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Mr. Mark Lowenthal
Staff Director
Permanent Select Committee
on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mark:

SUBJECT: Notification

COUNTRY: Lithuania

ISSUE: Former CIA Asset Aleksandras Lileikas

Forwarded herewith is a memorandum from our Office of General Counsel regarding former CIA asset Lileikas. Because of his World War II Nazi-associated police duties, the Department of Justice has initiated denaturalization proceedings against him. Although Lileikas was a CIA asset from 1952 to 1957, there is no evidence that this Agency was aware of his wartime activities, nor that he was aware that he was cooperating with the CIA before his immigration to the United States in 1957. It appears likely that a redacted copy of Lileikas's CIA file will be provided to his defense counsel for use in his denaturalization hearings. (S)

If you have any further questions, we are prepared to provide a briefing. (U)

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Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: U.S. v. Aleksandras Lileikis
94-11902 (RGS) (E.D.Mass.)

1. Aleksandras Lileikis was a paid CIA asset between 1952 and 1957. From Directorate of Operations ("DO") files, it appears that he performed debriefing, linguistic and, possibly, surveillance and preliminary recruitment tasks for CIA. According to documents in the file, Lileikis alleged that he had served as a police official during WWII in Vilnius, Lithuania; in addition, the file contains information from military and civilian agencies which refer to unsubstantiated suspicion that Lileikis' war-time service may have included Nazi-related activities. However, there is no record that CIA was aware of specific facts indicating that Lileikis had concealed elements of his service during the war. According to the file, Lileikis was not witting to his CIA association, believing he was dealing with U.S. Military Intelligence. Finally, the file reflects that Lileikis' association with CIA ended in 1957, when he immigrated to the United States.

2. The Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations has initiated denaturalization proceedings against Lileikis, who is now an American citizen. Both OSI and CIA are attempting to coordinate a response to Lileikis's discovery requests: OSI has prepared a written accounting of those elements of the DO file which they feel are subject to discovery, while the DO's Policy Coordination Staff is actively evaluating the sensitivity of the information contained in the file, and is exploring the possibilities of limited or protected disclosure, as well as possible declassification.

3. It is likely that a copy of Lileikis' DO file, redacted to the "CONFIDENTIAL" level, will be provided to defense counsel within the context of a protective order to be sought from the court.

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