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SUBJECT: LATVIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WANT IMPRISONED  
STUDENT SENT HOME FROM IRAQ

REFS: A) RIGA 1386, B) RIGA 1381

1. AMBASSADOR ON NOVEMBER 14 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM 13  
LATVIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS REQUESTING THAT LATVIAN  
STUDENT [REDACTED] BE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN IRAQ  
AND "DEPORTED" TO LATVIA. MOST OF THE MPS BELONG TO  
THE FARMERS' AND GREENS' PARTY, A MEMBER OF THE  
GOVERNING COALITION. WE PASS ALONG THE TEXT OF THE  
LETTER FOR THE LIGHT IT SHEDS ON SENTIMENTS IN  
PARLIAMENT ABOUT THE DETAINEE'S SITUATION.

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2. BEGIN TEXT.

13 NOVEMBER 2003

H.E. BRIAN CARLSON  
U.S. AMBASSADOR

ON THE LATVIAN CITIZEN [REDACTED] DETAINED IN  
IRAQ.

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THE LATVIAN PRESS HAS PUBLISHED INFORMATION THAT A  
LATVIAN CITIZEN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS BEING HELD IN  
CUSTODY IN THE U.S.-CONTROLLED ZONE IN IRAQ. ACCORDING  
TO [REDACTED] HE HAS LEFT FOR THE  
MIDDLE EAST FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN A LETTER TO HIS  
RELATIVES [REDACTED] WRITES THAT HE HAS BEEN  
DETAINED AS A "POTENTIAL FOREIGN MERCENARY" AND THAT HE  
IS BEING HELD IN CUSTODY IN THE BUCABUCRALAND PRISON.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT LATVIAN SOLDIERS ARE SERVING  
IN IRAQ AS PART OF THE COALITION TROOPS AND ARE  
DEFENDING THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY IN IRAQ AND IN  
VIEW OF THE FACT THAT LATVIA CONDEMNS ANY  
MANIFESTATIONS OF DICTATORSHIP, WE DEEM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PRESENCE IN THE IRAQI PRISON A TRAGIC  
MISUNDERSTANDING. WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT OUR CURIOUS  
CITIZEN [REDACTED] BE RELEASED AND DEPORTED TO  
LATVIA AND HANDED OVER TO THE LATVIAN LAW-ENFORCEMENT  
INSTITUTIONS UNTIL THE REASONS FOR HIS PRESENCE IN IRAQ  
ARE CLARIFIED.

PLEASE INFORM THE SAEIMA (NOTE: PARLIAMENT) OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LATVIA ABOUT THE LEGAL JUSTIFICATION FOR  
[REDACTED] DETENTION AND ALLOW HIM TO CONTACT HIS  
[REDACTED]

SINCERELY,

MEMBERS OF THE ZZS FACTION:  
(SIGNED)

END TEXT.

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