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SR/2/Lith.

*JZ 1/4*

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*26 January 1957*

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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*201. Suggest reading this before seeing Brazie this week. I consider him to have been very indiscreet in revealing to a newspaper man the exact contents of our proposal to him of last winter, even though he takes our side.*

*Brazie gave a copy of this to JZ and I don't know how many others.*

*1-3: Returned w/ thanks. Very valuable document for our records.*

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This is a translation of a letter written by J. BRAZAITIS to SIMUTIS, Editor of "Draugas" and chairman of ALT (American-Lithuanian Association)

26 January 1957

Mr. L. Simutis  
Editor of "Draugas"  
2334 South Oakley Ave.  
Chicago 8, Illinois

Dear Editor:

Your newspaper "Draugas" published the warnings of VLIK Executive Committee concerning "certain people" who approached "some our compatriots" in the matter of organizing a "Radio Voice of Free Lithuania". In this warning VLIK Executive Committee has also expressed its negative stand with regard to such radio service or as VLIK calls it "Voice", stating as follows: "We would not like to believe that anyone, regardless of his political affiliations would agree to lend his name as a cover for initiation of the 'Radio Voice of Free Lithuania'."

I wish to call your attention, in this letter, to some clarification of the above statement, as well as to direct conclusions that can follow from that statement.

(1) Under "certain persons" VLIK Executive Committee has in mind an American Institution which has agreed to support financially the work done by Lithuanians in the fight against communism. The American act similarly with regard to other nations. This was also done in the case of VLIK for a number of years; first, when it was under the leadership of Mgr. KRUPAVICIUS and later under the chairmanship of Mr. J. MATULIONIS; at the same time the Executive Committee was under the chairmanship of Messrs. SIDZIKAUSKAS, then ZALKAUSKAS and finally Mrs. DAVENIS.

(2) The VLIK Executive Committee, in expressing its hopes that "no one would agree to lend his name as a cover" for a radio service which an American Institution agrees to support, impliedly condemns the activities of such American supported radio service. Thus, VLIK also condemns its own cooperations with the same Americans which lasted until the middle of 1956.

(3) It should be noted that VLIK Executive Committee decided to condemn cooperation with Americans only after the Americans became disappointed with the ineffective operation of the Radio Service and began to urge VLIK to reorganize the radio activities by placing emphasis on competence and specialization, by disassociating such activities from the

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internal fight for prerogative and jurisdiction, and by seeking out the cooperation of known specialists from various groups. Only after VLIK refused to effect this consolidation the Americans withdrew their support of radio activities which until then was rendered via VLIK. Instead, they agreed to support another initiative to organize a radio service.

This is the history as of to date. The question now arises what did the Americans actually undertake or planned to do, in light of the warning of the VLIK Executive Committee to the Lithuanian community not to cooperate with the Americans.

(4) One may judge as to the wishes of the Americans and the part they are to play in cooperation with the Lithuanians in establishing the radio service from the contents of a project which the Americans would support. The project is as follows:

1. The purpose of the radio service is to provide information via radio to Lithuania and to present the Lithuanian point of view.
2. A director is supervising the activities of the radio service in cooperation with other personnel within the framework of an established budget. Radio broadcasts to Lithuania are being conducted according to an established policy line.
3. A radio council (or any other body under a similar name) establishes the Lithuanian policy line, confirms their budget, coordinates the appointment of the director, and approves the personnel selected by the director for the radio service.
4. The radio council is composed of Lithuanians known to the Lithuanian community. The following personalities are envisaged: M. Krupavicius, S. Lozoraitis, V. Rastenis, V. Sidzikauskas, J. Brazaitis (I think at a later date one or two more persons will be included).
5. The radio service is a technical (functional) organ established for a special purpose and does not infringe upon the competence of other organs.

The above project shows that the Americans have left the Lithuanians for freedom not only to choose the people for the radio service but also to establish the Lithuanian policy line, according to which the information will be transmitted to the homeland. The principle desire of the Americans is for the service to function properly.

The VLIK Executive Committee, however, has decided that such plan was to be condemned in public and that the Lithuanian community was to be warned against such a plan.

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(5) If VLIK condemns the Radio Service because it gives a possibility of cooperation among those who are within VLIK with groups outside VLIK and the diplomatic corp, then one quite justly may doubt the sincerity of VLIK's statements that it wishes to cooperate with the diplomats and to achieve consolidation of all forces.

If the VLIK Executive Committee has condemned the above plan for the Radio Service because it gave the possibility for cooperation between Lithuanians and Americans, then one does not have to be an diplomat in order to see in the statements of the VLIK Executive Committee an expression of distrust towards the Americans.

I would like to call your attention to this distrust which was publicly advertised. The question arises why was it necessary to announce it publicly. Could anyone believe that by challenging the Americans openly VLIK enhances its authority and increases its number of friends? Do you believe that the above attitude of VLIK will help you as ALT chairman to find open doors into American official institutions? The question further arises whether VLIK's attitude will help to win confidence for this organization among the Lithuanian community and especially whether VLIK by acting in such a manner is serving properly the Lithuanian cause.

The VLIK Executive Committee could hardly feel so strong to be able to fight simultaneously the Bolsheviks, other Lithuanian groups competing with it and now also the Americans. It means a simultaneous fight on several fronts. It should be noted, however, that while VLIK publicly has condemned cooperation with the Americans, at the same time VLIK has tried to approach the Americans again through the back door requesting financial help.

The VLIK Executive Committee is warning the Lithuanian public to refrain from statements which could help the enemies of Lithuania. In light of this, do you not think, Mr. Editor, that VLIK's statements discussed above would be of such kind which would serve the enemies of Lithuania.

(6) I know that you as an editor and as a leader of Lithuanian political organization are concerned with the Lithuanian cause. I wanted to call your attention to the wrong committed by VLIK against truth, against American institutions, and against the Lithuanian cause. I wanted to call your attention to this matter now in order that when the consequences of the discussed statements will later begin to effect adversely our work, we should not blame each other unjustly and we should not regret undertaking actions without knowing the true situation. With expression of great esteem.

P.S. On this occasion I wish to express my great joy that the auto accident had an happy ending.

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