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The Secretary of State

Mr. James Baker

Embassy of the United States

YARRALAMIA, A.C.T. 2600

Dear Mr. Secretary of State:

We are using the opportunity of your presence in Australia to send this letter with the aim of calling your attention to the urgent situation in the Baltic States.

The Baltic nations which have been condemned to annihilation by Moscow's Communist imperialist dictators could now free themselves if assisted by the West. This is the first and probably the last opportunity for them to do so.

As the architect of a new United States foreign policy you are in a position to help the Baltic people to free themselves from foreign occupation and from misery. The Soviet Union would listen to your voice because it has no other choice. It desperately needs economic and technological assistance which can be monitored by your Government in such a way that Kremlin's leadership would be more than encouraged to withdraw its occupation forces from the Baltic republics.

We are aware of the delicate political situation in the Soviet Union. We are also aware that Mr. M. Gorbachev could probably not proclaim the liberation of the Baltic States even if he so wished (which we doubt!), but full economic autonomy with their own currency and separation of the Baltic region from the rest of the Soviet Union by border controls would be possible and even beneficial for Mr. Gorbachev himself. This would be the first step towards total independence for the Baltic States. Free and prosperous Baltic neighbours would be of more benefit to Russia than the poor slaves they are today.

We would be grateful for an answer to this urgent call for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John Kunca—President of the Lithuanian Community
in Melbourne.

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