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Thaps Loxovites,
Ancien Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
de Lithuanie,
présente ses meilleurs compli-
ments à M. S. Reber et se
permet de rappeler à son

aimable souvenir la de-
mande qu'il a eu l'hon-
neur d'exposer et dont
il joint ici le pro mé-
ris.

Rome, le 9 septembre 1944.

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
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October 3, 1944.

Dear Bill:

With reference to your letter of September 18, 1944, transmitting a memorandum from A. Loxoraitis, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs for Lithuania, I am returning the memorandum herewith. If it is necessary to make any reply to A. Loxoraitis, I would suggest that you tell him that Lithuanian citizens, as well as citizens of Estonia and Latvia, are considered, in the absence of specific evidence to the contrary in individual cases, by the Allied authorities to be friendly and there is no question of discriminatory treatment against them. I am sending a copy in transmission of A. Loxoraitis' memorandum to the Department for its information, together with an indication of the suggested reply to be used by you.

The other enclosure to your letter, which is the original copy of a communication to the Political Section from the Internment and Displaced Persons Section is likewise returned. I have marked with a check mark the following nationalities whose governments, I believe, are members of the United Nations, although I confess that we do not have any authentic list in this office:

American	Albanian	Maltese
Belgian	El Salvador	Mexican
Canadian	Equator	Norwegian
British	French	Nicaragua
Canadian	Greek	Polish
Chinese	Guatemala	Panama
Czechoslovak	Holland	Peru
Chile	Ronduras	Soviet Russian
Czechoslovakian	Irish	San Domingo
Columbian	Yugoslav Nationals	Uruguay
Cuba	Yugoslav Partisans	Venezuela
	Luxembourg	

I have marked with a circle those who, although not members of the United Nations, are considered, in the absence of specific evidence to the contrary in individual cases, to be "friendly": Albanian, Danish, Armani, Syrian.

Russians are neutrals.

Jews and White Russians take their character from their citizenship. Stateless Jews would be normally considered to be friendly in the absence of specific evidence to the contrary. Stateless White Russians have presumably been screened by the security authorities.

To Mr. [unclear]

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To reply to the specific questions: (1) The correct term is "member of the United Nations" rather than "allied nations" (2) There is normally no relationship between White Russians and Soviet Russians other than a racial one, since White Russians are either stateless or have acquired the citizenship of some other country; (3) The position with respect to Yugoslavia is that we recognize the Royal Yugoslav Government which, in turn, has recognized the Partisan organization as being the de facto administrative authority in the larger part of Yugoslavia. The latter, in turn, recognizes the Royal Government as its representative in foreign affairs. Both groups are considered friendly from our point of view, but it is usually wise to keep the well separated one from another.

I trust the foregoing satisfactorily answers the questions raised in the attached memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

A/C. Office
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Enclosure:

1. Original memorandum
from A. J. F. J. J.
2. Original memorandum from
Internal Security Division
Section to Field and Liaison

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 334

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12 September 1944

Dear Office,

Enclosed please find a memorandum from ~~Mr. Wm~~ Stasys Loxoraitis, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, which you may be good enough to read and return with your views regarding it. It covers up the problem of recognition of various nationality groups in occupied territory.

I also enclose a memorandum from the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.C.C., with which you may be good enough to help me as I have no official list of the position of the various nations mentioned, nor has the Office of Mr. Kirk.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Enclosures:

Pro-memorandum, S. Loxoraitis
Ltr DT/482/15.36; 11 Sep 44

C. Office, Esquire,
Office of the U.S. Political Adviser,
Allied Forces Headquarters, APO 512.

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Pro memoria.

Le 12 juillet 1944, M. Stasys Lozoraitis, reçu, sur sa demande, par M. Samuel Reber (Political Section of A.C.C.), a eu le plaisir de lui exposer verbalement la demande d'accorder aux citoyens de la République de Lithuanie, résidents à Rome, le traitement réservé aux ressortissants des Nations Unies.

A l'appui de cette requête, M. Lozoraitis fit valoir les suivantes raisons d'ordre politique, moral et formel.

La Lithuanie est un de ces Etats européens qui, les premiers, se sont opposés aux visées expansionnistes de l'Allemagne et en particulier du Reich nazi. Elle aussi est victime de l'agression, voire des agressions répétées. Toute la politique de la Lithuanie avant et au cours de cette guerre témoigne de son attachement aux mêmes idéaux et principes qui sont proclamés comme base de la politique des Nations Unies.

Dans la lutte pour son indépendance, le peuple lithuanien résiste activement aussi contre l'occupation allemande, en donnant par cela sa contribution

à la guerre contre l'Allemagne.

La Lituanie, il est vrai, n'a pas eu la possibilité d'adhérer formellement à la Déclaration de Washington du 1 janvier 1942. Toutefois, cette circonstance ne semble pas pouvoir être de portée décisive pour la requête en question, car, l'Albanie ne se trouvant pas, elle non plus, parmi les Parties Contractantes de la Déclaration de Washington, les Albanais sont pourtant traités comme citoyens des Nations Unies (Communiqué de l'ACC, "Corriere di Roma" du 28 juin 1944.).

En outre, il y a lieu de relever, à titre subsidiaire, que même les Russes non soviétiques jouissent d'un traitement préférentiel (Communiqué de l'AMC, "Corriere di Roma" du 23 juin 1944.).

En répondant à la question de M. Reber, concernant les titres en vertu desquels M. Lozoraitis présentait la requête, ce dernier déclara que tous les Lituanais en Italie, sans exception aucune, le reconnaissaient toujours comme leur représentant.

Finalement, M. Lozoraitis demanda d'étendre les facilitations en question aussi aux Estoniens et aux Lettons, en ajoutant que, le cas échéant, les représentants de ceux-ci ne manqueraient pas d'en faire les démarches nécessaires.

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