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Re-application — Director General, LGGRTC

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Subject: Re-application — Director General, LGGRTC

Dear Professor Streikus and Dr. Bubnys,

I. Re-application

I was delighted to learn that the position of Director General of the LGGRTC may be open again.

Please treat this email as my formal re-application. Confirm its receipt and confirm that my application and previously submitted documents have been placed in the official recruitment record.

If the position is not presently open or advertised, retain my application on file and notify me immediately when the next competition is announced. I do not wish to be told again, after the fact, that I failed to submit something "on time and in the proper manner" when no one identified what was supposedly missing or defective.

II. Prior application incorporated into this fresh application

My formal application was submitted on February 22, 2026 and published in full here:

https://grantgochin.substack.com/p/formal-application

On March 6, 2026, I submitted an expanded supporting dossier and additional documentation. Dr. Bubnys acknowledged receipt that same day with "Got it, thanks." The March 6 submission supplemented the February 22 application; it did not replace it or create a different application date. The supplemental dossier is preserved in scanned form here:

https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/LGGRTC-application.pdf

A text-readable copy of the same supplemental dossier is available here:

https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/LGGRTC_Application_Dossier_Gochin.pdf

I incorporate the February 22 application and the March 6 supplemental dossier into this fresh application by reference. The biographical, educational, professional, citizenship, management, experience, proposed-program, and other factual information contained in those submissions remains accurate and valid, except to the extent expressly updated by this letter.

Please treat the present letter, the February 22 application, and the March 6 supporting dossier as one complete application record. There is no reason to require the resubmission of information and documents already in the Centre's possession merely because the Seimas rejected the Council's preferred candidate and the selection process must continue.

If any particular document must be newly dated, renewed, replaced, translated, certified, or submitted in a different form, identify that document individually, state the legal or published procedural requirement, and provide a reasonable deadline for compliance. A general statement that documents were not submitted "on time and in the proper manner" will not answer this request.

The Council's April 8, 2026 rejection is preserved here:

https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/04/Gmail-Ats._-Ats._-Formal-application.pdf

The following chronology will control throughout this application:

• February 22, 2026 — Formal application submitted and published.

• March 6, 2026 — Supplemental dossier and supporting documentation submitted and acknowledged.

• April 8, 2026 — Application rejected without identification of any missing document or procedural defect.

III. The April 8 refusal, and what it failed to state

On April 8, I was told only that I had not submitted all required documents "on time and in the proper manner." No missing document was named. No defective method was specified. My dossier arrived two weeks before the deadline, and Dr. Bubnys acknowledged it the same day with "Got it, thanks."

Tell me precisely what was supposedly missing or procedurally defective. I will submit it forthwith.

As I have already notified you, the previous vacancy notice listed authorization to work with information classified *visiškai slaptai* among the qualifications. The same notice specified six documents to be submitted with an application. That permit was not among them.

The contradiction has only two possible explanations. If the permit was required at application, the notice contradicted the Law on State Secrets and Official Secrets: a private citizen outside the state apparatus could not independently initiate or obtain the clearance, and the law expressly contemplates screening after a person has won a competition for a position involving classified information. If the permit was not required at application, it cannot have been the missing document, and the April 8 refusal identifies no defect at all. Which is it?

You are already on notice of this defect. I trust the next vacancy announcement will resolve it and will be drafted consistently with Lithuanian and European Union law.

Previous vacancy announcement:

https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/02/Pranesimas-atrankai.docx

Law on State Secrets and Official Secrets, Articles 15 and 17:

https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/rs/legalact/TAD/2bb9e4e2278611f1aed4e578f20c50cc/

I would prefer to repair the LGGRTC rather than litigate over its recruitment practices. I would hate to see the Centre expose itself to avoidable legal proceedings before the substantive work of repairing it has even begun.

The Centre's website currently states that my research may violate the Constitution and the Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania. It has said so since July 19, 2018, by the Centre's own file path.[1] I assume that is not among the documents I failed to submit on time and in the proper manner?

