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*From the Secretary of State*

30 August 1991

*My dear Colleague.*

I am delighted that after fifty-one years the Baltic states at last have regained their independence. It gives me particular pleasure that Douglas Hogg is visiting Latvia so soon after our recognition of your independent statehood to start discussions about the re-establishment of diplomatic relations. I am sure that relations between our two countries will flourish as they did in the past.

I also look forward to welcoming you soon as a colleague in international bodies in which the Baltic states may now take their rightful place. As you know, membership of the United Nations is agreed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the UN Security Council. Roland Dumas and I have agreed, as the two European Permanent Members of the Security Council, to offer our help if you decide to apply for United Nations membership. I shall ask Douglas Hogg to pursue this next week.

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His Excellency  
Mr Janis Jurkans

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We all have admired your courage and determination during the past fifty-one years. It is now time to look to the future. Rebuilding your economy will not be easy. We stand ready to help as best we can.

Yours  
with best wishes,  
(Lawrence)  
Douglas Hurd.

DOUGLAS HURD

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