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FROM: PRESIDENT

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cc: VP McLarty Other _____

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COMMENTS:
*Date Letter Mar 10.
 This is a replacement
 letter for original letter
 which had a typo.
 Thanks.*

Cathy

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cc: _____ VP _____ McLarty _____ Other _____

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COMMENTS:

22 FEB 93 6:31

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 I tried to reach you this even
 but we did not connect -
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 If so, you need something about independence.
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 Nancy

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The White House

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DATE: 11 MAR 93

MEMORANDUM FOR: GROSSMAN, M

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TO: KOVAC, MICHEL

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 10 MAR 93

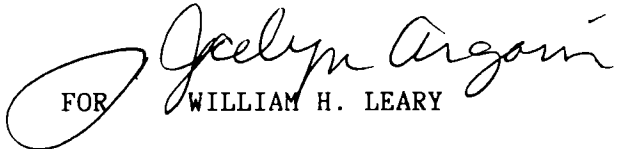
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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 11 MAR 93

COMMENT:

FOR


WILLIAM H. LEARY

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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FROM WILLIAM H. ITOH JB 612
(NAME) (PHONE NUMBER) (ROOM NO.)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION PRES LTR OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO NEW SLOVAK PRESIDENT 0798

TO (AGENCY)	DELIVER TO	DEPT/ROOM NO.	PHONE NUMBER
<u>STATE</u>	<u>MR. MARC GROSSMAN</u>	<u>EXEC SEC</u>	

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DUE DATE: 01 APR 93

COMMENT: THIS IS A NEW ORIGINAL W/ TYPO FIXED.

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W. Leary
WILLIAM H. LEARY

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1993

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to you on your election as President of the Slovak Republic.

The United States shared a long and friendly relationship with the people of Czechoslovakia. The many Slovaks who immigrated to the United States over the years have made a positive contribution in our own country. We look forward to continuing this relationship with the people of the newly independent Slovak Republic.

Your country faces great challenges in strengthening and cementing Slovakia's democratic institutions, pursuing sometimes painful economic reform, and ensuring freedom for all the people of Slovakia. I strongly believe that this is the only path if our shared goals of security and prosperity for the Slovak Republic are to be achieved. I would like to assure you of our commitment to continue to support your efforts in these areas.

Your leadership, alongside other regional leaders, will be essential to ensure stability, security, and prosperity for all the nations of Central and Eastern Europe, and at times, farther afield. I am looking forward to working together with you to advance these causes in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

His Excellency
Michal Kovac
President of the Slovak Republic
Bratislava

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1993

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
3-10-93

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE 
SUBJECT: Letter of Congratulations to New Slovak President

Purpose

To send a letter of congratulations to Michal Kovac on his election as President of the Slovak Republic.

Background

President Kovac was elected on February 15 as the first democratically elected president of Slovakia. The newly created position of President (in parallel with the new Czech presidency filled by Vaclav Havel) is limited in its powers, but may serve as an important check on the more nationalist, traditionalist Prime Minister Meciar. Since his election, Kovac has made statements indicating he is more sensitive to concerns we have voiced over political and economic reform and the status of the Hungarian minority. In the letter at Tab A, we have stressed our support for continuing progress on reforms.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Kovac

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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February 22, 1993

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: JENONNE WALKER

FROM: BETH SANNER

SUBJECT: Letter of Congratulations to President of Slovakia

At Tab A is a letter of congratulations to the new President of Slovakia, Michael Kovac, for President Clinton's signature. State Department has recommended a signed original letter be sent to Kovac, to parallel the letter sent to Havel last week. NSC concurs.

It is important that we treat Slovakia firmly on issues of concern to us, particularly political and economic reform and minority rights. Nonetheless, we should strive to avoid signs that the U.S. has already assigned Slovakia to second class citizenship among our East European allies, as this will only encourage Meciar to look east rather than west. Kovac has shown much more sensitivity to the views of the West and may serve as a moderating influence on Meciar. We strive to encourage him to do so with this letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memo and letter to the President for signature.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President

Tab A Letter of Congratulations

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Sincerely,

His Excellency
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President of the Slovak Republic
Bratislava

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(1st President?)
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Nazi
Project
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12-Mar-1993 00:43 EDT

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SIGLER@A1@WHSR
SANNER@A1@OEOB
OLEARY@A1@WHSR
FICKLIN@A1@OEOB

FROM: White House Situation Room
(WHSR@A1@WHSR)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SLOVAK PRESIDENT KOVAC

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SLOVAK PRESIDENT KOVAC

1. FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO
PRESIDENT KOVAC, WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER AT THE
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. A SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW. THE
WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT. BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF THE SLOVAKS CHOOSE TO DO SO.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC.

