



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS AMBASADA JUNGTINSE AMERIKOS VALSTIJOSE
EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

June 17, 2004

Dear Mr. Robert Hambrick:

As your Lithuanian client in the YALTA vessel crew case was recently found innocent by the jury in Tampa, Fla., and was acquitted of the criminal charges he had been facing, I am happy to congratulate you on that victory of justice, which has been, to no small degree, due to your professionalism and personal dedication.

On this occasion, please, accept the expression of my sincere appreciation and gratitude, also on behalf of the Lithuanian Government, for your efforts in proving your client's innocence thus ensuring his freedom and enabling his safe return to his home country.

The long months of preparations to defend a Lithuanian citizen and the six weeks of a most demanding trial have perfectly demonstrated your excellent professional qualifications and abilities, as well as your firm belief in your client's innocence and in Justice itself. Throughout that period, the Embassy placed strong confidence in your competence, experience and good will, whereas to your client, his friends and relatives you personified their most sacred hopes for justice, freedom and happy reunion. Thank you for not deceiving that confidence or those hopes and for living up to the highest standards in doing your job.

In conclusion, please allow me to sincerely wish you every success in your difficult, yet noble profession, unwavering faith in justice and humanist values, as well as the best of personal luck.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vygaudas Ušackas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vygaudas Ušackas
Ambassador