IV. Transparency and the published record

For transparency, I have published this re-application on my Substack. Any substantive response will be added to the same public record. I hope LGGRTC will be equally transparent.

https://grantgochin.substack.com/p/re-application-director-general-lggrtc

My recent publications concerning the Centre, its historical methods, and the damage it has inflicted upon Lithuania's credibility and its alliance with the United States are here:

The Kremlin Method, Practiced in Vilnius

https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/the-kremlin-method-practiced-in-vilnius/

The Ally That Forged America's Verdict

https://open.substack.com/pub/grantgochin/p/the-ally-that-forged-americas-verdict

The Verdict America Never Issued

https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/the-verdict-america-never-issued/

The formal petition asking the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance to review Lithuania's member-country status is here:

https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/IHRA-Petition-Gochin-5-28-26.pdf

It was filed on May 28 and transmitted to sixteen institutional recipients, including the Permanent Office in Berlin and the United States, Israeli, and German delegations. Whoever takes the chair inherits the petition, its evidence, and the corrective demands it places before Lithuania.

V. What the Centre has done to the alliance

The publications document how the Centre created, extended, preserved, and exported historical claims after it had been repeatedly informed that they were false.

The Brazaitis record is especially damaging. Lithuania did not merely falsify its own history. It attributed a verdict to the United States that the United States never issued and continued circulating that invented American judgment after Congressman Brad Sherman corrected Lithuania three times.

That is a betrayal of an alliance.

A dependable ally does not forge the position of its partner's government. It does not use the invented authority of that partner to rehabilitate its own historical actors. It does not force American officials to determine whether an official Lithuanian representation is a fact, an error, or another politically useful fabrication.

Lithuania has turned its historical misconduct into an alliance problem.

The Centre has made Lithuania a country whose official history must be fact-checked by its allies.

Lithuania condemns Russia for treating history as an information weapon. Yet the Centre has adopted the same test of historical credibility: not whether a claim is true, but whether it serves the state. Lithuania has therefore reduced its own official historical representations to the same level of credibility it attributes to Moscow's. Both now require independent verification before acceptance.

That is an extraordinary national embarrassment for a NATO ally.

The embarrassment is not that critics exposed the fraud. The embarrassment is that Lithuania created it, exported it, defended it after correction, and left its allies to discover that an official Lithuanian institution had placed words into the mouth of the United States Congress.

A state that forges its ally's verdict has no standing to complain when its credibility collapses.

No adversary could have designed a more efficient way to damage Lithuania's international standing. Russia can now point to Lithuania's own record and say that Vilnius also manipulates history, designates inconvenient researchers as hostile actors, and preserves politically useful claims after the documents have disproved them.

The Centre has become an evidentiary gift to Moscow.

The Centre does not protect Lithuania's reputation. It is now one of the principal threats to it.

VI. How to counter Russian disinformation

I know how to counter Russia's historical disinformation campaign against Lithuania: tell the full and complete truth before Moscow weaponizes Lithuania's omissions, distortions, and lies.

This may be a fresh idea for the LGGRTC. It is nevertheless the only credible method available.

Publish the complete record. Admit what is humiliating. Withdraw what is false. Correct every misrepresentation transmitted to Lithuania's allies. Remove the documented deceptions that permit Russia to portray Lithuanian historical scholarship as another form of state propaganda.

The answer to Russian disinformation cannot be Lithuanian disinformation.

Counter-mythology does not defeat propaganda. It confirms the propagandist's accusation that every state manufactures the past for political use. Lithuania can disarm that accusation only by applying a standard Russia will not apply to itself: complete documentary disclosure, including facts that damage national heroes and embarrass state institutions.

I am not asking Lithuania to weaken itself. I am asking it to stop supplying its adversaries with evidence.

Patriotism does not require defending every lie told in Lithuania's name. It requires removing the lies that leave Lithuania vulnerable.

As a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania, I am willing to do that work. I will help counter Russian threats by identifying and dispelling the weapons Lithuania has unnecessarily placed in Russian hands.

After all, the truth sets people free. It can also disarm an enemy.

VII. Formal administrative request: withdraw, correct, and reissue Letters Nos. 55R-21 and 14R-82

On May 12, 2026, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs finally conceded that the Centre's "complete exoneration" formulation was "legally imprecise," expressed regret for the wording, and acknowledged that administrative discontinuation is not formal judicial exoneration under United States law. The Ministry has therefore withdrawn the legal formulation on which the Centre's correspondence relied, even while attempting to preserve its underlying historical conclusion.[2]

The Centre has not acted on that concession. As of July 15, 2026, the Centre's own website continues to state that Brazaitis was rehabilitated by the United States Department of Justice. That page was photographed by the Lithuanian Jewish Community in 2019 and again by me on July 15, 2026. It is unchanged. The Foreign Ministry has told a member of the United States Congress that the formulation was wrong. The Centre has left it published. Both the Ministry and the Centre are copied on this letter, and the page is one click away.[3]