THE UNITED STATES SHARED A LONG AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE MANY SLOVAKS WHO IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES OVER THE YEARS HAVE MADE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT SLOVAK REPUBLIC.

YOUR COUNTRY FACES GREAT CHALLENGES IN STRENGTHENING AND CEMENTING SLOVAKIA'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, PURSUING SOMETIMES PAINFUL ECONOMIC REFORM. AND ENSURING FREEDOM FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF SLOVAKIA. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY PATH IF OUR SHARED GOALS OF SECURITY AND PROSPERITY FOR THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC ARE TO BE ACHIEVED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS.

YOUR LEADERSHIP, ALONGSIDE OTHER REGIONAL LEADERS WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE STABILITY. SECURITY, AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL THE NATIONS OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND AT TIMES, FARTHER AFIELD. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU TO ADVANCE THESE CAUSES IN THE YEARS TO COME.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON CHRISTOPHER

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TO: ITOH

FROM: GROSSMAN, M

DOC DATE: 28 APR 94
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KEYWORDS: SLOVAK REPUBLIC
HUMAN RIGHTS

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LEGAL ISSUES

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM PRES OF SLOVAKIA

ACTION: NO REPLY REQUIRED PER STATE

DUE DATE: 12 MAR 94 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: FRIED

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9404136

Date April 28, 1994

FOR: Mr. William Itoh
Executive Secretary
National Security Council Staff
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Clinton

From: President of Slovakia

Date: January 21, 1994

Subj: Clemency for Ivo Nabelek

WH Referral Dated: _____
NSCS ID# (if any): _____

_____ The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

_____ A draft reply is attached.

_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.

_____ A translation is attached.

_____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

X We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.

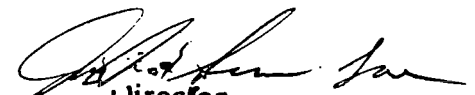
_____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.

_____ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

We believe that a response would encourage the belief that the President can, and should, influence the outcome of criminal trials. In addition, the young man's sentence was reduced to 15 years and he is eligible for parole in three years.

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Director
Secretariat Staff

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OFFICE OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Bratislava
January 21, 1994

Dear Mr. President:

Permit me to express my pleasure over the results of the meeting you had in Prague with representatives of the countries of the Visegrad Four. I would also like to convey my appreciation for the content and significance of our bilateral talks concerning the Slovak Republic. They were a definite stimulus to the development of relations between our country and the United States of America.

During our meeting I did not have a chance to express my gratitude for the opportunities you have offered our young people to study at American universities and institutions. Many of them, after completing their studies, have not only gone on to important positions in the Slovak government, academia, and business, but have continued working to promote the development of relations between our countries.

Unfortunately, an isolated, regrettable incident has occurred, which I have decided to write you about after much reflection.

In February 1993, a young Slovak violinist, Ivo Nabelek, a student at Rice University in Houston, Texas, was arrested and quickly sentenced to 40 years' imprisonment on a charge of alleged sexual molestation. On the basis of testimony of a psychologist, the dean of the school where Mr. Nabelek was enrolled, and the intercesssion of many people who are well acquainted with Mr. Nabelek, judicial proceedings that are to decide the fate of this young man will resume in early February.

I therefore appeal to you, Mr. President, for aid in solving this case. I believe you will take the steps provided to you under the laws of your country and international agreements to make the final verdict a fair one, taking into account the defendant's spotless record. The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington has all the information germane to this unfortunate case.

Allow me to thank you in advance for your attention and assistance, and to assure you of my great respect for you.

