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**Mr. De Baer**  
President of the Review Board  
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Mr. De Baer:

Having learned with great surprise and dismay that Mr. Kasya Gimzauskas was deprived of his DP status and was therefore refused a visa of entry to the U.S.A., I hold it to be my sacred duty as chairman of the former Lithuanian Anti-Nazi Resistance Committee of Vilnius, Lithuania, during 1942-1944, to bring the following facts to your attention:

1. Mr. Gimzauskas took an active part in the Lithuanian Anti-Nazi resistance movement during the whole Nazi occupation of Lithuania. He was the chief (head) of the intelligence section of the military staff of the "Lithuanian Front" in Vilnius. At the risk of his life (he could hope for no mercy if found out) he performed great services in our stubborn struggle against the Nazi occupiers.
2. Mr. Gimzauskas worked in the so-called Lithuanian Security Police at the express order of the Supreme Resistance Committee. In that post he acted according to the directive of the Committee. One of his duties was to find out the intentions of the Nazi occupation government regarding the local inhabitants, such as attempts to mobilize Lithuanian youth, deport people for forced labor in Germany, make arrests, etc. Mr. Gimzauskas carried out his orders fearlessly and cleverly, and thanks to the accurate information he furnished us, we were able to

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save thousands of Lithuanians from deportation, mobilization against the Allies, prison, or death.

- I am most happy to take this opportunity to state that Mr. Gimzauskas, having learned of the decision of the Gestapo to arrest me, warned me and enabled me to escape. The Gestapo agents who came to arrest me during the night of March 17, 1943, found only an empty apartment. Thanks to this man, I escaped an arrest which would have meant certain death. I was later able to hide until the beginning of the second Soviet occupation of Lithuania.

I positively affirm that Mr. Gimzauskas, in working in the Lithuanian Security Police, acted only on the instructions of the Lithuanian underground leaders and served Lithuanian patriotic interests and those of the Western Allies. I entreat you to right the grievous wrong done him because of false witness. I firmly believe that in the name of justice, humanity and our common interests at this critical moment, this will be done.

Sincerely yours,

*Pranas Padziakis*  
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Ludwigsburg, on 5th November, 1951

To: DP Commission at Ludwigsburg

I, Dipl. Ing. Pilypas KARUTIS, born on 26.5.1920, member of the Board of the Lithuanian Resistance Movement against the Bolsheviks and Nazis "The Lithuanian Front" and former political prisoner under the No. 21244 at KZ Stutthof by Danzig, state the following:

Mr. Steys GIMZAUSKAS, born on January 3th, 1908, an active member of the Antinazi-resistance has performed, risking his and his family's life, a great work of resistance during the German occupation of Lithuania.

The false denunciations of suspicious persons who had relations with red, hindered the emigration of Mr. Gimzauskas three years.

At last Mr. Gimzauskas was again rejected by DP Commission because of his working in Lithuanian SD (Lithuanian Security Department). From the side of DP Commission in this case was made a great mistake. LITHUANIAN SECURITY DEPARTMENT WAS NOT THE SAME AS GERMAN SD (Sicherheitsdienst) OR SA (Sturmabteilung) - LITHUANIAN POLICE AND LITHUANIAN SECURITY DEPARTMENT WAS NOT A PART OF FRONTS. Mr. Gimzauskas worked in this police under the order of the Supreme Committee of Lithuanian Antinazi Resistance.

May I remember to the DP Commission to pay an attention, that the Chief of Lithuanian Security Department Mr. Steys CERNIS and Chief of Section Mr. Povilas ZICAVS emigrated to USA under DP act.

I as a member managing Central Committee of Association of Lithuanian Antinazi Resistance, former political prisoners ask herewith the DP Commission:

- a) to review the case of Mr. Gimzauskas as soon as possible
- and b) to rectify the injury, which was made to Mr. Gimzauskas our very estimated collaborator in Antinazi-resistance, and recall the rejection.



Dipl. Ing. Pilypas KARUTIS  
Member of the Managing Central Committee of Association of the Lithuanian Antinazi Resistance, former political prisoners, living Mircingen, Mühlsteinlager, St. II/10.

Ludwigsburg, 11.11.51 2192/18 *A. Silde* A. SILDE

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