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know they still have a lot to do to ready themselves for EU accession. They will press for a less stilted structured dialogue, they will follow the IGC discussions very closely, and they will use their Nordic friends to try for the first wave of applicants thereafter. We should not overlook the potential dangers if they find themselves relegated both from NATO and EU. We should also do what we can to help Estonian relations with Russia develop more positively. Meri said in his New Year's message "as a state, we are still only at the voice-breaking stage". But this determined little country knows where it wants to get to by the new millennium: into Europe. We can and should help them.

16. I am copying this despatch to HM Ambassadors in Riga, Vilnius, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Moscow, Kiev, Minsk, Washington, UKRep Brussels, UKDel NATO, and UKDel Vienna.

I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully

  
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