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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 June 1990

*Dear Mrs. Prunskiene,*

Thank you for the letter which you sent me through the British Embassy in Moscow after my visit to the Soviet Union.

I did indeed raise the question of the Baltic States with President Gorbachev. I was encouraged to hear of his meeting with the three Baltic leaders in Moscow on 12 June. I hope that it will be possible now for talks to begin with the Soviet leadership on practical aspects of Lithuanian independence. I was also very pleased to hear that some of the effects of the Soviet blockade are to be lifted: we have always made clear that coercive measures could only make it more difficult to achieve a satisfactory settlement.

*Warm regards,*

*Yours sincerely*

*James Douglas*

Mrs. Prunskiene



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From the Private Secretary

24 June 1990

See Richard.

LITHUANIA

I enclose the Prime Minister's letter to Mrs. Prunskiene and I should be grateful if you could arrange for its delivery.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLES POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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22 June 1990

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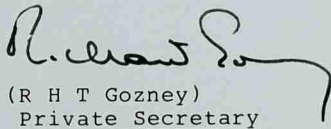
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Lithuania

Thank you for your letter of 14 June. I enclose a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mrs Prunskiene.

We were aware of the involvement of Professor Butler and Dr Lowe in giving advice to the Lithuanian authorities. Both are very respected specialists in international law. We see no need for the Prime Minister to refer to them in her reply to Mrs Prunskiene.

Yours ever,

  
(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

TO

Mrs Prunskiene  
Prime Minister of Lithuania

Thank you for the letter, which you sent me through the British Embassy in Moscow after my visit to the Soviet Union.

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*Ch.*

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*From the Private Secretary*

14 June 1990

**LITHUANIA**

I have seen Moscow telegram No. 1108,  
with the text of a letter to the Prime  
Minister from the Lithuanian Prime Minister.  
I am sure that Mrs. Thatcher will wish to  
reply, and should be grateful for a draft.

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