

March 31,1990

Mr. Vytautas Landsbergis
Vilnius
Lithuania

Dear Mr. Landsbergis

I fully support Lithuania's efforts to achieve independence. I also approve of the calm, civilized approach that you have taken in confronting the tremendous power of the Soviet Union.

The cynical attitude of my government, the United States, toward Lithuania is embarrassing to me. I have already taken a few small steps toward trying to get the United States government to support Lithuania's efforts to achieve independence. Hopefully my protests will be a few atoms in a strong wind that forces the United States ship of state to change the course of its policy toward Lithuania. And hopefully the support of free people everywhere will help give tiny Lithuania the strength to face down the Russian bear.

I ask you to answer this letter, if you can. I am curious if you actually receive it or if it is intercepted by the Soviet intellectual blockade of Lithuania.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Stites".

Steve Stites