In light of that concession, this email is also my formal administrative request that the LGGRTC withdraw, correct, and reissue to me the two official letters that carried the false American verdict:

1. Letter No. 55R-21 of February 26, 2018, which stated that the activities of Juozas Ambrazevičius-Brazaitis had been exhaustively investigated by the United States Congress and the Immigration and Naturalization Service and that he had been "completely exonerated."[4]

2. Letter No. 14R-82 of October 11, 2018, which continued the same exoneration account and characterized Congressman Joshua Eilberg's transmittal letter as an indirect apology for unfounded allegations.[5]

Reissue both letters on Centre letterhead, retaining their original reference numbers and marking them as corrected and reissued. Send the corrected versions to me and to every known original recipient. They must state plainly that no United States court, Congress, Department of Justice component, INS adjudicator, or other American authority exonerated or rehabilitated Brazaitis; that administrative discontinuation was not an adjudication on the merits; and that the earlier language is withdrawn.

The Centre cannot answer this with another evasion. In Pažyma No. 4D-2017/1-1558/3D-317 of February 2, 2018, Seimas Ombudsman Augustinas Normantas found my complaint against the Centre well founded and formally recommended that the Director reconsider the request and provide a clear, reasoned answer to every question, identifying the relevant circumstances and specific legal provisions, with a copy to the Ombudsman. The Centre was required to report on implementation within thirty days. Letter No. 55R-21 was issued as the Centre's purported compliance with that process. It cannot remain the official answer after the Foreign Ministry has conceded that its central formulation was legally imprecise.[6]

The falsehood was challenged again in my formal Ombudsman filing of December 12, 2018, which named Letters Nos. 55R-21 and 14R-82 and attached four independent American legal opinions. The Centre has had notice ever since.[7]

This request is not a rhetorical aside. Please confirm receipt, correct and reissue both letters within the applicable statutory period, or provide a clear, reasoned refusal identifying the legal basis and the route of appeal. I would prefer not to repeat the same cycle through the Ombudsman, the courts, and the media, but the wider LGGRTC record already includes Ombudsman proceedings and litigation, including Vilnius Regional Administrative Court Case No. eI-534-281/2019 and Supreme Administrative Court Case No. eA-1768-624/2020. Any refusal or silence will be added to that record.[8]

I know the usual Lithuanian methodology: answer the convenient or easy questions and leave the lies,

deceptions, and frauds unaddressed. This is therefore a gentle and respectful request that you answer every point raised in this letter separately and point by point. A response to one or two convenient matters will not constitute a response to this application, the formal correction demand, or the institutional failures documented here.

When I am appointed Director General, I can sign truthful corrected letters immediately. Expediting my appointment would therefore be the most efficient way to remove these frauds from the Centre's correspondence and spare the institution another round of demands, proceedings, and public exposure.

VIII. False honors, and the Burauskaitė record

Teresė Birutė Burauskaitė is a highly decorated Lithuanian official. The Centre's own website records that she received the Knight's Cross of the Order of Vytautas the Great in 2003 and the Commander's Cross of the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas for "honest work for the Lithuanian state and fostering historical truth." The record now before you shows the opposite. Burauskaitė fostered historical frauds. She perpetrated and institutionalized many of the falsehoods we are still being forced to correct. State decoration does not convert fraud into truth, and it cannot place the decorated official beyond examination.[9]

Another task I will undertake as Director General is a complete audit of the Centre's role in manufacturing and sustaining Lithuania's false honors and false heroes. Where an honor, commemoration, or heroic designation rests on a false Centre finding, I will withdraw the Centre's supporting claim, publish the full documentary record, and formally recommend revocation to the authority legally empowered to act. Burauskaitė's own honors and legacy must be examined by the same standard. Any state pension she receives should also be revoked. As Director General, I will assemble and publish the evidentiary record and transmit the necessary recommendations to every authority empowered to act.

The scope of work is vast. You already know the scale of my work ethic. I promise to be maximally effective: identify the frauds, correct the files, notify every recipient of the deception, and rebuild the Centre around evidence rather than patriotic mythology.

I will help Lithuania assume the characteristics of a legitimate state: truthfulness, accountability, lawful administration, and the capacity to correct itself. Helping Lithuania acquire the habits expected of a civilized country is not hostility to Lithuania. It is patriotic repair.

IX. The corrective method

I understand how these frauds were constructed, applied, extended, and exported. I have traced the original Centre findings, the archival record, the invented American exoneration, the extension of that invention to additional historical figures, the congressional corrections, the institutional refusals, and the diplomatic transmission of the false account.

