have the Baltic peoples lost hope -- the indomitable spirit that sustains their **heritage and**

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Today, that dream of self-determination -- the Baltics' democratic destiny -- burns bright and fierce. //

In Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, **freely elected legislatures** now govern in the name of the people. The popular will has expressed its clear and unmistakable desire for **freedom.** And in the face of violence and intimidation, the Baltic peoples and their freely-elected leaders have steadfastly **refused to answer violence with violence** -- preferring the path of peace and principle. //

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Let me add one thing more: You have my word that when I next meet with President Gorbachev, the fate of freedom in the Baltics will be high on my agenda. //

Once more, welcome -- and may God bless all the people of the Baltics. // I will now sign the proclamation, designating June 14, 1991 Baltic Freedom Day.

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**BALTIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY \ ROOSEVELT ROOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1991 \ 2:15 PM**

**WELCOME, ALL OF YOU, TO THE WHITE HOUSE. I SEE WE
HAVE SEN. RIEGEL AND CONGRESSMEN RITTER AND HERTEL HERE
FROM CAPITOL HILL. LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING ALL OF YOU
FOR COMING TODAY. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING A FEW
OF YOU SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. I
VALUED THE CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN
THE BALTICS AND I PLEDGE MY ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO
CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BALTIC-AMERICAN
COMMUNITY -- AND OF COURSE THE CONGRESS. /**

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SO MANY OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF
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**MORE THAN 50 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DARK DAYS
OF JUNE 1940, WHEN THREE SOVEREIGN NATIONS WERE
SUBJUGATED BY SUPERIOR FORCE. IN THOSE 50 YEARS, THE
COURAGE OF THE BALTIC PEOPLES HAS SHOWN THAT FORCE CAN
SUBJUGATE A NATION -- BUT IT CANNOT ROB A PEOPLE OF
THEIR DESIRE FOR FREEDOM.**

NEVER HAS ANYONE IN THIS ROOM BELIEVED THAT THE FATE OF THE BALTIC STATES WAS SEALED BY THE SECRET PACT BETWEEN HITLER AND STALIN. NEVER HAS THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED THE FORCIBLE INCORPORATION OF THE BALTIC STATES INTO THE SOVIET UNION.

NEVER IN FIVE LONG DECADES HAVE THE BALTIC PEOPLES LOST HOPE -- THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT THAT SUSTAINS THEIR HERITAGE AND HISTORY.

GENERATIONS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO HAVE NEVER KNOWN FREEDOM HAVE FAITH THAT THE BALTICS WILL ONE DAY, ONCE MORE BE FREE. //

TODAY, THAT DREAM OF SELF-DETERMINATION -- THE BALTICS' DEMOCRATIC DESTINY -- BURNS BRIGHT AND FIERCE.

IN ESTONIA, LITHUANIA AND LATVIA, FREELY ELECTED LEGISLATURES NOW GOVERN IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE. THE POPULAR WILL HAS EXPRESSED ITS CLEAR AND UNMISTAKABLE DESIRE FOR FREEDOM.

AND IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION, THE BALTIC PEOPLES AND THEIR FREELY-ELECTED LEADERS HAVE STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO ANSWER VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE -- PREFERRING THE PATH OF PEACE AND PRINCIPLE. //

THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE BALTIC STATES IS A POSITIVE STEP.

YET THERE IS MUCH REASON TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT SOVIET ACTIONS AGAINST CUSTOMS POSTS IN LITHUANIA AND LATVIA -- AND THE ONGOING SOVIET OCCUPATION OF BROADCAST FACILITIES IN VILNIUS -- ACTS THAT ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH A PROCESS OF PEACEFUL CHANGE. GOOD-FAITH NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT GO FORWARD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF THREAT AND INTIMIDATION. //

THIS NATION HAS TAKEN STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE BALTIC PEOPLES.

IN FEBRUARY -- THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF MANY OF THE GROUPS REPRESENTED HERE TODAY -- THE U.S. SHIPPED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ESTONIA, LITHUANIA AND LATVIA. / I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT SINCE THE RESPONSE FROM THE BALTIC-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SO GREAT, WE WILL SOON SEND A SECOND SHIPMENT TO THE BALTICS. //

THESE SHIPMENTS ARE BUT ONE SIGN OF THE AFFINITY WE FEEL AS AMERICANS WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THE BALTIC PEOPLES.

IN MAY, I MET HERE IN THE WHITE HOUSE WITH THE ELECTED LEADERS OF LITHUANIA, ESTONIA AND LATVIA -- MY SIXTH MEETING WITH BALTIC LEADERS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. I WILL TELL YOU TODAY WHAT I TOLD THEM: AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, I HAVE MADE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AND TO OTHER SOVIET LEADERS THIS NATION'S FIRM BELIEF IN THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BALTIC STATES.

LET ME ADD ONE THING MORE: YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT WHEN I NEXT MEET WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV, THE FATE OF FREEDOM IN THE BALTICS WILL BE HIGH ON MY AGENDA. //

ONCE MORE, WELCOME -- AND MAY GOD BLESS ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE BALTICS. // I WILL NOW SIGN THE PROCLAMATION, DESIGNATING JUNE 14, 1991 BALTIC FREEDOM DAY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 11, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *Dm*
SUBJECT: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY

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Let me add one thing more: You have my word that when I next meet with President Gorbachev, the fate of freedom in the Baltics will be high on my agenda. //

Once more, welcome -- and may God bless all the people of the Baltics. // I will now sign the proclamation, designating June 14, 1991 Baltic Freedom Day.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 6/7/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TUESDAY 6/11/91 10:00a.

