

*Passionate President*

President George Bush  
The White House  
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Dear President Bush,

Lithuania is not a Republic of the Soviet Union! In 1940, Adolf Hitler gave Lithuania, along with half of Poland to Stalin. Since then Lithuania has been occupied by the brutal force of the Soviet Unions army, NKVD, KGB and other secret police. For fifty years, the Russians tried to exterminate the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians. Hundreds of thousands of people and innocent children were brutalized and deported in cattle box cars to Siberian death camps. They died from torture, starvation and cold in a slow death. Thousands of Polish army officers were executed in cold blood by the Soviet Union. These are just a few examples of Russian brutality, atrocities and holocaust. These human atrocities still occur against Lithuanians and in Russia itself. After 70 years of economical failure and human rights abuse, the Russian empire is crumbling within itself.

Mr. Gorbachev did not help to free Eastern Europe. If he could he would have suppressed the changes. After Afganistan, he knew that the Russian people and the army would not listen to him and drive Soviet tanks into Eastern Europe to stop the independence drive for freedom. The only choice he had was to retreat and save his image, like a Russian bear dressed in a Lamb skin. For the first time after 50 years of Russian suppression, Lithuania saw a ray of hope. They organized and decided to re-establish independence with the hope of getting some moral support from the world leader of human rights and self-determination; the U.S.A. Instead, Lithuanians get the cold shoulder from you Mr. Bush.

Gorbachev himself admitted and said that in 1940 the occupation of Lithuania and other Baltic States was illegal by the U.S.S.R. So then why does he claim the Soviet Union will break up if the Baltic States regain their independence. Mr. Bush, if you think that Gorbachev is sincere, genuine and is a peaceful human being, then why doesn't he apologize or compensate the Lithuanians for deportation to Siberian death camps and to the Polish people for their young sons who were executed at the Katynas Forrest. This has happened only 50 years ago, why can't Gorbachev bring those responsible to justice.

History repeats itself, Hitler sold Lithuania in 1940 to Stalin and in 1990 President Bush resells it to Gorbachev. Mr. Bush, where is your compassion for human rights and self-determination for nations along with the thousands of lights that you spoke of about in your campaign for President. I voted for you and you have now turned your back on your ideals and have set up doomsday for Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Instead of freedom for Lithuania, you decided to rebuild the evil empire that President Reagan called the Soviet Union. Mr. Bush, remember when Khrshchev was at the U.N. and he pounded his shoe on a desk and said 'We are

going to bury the U.S.A.!!'. It will happen when you rebuild their economy and fill up their stomachs, they will charge back at the western countries and the U.S.A. I and yourself probably won't be here, but our grandchildren will have to pay a very high price for your sympathetic approach towards Mr. Gorbachev.

When you talk to Mr. Gorbachev, during the summit, ask him to lift the blockade of food, raw materials and medicine. Also get assurances that the members of the independence movement will not be murdered, deported or persecuted. Please insist that those who do not want to serve in the armed forces in the U.S.S.R. will not be harmed.

In closing, I urge you to condemn the aggression of the Soviet Union against the defenseless Lithuanian people. I ask you to gather national support for the freely elected and legitimate government of Lithuania.

Your supporter,

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