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TEXT
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SUBJECT: LILEIKIS TRIAL SCHEDULED TO PROCEED ON JUNE 26

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR KEITH SMITH FOR REASONS 1.5 (B)
AND (D)

1. (C) EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY THE JUDGE PRESIDING OVER THE TRIAL OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL **ALEKSANDRAS LILEIKIS** THAT THE COURT HAS REVIEWED OVER 400 PAGES OF EVIDENCE AGAINST LILEIKIS PROVIDED BY THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL. TRIAL PROCEEDINGS ("TVARKOMASIS") ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME ON JUNE 26. THE JUDGE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROCEDURE INVOLVES THE COURT'S FINAL QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES IN THE LILEIKIS CASE, AND THE NEXT STAGE WILL BE THE ACTUAL TRIAL.

2. (C) THE AMBASSADOR CHECKED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ABOUT A WEEK AGO ON THIS MATTER AND WAS TOLD THAT THE

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PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE CASE WAS MOVING. THE AMBASSADOR WILL MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN THAT THE LILEIKIS TRIAL TAKE PLACE, AND A VERDICT BE REACHED, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY. EMBOFFS PLAN TO ATTEND THE JUNE 26 PROCEEDINGS.
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