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SUMMARY

- 1. PREDICTIONS FOR ASSAULT BY SOVIET FORCES IN RIGA AND VILNIUS.
[REDACTED] BUT POSSIBLE REALISATION BY AUTHORITIES THAT USE OF FORCE CARRIES POLITICAL COST. APPRECIATION OF UK STATEMENTS AND EC DECISION.

DETAIL

- 2. MR AND MRS LOGAN VISITED RIGA AND VILNIUS ON 14/16 JANUARY. THEY MET AMONG OTHERS THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF LATVIA AND THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PREMIER OF LITHUANIA. LITTLE SPECIFICALLY NEW EMERGED FROM THEIR TALKS, BUT THE FOLLOWING GNEERAL IMPRESSION ARE WORTH REPORTING.

GENERAL SITUATION

(A) RIGA

- 3. THROUGHOUT THE OLD CITY BARRICADES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED FROM VEHICLES, CONCRETE BLOCKJS, BARBED WIRE ETC. MAKESHIFT TANK TRAPS HAVE BEEN ERECTED. FIRST AID STATIONS AND SOUP KITCHENS HAVE BEEN SET UP. ON 15 JANAURY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE ON THE STREETS, MANY CARRYING GAS MASKS. THERE WERE OCCASIONAL OVERFLIGHTS BY MILITARY HELICOPTERS.

(B) VILNIUS

- 4. THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING IS NOW THE ONLY SYMBOL OF RESISTANCE. A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF TANKS AND OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES SURROUND THE RADIO STATION AND TELEVISION TOWER STORMED ON 13 JANUARY. WINDOWS IN NEARBY BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN HASTILY REPAIRED. FLOWERS AND CANDLES

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