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### Revised Guidance on Depiction of the Baltic States in US Government Maps

[See map, below.]



Names and boundary representation are not necessarily authoritative

1. Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are to be depicted as independent states outside the Soviet Union.

2. The boundaries to be depicted for these states are those that they formerly had as Soviet Socialist Republics. These boundaries are to be shown as international boundaries.

3. On maps showing any or all of the boundaries of Estonia, Latvia, or Lithuania with the Soviet Union, the following disclaimer is to be inserted: "Final boundaries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania with the USSR are expected to be confirmed by agreement." [Superseded by Guidance Bulletins Nos. 3 and 11.]

4. The capital of each state is as follows:

Estonia: **Tallinn**  
Latvia: **Riga**  
Lithuania: **Vilnius**

5. All earlier guidance regarding the depiction of the Baltic States in US Government maps is rescinded.

**Background.** The United States has established diplomatic relations with the democratically elected Governments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. This action brings to an end a 51-year period of de facto incorporation into the Soviet Union, an incorporation never recognized by the US Government.