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Mr. Grant Arthur Gochin
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Re: 2017-01-27 Letters

REGARDING YOUR LETTERS

Dear Mr. Grant Arthur Gochin,

Thank you for your letters containing your views and proposals on how to commemorate the life and memory of Jonas Noreika.

To clarify the situation, we requested state institutions to provide us with information that is available to them and to evaluate the existing situation.

Based on the official information we have received from the Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania, the Supreme Court of Lithuania and the State Security Department, there is no need to take any specific steps, especially given that there were no hearings in Lithuania's courts of law to prove that Jonas Noreika was guilty or to discredit his reputation.

We would also like to point out that this does not change in any way the President's position with regard to the Holocaust or to crimes against humanity committed by the Stalinist regime: the memory of the victims will be respected and the regimes will be condemned.

Thank you once again for the standpoint you have expressed. We wish you every success in your work and activities.

Sincerely,

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