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LIETUVIŲ BENDRUOMENES TARYBA
LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF UNITED STATES, INC.
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Lietuviais esame mes gimę,
Lietuviais turime ir būt!

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Mr. President:

February 16, 1976 marks the fifty-eighth anniversary of the reestablishment of independent Lithuania and the 725th anniversary of the founding of the Lithuanian State.

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We invite you to join with your fellow Americans of Lithuanian origin and descent who will commemorate these anniversaries. Since the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security, there has been no diminution of the Soviet Union's relentless program of Russification and religious and political persecution within Lithuania.

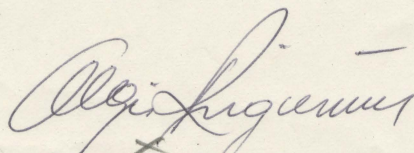
The Soviet Union's actions in the suppression of the "Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church" by arresting and imprisoning untold numbers of Lithuanian and Russian dissidents for publishing or disseminating the chronicle, as well as the lack of humanitarian concern shown for the reunification of families, are only the latest in a continuing series of the repression of basic human rights within Soviet-occupied Lithuania to reach the Western World.

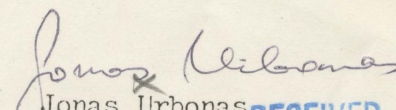
Currently there are Bills in Congress which propose the establishment of a Commission to monitor the acts of the signatories which reflect compliance with the articles of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, with particular regard to the principles relating to Cooperation in Humanitarian Fields.

We strongly urge your diligent support of these Bills and the establishment of this Commission as a means to further demonstrate your own just concern that the provisions of the Helsinki Act be kept, and that all people will be the beneficiaries of that Conference.

During the Bicentennial year as we celebrate the independence of America let us not forget that the self-evident truths of our founding fathers are as dear to the Lithuanian people as they are to us.

Sincerely,


Algis Rugienius
Chairman


Jonas Urbonas
Secretary

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