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REYKJAVIK TELNO 27 (NOT TO ALL): LITHUANIA: SOVIET PROTEST OVER ICELANDIC RECOGNITION

SUMMARY

1. ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR SUMMONED TO RECEIVE FORMAL PROTEST AT ALTHING'S RESOLUTION ON LITHUANIA.

DETAIL

2. STEFANSSON (ICELANDIC EMBASSY) HAS TOLD US THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WAS SUMMONED YESTERDAY (13 FEBRUARY) TO RECEIVE A FORMAL PROTEST ABOUT THE RESOLUTION PASSED IN THE ICLEANDIC PARLIAMENT ON 11 FEBRUARY ASSERTING THAT ICELAND RECOGNISES LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE, HAS DONE SO SINCE 1922, AND WISHES TO RE ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. STEFANSSON ADDED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN REYKJAVIK HAS BEEN RECALLED, AND THE ICELANDIC EMBASSY HERE ARE NOW WAITING TO SEE IF THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BREAK IN RELATIONS.

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