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
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McGroarty/(Simon/Trujillo)
June 7, 1991
8:00 am
[BAL TIC]

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THE ROOSEVELT ROOM
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Welcome, all of you, to the White House. [Introductory acknowledgements. Congressional co-sponsors.] Let me recognize Angela Nelsas of the Baltic-American Freedom League. Dr. Olgerts Pavlovskis, Chairman of the Joint Baltic-American National Committee. Mairo Kari of the Baltic World Council. Juhan Simonson of the American National Baltic Association -- and all the other leaders in this great cause. / It is an honor to mark this important occasion with so many of the men and women who champion the cause of freedom and independence in the Baltics.

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In spite of our great hopes, there is much reason to be concerned. Recent Soviet actions against customs posts in Lithuania and Latvia -- the ongoing Soviet occupation of broadcast facilities in Vilnius -- these and other acts are incompatible with a process of peaceful change. Good-faith negotiations cannot go forward in an atmosphere of threat and intimidation. //

The United States recognizes the deep desire of all the Baltic peoples for freedom and independence. In May, I met here in the White House with the elected leaders of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia -- my sixth meeting with Baltic leaders in the past 12 months. I will tell you today what I told them: At every opportunity, I have made clear to President Gorbachev and to other Soviet leaders **this nation's firm belief in the legitimate aspirations of the Baltic states.**

Let me add one thing more: You have my word that when I travel to Moscow later this month, the fate of freedom in the Baltics will be high on my agenda. //

Once more, welcome -- and may God bless all the people of the Baltics. // I will now sign the proclamation, designating this day -- June [13], 1991 -- Baltic Freedom Day.

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RESPONSE: TO: TONY SNOW June 11, 1991

The NSC concurs with the changes shown.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

Brent Scowcroft

PHILLIP D. BRADY Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary Ext. 2702

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Once more, welcome --- and may God bless all the people of the Baltics. // I will now sign the proclamation, designating this day --- June [13], 1991 --- Baltic Freedom Day.

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Simon

McGroarty/(Simon/Trujillo)

June 7, 1991

8:00 am

[BALTIC]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BALTIC FREEDOM DAY SIGNING CEREMONY
THE ROOSEVELT ROOM

WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 1991
/ 2:15 pm

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91 JUN 11 A 9:08

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
6-11-91

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

McGroarty/(Simon/Trujillo)
June 7, 1991
8:00 am
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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 Ext. 2702

91 JUN -7 PM 3:48

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 JUN 11 9:47

June 10, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM:

STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Baltic Freedom Day Signing
Ceremony

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection, subject to the changes indicated.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/7/91

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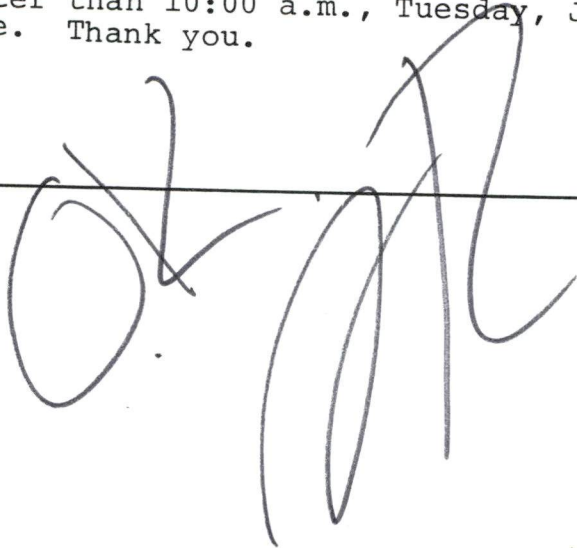
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 13, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN SIGNING CEREMONY FOR BALTIC FREEDOM DAY

The Roosevelt Room

2:20 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Welcome everybody, and please be seated. First of all, may I welcome Senator Riegle from Michigan and Congressman Ritter and Hertel with us here today. Just delighted to have you here. And let me begin by thanking all of you. I'm sure it's inconvenient coming from as far away as some of you have, but you're welcome here and we're delighted to have you.

I had the pleasure of meeting some of you all a few months ago here at the White House. And I, frankly, valued and got a lot out of the exchange of views on the situations in the Baltic. And I pledged then and pledge again our desire to continue close consultation with Baltic Americans from whatever state, and, of course, the Congress as well on these important questions.

And it's an honor to mark this occasion, this important occasion with so many of the men and women who champion the cause and have for years of freedom for the Baltics.

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The resumption of negotiations between the Soviet government and the Baltic states is a positive step. And yet there's much reason to be concerned about recent Soviet actions against customs posts in Lithuania and Latvia, and the ongoing Soviet occupation of broadcast facilities in Vilnius. Acts that are incompatible with the process of peaceful change. Good-faith negotiations cannot go forward in an atmosphere of threat and intimidation.

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So, once more, keep up your good work. I think the educational process that all of you are engaged in as you help other Americans understand what's at stake here is very important to the ultimate solution to these problems. And I'm delighted to have you here. And may I say God bless the people of the Baltics. And now I want to ask the members of Congress to come up with me as I sign the proclamation designating June 14, 1991 Baltic Freedom Day.

Thank you all very much. (Applause.)

END

2:26 P.M. EDT