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His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

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President of the Slovak Republic
Bratislava, January 21, 1994

Dear Mr. President :

Let me express my pleasure in regards to the results of the Visegrad Four 'countries representatives' meeting in Prague with whom you met. I would like as well to praise the contents and importance of our bilateral talks regarding the Slovak Republic. They have become a distinctive impulse to the development of our countrys' relations with the United States.

During our meeting I did not have a chance to thank you for creating the opportunities for our young people to study at American Universities and Institutions. Many of them, having studied in different fields, have not only been assigned to important positions in the Slovak Government, non-government agencies and economic posts, but they also continue to strenghten the development between our countries.

Unfortunately, a regrettable incident has taken place which I have decided to write you upon after review. A young Slovak violinist named Ivo Nabelek, a student at Rice University in Houston, Texas, was arrested in February 1993 and later sentenced to 40 years in prison in connection with alleged sexual harassment charges. On the basis of the evidence of a psychiatrist, dean of the faculty where Mr. Nabelek studied, and other interventions of many people who know Mr. Nabelek rather well, the judicial proceedings which have to judge the final fate of this young person will be renewed in February.

For this reason I turn to you, Mr. President, asking for your help in solving this case as I believe that you can. In taking the steps which the laws of your country and international treaties allow you to do, so that the final verdict can be a justified one, taking into consideration that until now, the accused has had a spotless record. The Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Washington has all the relevant information about this unfortunate case.

Let me thank you ahead of time for your attention and assistance, and renew to you the assurances of my highest esteem for you.

His Excellency
William J. Clinton
President
United States of America
Washington, D.C.



Prezident Slovenskej republiky

V Bratislave dňa 21. januára 1994

Vážený pán prezident Clinton,

dovoľte mi, aby som vyjadril svoje potešenie nad výsledkami stretnutia najvyšších predstaviteľov krajín Višeγράdskej štvorky s Vami v Prahe. Taktiež by som chcel oceniť obsah a význam našich bilaterálnych rozhovorov pre Slovenskú republiku. Stali sa výrazným impulzom rozvoja vzťahov našej krajiny so Spojenými štátmi americkými.

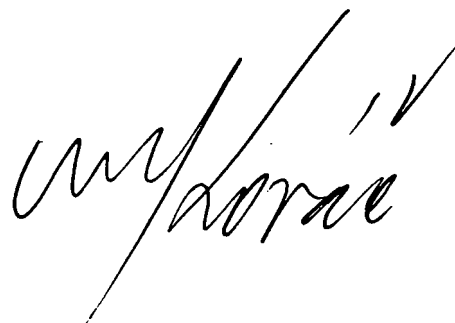
Počas nášho stretnutia som nemal príležitosť vyjadriť poďakovanie za možnosti štúdia našich mladých ľudí na amerických univerzitách a inštitúciách. Mnohí z nich sa po absolvovaní rôznych študijných pobytov stali nielen výraznou posilou pre slovenské inštitúcie a ekonomickú sféru, ale aj naďalej prispievajú k rozvoju vzťahov medzi našimi krajinami. Bohužiaľ stal sa ojedinelý, poľutovaniahodný prípad, o ktorom som sa po dôkladnom uvážení rozhodol napísať Vám.

Mladý slovenský violista, Ivo Nábělek, študent Rice University v Houstone, Texas, bol vo februári 1993 uväznený a neskôr odsúdený na 40 rokov väzenia v súvislosti s údajným sexuálnym obťažovaním. Na základe výpovedí psychológa, dekana fakulty, na ktorej pán Nábělek študoval, ako aj ďalších intervencií mnohých osôb, ktoré pána Nábělka dobre poznajú, bude začiatkom februára obnovený súdny proces, ktorý by mal s konečnou platnosťou rozhodnúť o osude tohoto mladého človeka.

Obraciam sa preto na Vás, vážený pán prezident, so žiadosťou o Vašu pomoc pri riešení tohoto prípadu a verím, že urobíte kroky, ktoré Vám umožňujú zákony Vašej krajiny ako aj medzinárodné dohovory, aby konečný rozsudok bol spravodlivý

a zohľadnil doterajšiu bezúhonnosť obvineného. Všetkými relevantnými informáciami o tomto nešťastnom prípade disponuje aj veľvyslanectvo Slovenskej republiky vo Washingtone.

