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SUBJECT: LETTERS FROM SENATORS LAUTENBERG, LUGAR ON BEHALF OF ROMANIAN MATHEMATICIANS ROSU AND TELEMAN

- 1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF MARCH 6 LETTER FROM SENATORS LUGAR AND LAUTENBERG TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR GAVRILESCU REGARDING ROSU AND TELEMAN (PARA 2), AND OF MARCH 6 LETTER FROM SENATOR LAUTENBERG TO SECRETARY SHULTZ (PARA 3). LAUTENBERG STAFFER ADVISES THAT LUGAR MAY RAISE THESE CASES IN NEXT INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. COUNSELOR DERWINSKI GAVE COPY OF THE LETTER TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 7 (SEPTEL).
- 2. BEGIN TEXT OF MARCH 6 LETTER TO ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

WE ARE WRITING TO URGE ROMANIA TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR TWO ROMANIAN MATHEMATICIANS TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO BECOME VISITING MEMBERS OF THE FACULTIES OF PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.
MIHAIL-RADU ROSU HAS BEEN INVITED AS A TEMPORARY FACULTY MEMBER FOR THE 1986-87 ACADEMIC YEAR BY THE PRINCETON INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, LOCATED IN PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. SILVIU TELEMAN SIMILARLY HAS BEEN INVITED AS A VISITING PROFESSOR BY INDIANA UNIVERSITY, LOCATED IN BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.

WE UNDERSTAND YOUR GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO GRANT TEMPORARY EXIT VISAS TO DRS. ROSU AND TELEMAN AND THEIR FAMILIES SO THAT THEY MIGHT ACCEPT THESE INVITATIONS. AS SENATORS WHO HAVE EARNESTLY SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUT COUNTRIES, WE BELIEVE THAT APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY EXIT VISAS FOR THE ROSU AND TELEMAN FAMILIES WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT OUR POLICY OF COOPERATION IS MUTUALLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND WORTHY OF CONTINUATION. ACADEMIC VISITS LIKE THIS WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ROMANIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE ASK THAT YOU BRING THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND MAKE THEM AWARE OF OUR STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

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SINCERELY. /S/ RICHARD G. LUGAR /S/ FRANK R. LAUTENBERG END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARCH 6 LETTER FROM SENATOR LAUTENBERG TO SECRETARY SHULTZ. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

KNOWING OF THE CONCERN YOU EXPRESSED ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ROMANIA DURING YOUR VISIT TO BUCHAREST LAST DECEMBER, I WANT TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF A LETTER SENATOR LUGAR AND I RECENTLY SENT TO THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR. I HAVE ENCLOSED A COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

IN THIS LETTER, WE HAVE URGED ROMANIA TO GRANT TEMPORARY EXIT VISAS TO TWO ROMANIAN MATHEMATICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL. DR. MIHAIL-RADU ROSU HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE PRINCETON INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, AND DR. SILVIU TELEMAN HAS BEEN INVITED BY INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHARES OUR INTEREST IN THESE CASES, AND HAS ALREADY RAISED THE CASE OF DR. ROSU WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, PROGRESS HAS BEEN PAINFULLY SLOW IN THE CASES OF THE ROSU AND TELEMAN FAMILIES.
- I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO PRESS THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE THESE EXIT VISAS, AND TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF SENATOR LUGAR'S AND MY STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF THESE CASES.

SINCERELY. /S/ FRANK R. LAUTENBERG END TEXT. SHULTZ END OF MESSAGE

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