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BALTIC STATES/ICELAND

1. AT NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON 22 AUGUST, ICELANDIC REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD WRITTEN TODAY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATVIA AND ESTONIA.
2. THE LETTER TO THE LATVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REAFFIRMED ICELANDIC RECOGNITION OF LATVIAN INDEPENDENCE AND SAID THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT WAS 'READY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF RE-ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES'.
3. IN HIS LETTER TO THE ESTONIAN, HANNIBALSSON REAFFIRMED ICELANDIC RECOGNITION OF ESTONIA AS 'AN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC STATE', AND STATED THAT IN RESPONSE TO MERI'S APPEAL TO 'RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES', HE WAS AUTHORISED TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ESTONIANS FOR THAT PURPOSE.
4. FULL TEXTS BY FAX TO SOVIET DEPARTMENT.

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