Dovoľte mi dopredu poďakovať sa Vám za Vašu pozornosť a pomoc a zároveň Vás uistiť o svojej hlbokkej úcte.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miroslav Kopecký", with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Jeho Excelencia
William J. Clinton
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August 24, 1994

TO: WILL ITOH:

In order for Madeleine Albright to be able to handcarry the letter, it must reach the Department of State NLT noon tomorrow, August 25.

Please let me know as soon as it is signed and I will facilitate getting it to State.

Thank you.



Dick Schifter

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1994

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the people of the United States, I want to pay tribute to the valiant Slovaks who 50 years ago rose to fight the scourge of fascism and, in the words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, joined "gloriously in the ranks of nations united against tyranny." I have asked Ambassador Madeleine Albright, who is a member of my Cabinet and National Security Council and who cares deeply about your region, to convey this letter to you personally.

The Slovak National Uprising, undertaken in August 1944 against overwhelming odds, stands as a testament to the Slovak people's desire to live in freedom and their rejection of the intolerance and cruelty of fascism.

We salute the brave men and women of the Uprising, who fought courageously for months against vastly superior forces. They knew that the cost of liberty is high, and they were willing to pay the highest price so that their nation might someday be free of oppression.

We take pride in remembering that Slovaks and Americans fought shoulder to shoulder in this noble cause; we join with you in honoring the memory of their sacrifices. Today, thanks to the determination of those who refused to let hopeless odds deter them from their fight against all forms of totalitarianism, we find ourselves in a better world.

Slovakia is now a full member of the international community, with a shared commitment to the development of democracy and respect for the rights of the individual. And the people of the United States pledge to aid Slovakia as it builds a democratic, pluralistic nation, that the sacrifice of those who fell during the Uprising will not have been in vain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

His Excellency
Michal Kovac
President of the Slovak Republic
Bratislava

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 24, 1994

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE *TL*

SUBJECT:

Letter to Slovak President Kovac

Purpose

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Slovak Uprising.

Background

Madeleine Albright would like to personally deliver your letter to President Kovac, as she heads up the U.S. delegation attending the ceremonies commemorating the anniversary of the Slovak Uprising.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to President Kovac at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Slovak President Kovac

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 24, 1994

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

FROM: RICHARD SCHIFTER *RS*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Slovak President Kovac

State has suggested that Madeleine Albright personally deliver a letter from the President to Slovak President Kovac on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Slovak uprising during her visit commemorating this event. Attached at Tab A is a suggested draft letter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Suggested Letter to President Kovac

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President of the Slovak Republic
Bratislava
October 20, 1995

Esteemed Mr. President:

The very fact that I find myself forced to resort to this way of informing you and the U.S. Government about our internal affairs indicates that they are unusual.

I regret to say that political tension in my country has not diminished; on the contrary, it has risen. As is known, the cause of this exacerbation is the prime minister's ongoing effort to concentrate more and more governmental power in his own hands, to extend his control over activities that should be autonomous (that are part of the self-administrating system), to govern without public oversight, either by the opposition or by the general public. By exploiting his parliamentary majority, he has succeeded in imposing total control on the government-supported public media -- television and radio -- and he is now threatening, by means of underhanded maneuvers, to curtail even the independent daily press which is critical of his undemocratic style of governing. He totally dominates the secret service, which is inaccessible to oversight by the opposition, and exerts inadmissible pressure on the attorney general as well as on the independent police corps. Our democracy and the principles of a law-governed state face a serious threat. The only obstacles left on the path to almost absolute power are the president and the Constitutional Court, and also, in part, the opposition which is, however, excluded, for all practical purposes, from any control over the executive power.

Using the privatization process which the government manipulates so as to favor its own supporters, the prime minister is creating a permanent economic base for his political party. In addition, he enforces conformity by redistributing budgetary resources in the form of subsidies and appropriations. Cities and communities which have elected mayors from the ranks of the governing coalition parties, particularly Mr. Meciar's own party, receive preferential support. Budgetary cuts have seriously curtailed the activity of the Office of the President and also, to some extent, that of the Constitutional Court. To give an example, by cutting my budget for 1995, Mr. Meciar has forced me to reduce my staff from 95 to 65. What is more, in the draft 1996 budget, he wants to go even further and thus reduce my effectiveness.

