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SUBJECT: Soviet Note Concerning Karl Linnas

The Embassy forwards the original copy of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's note No. 15/USA, demanding the extradition of Karl LINNAS for war crimes, which was received by messenger on February 20, 1962. The contents were summarized in the reference telegram. The Embassy also forwards the Embassy's informal translation of the note and one photostat copy each of the sentence of Linnas, in the Russian and Estonian languages, which were sent as enclosures to the note.

For the Ambassador:

Boris H. Klosson

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Counselor for Political Affairs

Enclosures: (UNCLASSIFIED)

1. Soviet note No. 15/USA, dated Feb. 20, 1962
2. Embassy's informal translation of above note
3. Photostat copy of Linnas' sentence--in Russian
4. Photostat copy of Linnas' sentence--in Estonian

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TRANSLATION

No. 15/USA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America, and with reference to the Ministry's note No. 105/GSA of 2 October 1961, considers it necessary to draw the attention of the Embassy to the fact that the Soviet Government is waiting for a reply to its request to the Government of the USA concerning the handing over to Soviet authorities of the war criminal Karl Linnas, who is responsible for crimes on Soviet territory and extermination of peaceful Soviet citizens in the years of the Second World War.

The absence of a reply on the part of the USA Government cannot but create the impression that the USA Government intends to shield Karl Linnas from responsibility for crimes committed by him and by the same token to refuse to carry out international agreements, signed at one time by the United States of America and the Soviet Union, and also the resolution of the UN General Assembly, in accordance with which military criminals should be handed over to those countries where they committed their crimes for trial and punishment.

The Judicial Collegium for Criminal Affairs of the Supreme Court of the Estonian SSR, having examined the case of Karl Linnas and other criminals connected with him in open session from January 16-20 in the city of Tartu, pronounced the accused K. Linnas guilty of the accusations made against him and sentenced him to death and the confiscation of his property.

In bringing the above to the attention of the USA Government, the Soviet Government again insists on the prompt handing over to Soviet authorities of the military criminal Karl Linnas, who is taking refuge in the USA.

The Ministry encloses with this a copy of the sentence of the trial of Karl Linnas and other military criminals connected with him.

Moscow, 20 February 1962

To the Embassy of the United States of America

Moscow.

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