

Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, July 23, 2010

Dear Mr. President,

This summer marks 70 years since the three Baltic nations lost their cherished freedom and independence, which they managed to restore half a century later. That day would not have come without the principled foreign policy of the United States of America.

On July 23, 1940, the acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles began a long-lasting non-recognition policy of illegal Soviet occupation and annexation which enabled the diplomatic representations of the Baltic states to continue working and gave their people strength and hope to go on campaigning for their freedom.

We, the Prime Ministers of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the American people for their courageous and highly moral action and congratulate you, Mr. President, on this anniversary of the successful foreign policy that has made the United States of America a beacon of freedom for all oppressed nations and aspiring democracies.

Yours sincerely,



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