Whenever the president, the opposition and the independent press criticize the restraints imposed on democracy or efforts to create an authoritarian regime in the Slovak Republic, the prime minister and the entire governmental coalition, including the parliamentary majority, respond by blaming these critics for challenging democratic practices, for harming the image of Slovakia abroad, and myself in particular for being a

traitor. Critical commentaries involving the government, whether from domestic or foreign sources, are dubbed an anti-Slovak conspiracy. As a result, the public, which yearns for democracy, has a difficult time differentiating truth from falsehood and establishing who, in reality, is the one endangering democracy and doing damage to the good name of Slovakia abroad. This is further reinforced by the minimal attention paid by television and radio to reporting news critical of the government's undemocratic practices. The prime minister, as well as other members of the cabinet, in particular the foreign minister and the state secretary in the foreign ministry, have been successful in concealing from the public critical statements issued by the European Union's governments as well as by the U.S. Government, that take note of the undemocratic missteps committed by Mr. Meciar's government. Virtually every meeting with a foreign partner is reported in such a way that the formal pleasantries and well-intentioned words of recognition and appreciation addressed to the Slovak Republic are represented as praise in support for the government. At the same time, the carefully phrased criticism of the government's undemocratic practices is never communicated to the public. This is designed to create the impression that its foreign partners actually praise the government while the president and the opposition criticize and denounce it abroad, thereby harming the good name of Slovakia.

In his political attacks on me, the prime minister will stoop to any means. When he cannot find any constitutional provisions for removing me from my office, he does not hesitate to attempt to discredit me morally; nor does he limit himself to fabricating phony accusations. Lately, with the help of secret police, he has concocted a story involving my son in alleged criminal activity. As a result, an international warrant for the arrest of my son was issued in December 1994. And while my son was preparing to defend himself and voluntarily face a German court on 31 July 1995, the prime minister, together with the director of the secret police, organized a violent coup, in the course of which my son was abducted to Austria. The Austrian police had no choice and, on the basis of the existing international warrant, were obliged to detain him. He has remained in detention since that very day. Obviously, this affair was supposed to demonstrate that he is a criminal. The search for the perpetrators of this criminal act of depriving my son unlawfully of his freedom, of forcefully abducting him to a foreign country, and threatening his life has so far been conducted with some success by the police. What they have uncovered to this point is enough to confirm that this criminal act was the work of the secret police -- the Slovak Information Service. But the prime minister, by unlawfully intervening with the conduct of the inquiry, seems bent on preventing its conclusion. To date, two honest investigators have been removed from the case, and their documents have been taken away from them.

The violent abduction of the president's son has shocked a good part of our public; it has also instilled in many people, including public personalities, the sort of fear that filled their lives during the days of the totalitarian regime.

Since I have the support of the majority of our public, of the entire opposition, of representatives of almost all the churches, of the majority of the academic community and civic associations, I have resolved to resist the prime minister's and the parliamentary majority's calls for my resignation. I am ready not to yield and to defend democracy and the foreign-policy interests of my country, if I may so, until my last breath. I trust that democracy and justice will ultimately prevail in my country.

Still, we find ourselves in need, on the one hand, of more visible political support for the efforts of the democratic forces, and, on the other hand, criticism of the undemocratic practices of the prime minister and his governing coalition, that is less diplomatic and more pointed.

The citizens that supported Mr. Meciar during the last elections in September 1994, when he took 35 percent of the vote, did so because they were convinced that he would dedicate himself to fostering democracy and introducing the country to NATO and to the European structures, specifically to the European Union. Those among them who still believe that that is what his government is doing now continue to support him without realizing that members of the European Union and the U.S. Government are disturbed by the political developments in the country. The prime minister knows very well that the major condition for Slovakia's entry into NATO and the European Union is democracy -- its stabilization and respect for its application in daily life. He is also well aware of the criticism addressed to him in regard to his reliance on undemocratic practices. Yet in spite of this, he has not renounced these practices but persists in them. He did not hesitate to insert the secret service into his political struggle with the president and to prompt it to perpetrate a criminal act. What is more, he did not mind breaching several laws while he sought to prevent an orderly inquiry into the event. Our government constantly proclaims its interest in NATO and European Union membership. Simultaneously, however, it keeps ignoring well-intentioned friendly criticism of its disdain for democracy and the principles of a state based on the rule of law. I am sure that it is well aware that degraded and deprived democracy cannot bring Slovakia membership in these structures. The prime minister is deliberately counting on Slovakia being rejected by the empowered member states so that he can then say what he already said on one occasion: "Since they do not want us in the West, we are going to the East."