I have also developed the corrective method.

Every historical representation by LGGRTC must be identified and tested against the primary record. False findings must be withdrawn publicly, not silently edited. Every institution that received a false representation must receive the correction. The Centre must publish the documentary chronology showing what it claimed, why the claim was false, when Lithuania learned it was false, and what corrective action followed.

The Lithuanian-American alliance cannot be repaired through another press release about shared democratic values. It can be repaired only by demonstrating that Lithuania is capable of telling the truth

when the truth is humiliating. And Lithuania's history is certainly that!

The articles linked above expose only part of the record. There are likely additional frauds, deceptions, lies, extensions, omissions, and diplomatic representations still requiring examination.

I am willing and able to identify them, document them, publish them, withdraw what is false, and correct the record delivered to Lithuania's allies. Having only some of Lithuania's frauds exposed is not a cure. The complete architecture must be identified before the damage can be repaired.

X. Qualification, measured against the work

The Council informed Parliament that it could not obtain documents or meaningful cooperation from the Centre's leadership. During that same period, I reconstructed and published the Centre's own primary-document chronology, including seven Noreika rulings identified by date and source, the Brazaitis fabrication, the Škirpa extension, and the institutional consequences of refusing correction.

The Council could not obtain the files from the institution it supervises. I found them, organized them, tested them against the record, and published them.

That is not a claim about qualification. It is the work record.

I am frankly glad, for your sake, that Donata Kabelkė was not selected. She did not appear remotely capable of repairing the institutional crisis at the LGGRTC. Replacing one administrator with another person unwilling or unable to confront the Centre's historical frauds would merely have changed the name on the office door.

The LGGRTC does not need another custodian. It needs somebody prepared to clean out the accumulated falsehoods, withdraw the fraudulent findings, impose professional standards, correct the record delivered to foreign allies, and turn the institution into something that might eventually deserve the word "research" in its title.

Qualification should be measured against the work required. I have already reconstructed the files, forced the false American verdict into the open, obtained the Foreign Ministry's written correction, and produced a method for auditing the wider system of false honors and false heroes. If another candidate has done the same, identify that person and place the records side by side. Until then, the comparison answers itself.

XI. The condition of the institution

Professor Streikus, it must be profoundly embarrassing to chair the council of an organization running frauds this crude. It cannot be pleasant to have your professional name associated with a Soviet-style historical fabrication center whose leadership ignores its supervisors, withholds documents, preserves claims it knows to be false, and treats documentary correction as hostile propaganda.

Your own council has put most of this in writing. I am merely using shorter words.

The international embarrassment is not that the fraud was exposed. It is that Lithuania required outsiders to expose what its own officials already knew.

Consider what your continued chairmanship now accomplishes. Your council told Parliament in March that it could not obtain documents, cooperation, or answers from the Centre's leadership. It declined to approve the 2025 annual report. It conducted the first open selection in the institution's history, chose a successor, and Parliament discarded the choice. On June 19 you wrote again, asking Parliament to read reports it had not opened. Your council has been ignored by the institution it supervises and overruled by the institution that created it.

You are still in the chair. Lithuania cites your council abroad as proof that the Centre is supervised. That claim is sustained by your presence and by nothing else. Every month you remain, you supply the evidence that oversight exists while your own letters prove it does not. The reform is the alibi, and you are its signature.

If you resigned and stated publicly why, the alibi would collapse in a single afternoon. I would have expected that of a scholar who has been treated as you have been treated.

Dr. Bubnys, your term has expired. The council refused to approve the Centre's annual report. Your own statutory supervisors selected somebody else to replace you, and when Parliament rejected her you stayed anyway, in an acting capacity, with no defined end.

The Centre's present condition would humiliate any serious scholarly body.

Is there truly no self-respect left?

Your mandate has lapsed. Your supervisors have repudiated the work produced under your leadership and chosen another person for your position. You should resign and walk away today rather than continue occupying an office whose own oversight structure has made plain that it does not want you there.

Lithuania has managed the extraordinary feat of turning Holocaust revisionism into a NATO credibility problem.

The next Director General must understand the files, the frauds, the litigation, the international exposure, the diplomatic damage, the Russian information threat, and the corrective method. The published record above shows who has already done that work.

Lithuania has already tried custodianship, concealment, procedural evasion, and silence. The result is an institution whose own supervisors cannot obtain documents, whose director's mandate has expired, whose annual report was not approved, whose chosen successor was rejected, and whose historical findings have made Lithuania less credible to its principal ally while giving Russia material to use against it.