Esteemed Mr. President, we must not allow this. The Slovak nation does not deserve such a fate. Slovakia must not get stuck in isolation. The West has to demonstrate a greater, and to our public more comprehensible, solidarity with the democratic forces in Slovak society.

At the same time, our public must learn the truth about the opinions held by the U.S. Government and Administration, as well by the representatives of the European Union, concerning the undemocratic practices of the current Slovak government and, above all, its prime minister. This is the road along which to proceed to the salvation of democracy and principles of a law-governed state in the Slovak Republic, and also to Slovakia's integration into NATO and European structures.

With the exception of the government and the parliamentary majority, all of us here in Slovakia are doing whatever we can to secure that goal. We also pray for the Lord's help.

Thank you, Dear Mr. President, for your understanding and your help.

Respectfully yours,

Signed: Michal Kovac

His Excellency
William J. Clinton,
President of the United States of America

Prezident Slovenskej republiky

Bratislava 20. októbra 1995

Vážený pán prezident,

skutočnosť, že som nútený použiť tento spôsob, aby som Vás a vládu USA informoval o našich vnútorných pomeroch, svedčí o niečom čo je neobvyklé.

S poľutovaním musím konštatovať, že politické napätie v mojej krajine, nepoľavilo, ale naopak. Ako je známe jeho príčinou je pretrvávajúca snaha predsedu vlády koncentrovať stále viac vládnej moci do vlastných rúk, rozširovať kontrolu nad činnosťami, ktoré majú byť vykonávané autonómne /samosprávnym systémom/, vládnuť bez verejnej kontroly či už zo strany opozície alebo verejnosti. Podarilo sa mu dostať s využitím parlamentnej väčšiny pod úplnú kontrolu verejno-právne médiá, televíziu a rozhlas, rôznymi zákulisnými zásahmi ohrozuje aj nezávislosť dennej tlače, ktorá je kritická proti nedemokratickým praktikám vládnutia. Plne ovláda tajnú informačnú službu, nad ktorou nemá žiadnu kontrolu opozícia, nepripustným spôsobom ovplyvňuje generálnu prokuratúru a nezávislosť policajného zboru. Naša demokracia a princípy právneho štátu sú vážne ohrozené. Prekážkou na ceste k takmer absolútnej moci je už len prezident a Ústavný súd a čiastočne opozícia, ktorá je prakticky vylúčená z možnosti kontroly výkonnej moci.

Prostredníctvom privatizácie, v rámci ktorej uprednostňuje vláda svojich straníckych stúpcov si zabezpečuje trvalejšie ekonomické zázemie pre svoju politickú stranu. Vynucuje si poslušnosť aj prostredníctvom prerozdelenia rozpočtových finančných prostriedkov formou subvencií či dotácií. Mestá a obce, v ktorých primátori sú príslušníci vládnej koalície, najmä však strany pána Mečiara, sú zásadne zvýhodnené

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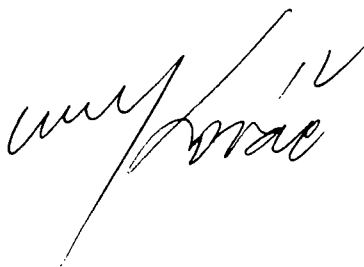
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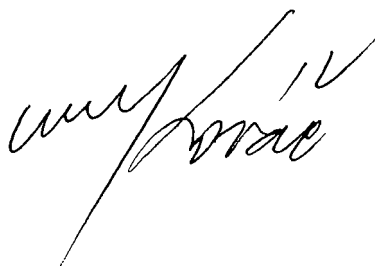
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