I am offering you a way out of the humiliation your institution created.

XII. Requests requiring a separate, point-by-point answer

Each of the following requires its own response. A reply addressing some and not others is not a response to this letter, and will be recorded as a refusal of the remainder.

1. Confirm receipt of this letter and confirm that my February 22 application, March 6 supplemental dossier, and this letter have been placed in the official recruitment record as one complete application.

2. Identify, in itemized form, each document said to have been missing from my February 22 application or March 6 supplemental dossier, and each respect in which the submission method was defective. If nothing can be named, state that.

3. State whether a competition for Director General is presently open. If it is not, confirm that this application is retained on file and that I will be notified when the vacancy is advertised, together with the complete criteria and submission requirements.

4. Withdraw, correct, and reissue Letter No. 55R-21 of February 26, 2018, on Centre letterhead, retaining its reference number, marked as corrected and reissued, and transmitted to me and to every known original recipient — or provide a reasoned refusal identifying the legal basis and the route of appeal.

5. Withdraw, correct, and reissue Letter No. 14R-82 of October 11, 2018, on the same terms.

6. State what action the Centre has taken, or will take, on the page at genocid.lt/centras/lt/2969/a/, which continues to publish the claim the Ministry of Foreign Affairs conceded on May 12, 2026 was legally imprecise.

7. State whether the Centre maintains that my research may violate the Constitution and the Criminal Code of the Republic of Lithuania, and if so, identify the provisions relied upon.

8. Advise the next step in my appointment.

I also look forward to receiving an itemized explanation of any documents you still require.

Sincerely,

Grant Arthur Gochin

Citizen of the Republic of Lithuania

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[1] LGGRTC published response, July 18, 2018, http://genocid.lt/centras/lt/2969/a/. Page capture: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/Regarding-the-provision-of-information.pdf. The PDF of the Centre's answers carries the file path 20180719_noreika.pdf.

[2] Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, Vice-Minister Vidmantas Verbickas, response of May 12, 2026, transmitted by Ambassador Gediminas Varvuolis to U.S. Representative Brad Sherman on May 13, 2026, acknowledging that "complete exoneration" was legally imprecise and that administrative discontinuation is not formal judicial exoneration under U.S. law: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/06/Letter-to-Rep.-Sherman.pdf

[3] LGGRTC live publication: http://genocid.lt/centras/lt/2969/a/. The Lithuanian Jewish Community reproduced and translated the same notice on August 22, 2019: https://www.lzb.lt/en/2019/08/22/genocide-center-independent-holocaust-research-is-criminal-and-unconstitutional-in-lithuania/. Archived page capture: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/Regarding-the-provision-of-information.pdf. The Centre page was accessed and photographed again on July 15, 2026.

[4] LGGRTC, Letter No. 55R-21, February 26, 2018: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/Gonocide-Reply-2018-02-26-Holocaust-interpretation.pdf

[5] LGGRTC, Letter No. 14R-82, October 11, 2018: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/4.-2018-10-11-Lietuvos-gyventoju-genocido-ir-rezistencijos-tyrimo-centro-rastas-Nr.-14R-82.pdf

[6] Seimas Ombudsman Augustinas Normantas, Pažyma No. 4D-2017/1-1558/3D-317, February 2, 2018, finding the complaint well founded and recommending a clear, reasoned response addressing every question, relevant circumstance, and specific legal provision, with a copy to the Ombudsman: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/4D-2017-1-1558-3D-317-2018-02-02.pdf

[7] Grant Arthur Gochin, complaint to the Seimas Ombudsman, December 12, 2018, challenging LGGRTC Letters Nos. 55R-21 and 14R-82 and attaching four American legal opinions: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/04/20181212_Letter_Brazaitis_Ombudsman_GC.pdf

[8] For the wider administrative and litigation record, see Grant Gochin, Lithuania Litigation Listing, May 5, 2026, including Vilnius Regional Administrative Court Case No. eI-534-281/2019 and Supreme Administrative Court Case No. eA-1768-624/2020: https://static-cdn.toi-media.com/blogs/uploads/2026/05/Lithuania_litigation_listing_as_of_5-5-26.pdf

[9] LGGRTC, „Paskatinimai ir apdovanojimai“ (employee honors), listing Teresė Birutė Burauskaitė’s Knight’s Cross of the Order of Vytautas the Great (2003) and Commander’s Cross of the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas for, among other things, honest work for the Lithuanian state and fostering historical truth: https://www.genocid.lt/centras/lt/827/c/