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# THE REBELLION

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## The Final Hour: A Letter From Igor Romanov



The following is an excerpt from a message of Igor Romanov, an activist and avid writer, who was trapped underneath the floorboards of a small house in Chechnya awaiting his capture by the government for being an advocate of free rights for LGBTQ members. Not long after writing this opinion piece he titles “The Final Hour”, Igor was captured, and his whereabouts remain unknown. This translation of his handwriting is made to be as accurate as possible.

“As I type this letter into my tablet the old boards creak above me. Dust clouds my nostrils and I feel as though this darkness will never find its way out of my mind. And with that, I give you my greetings. Hello, my name is Igor Romanov. I’m writing this as a call for help, not just for me, but for a group of people that doesn’t deserve to be treated the way that they are now. As many of you

are probably aware, Nikolai Putin has just put into action his new registry that collects and records all of those who are believed to be part of the community of the man who killed his father, Vladimir Putin. However, most people are unaware of what this group has in common with one another. I have worked and lived with plenty of the members of the LGBTQ party and you must believe me when I tell you that they are not all plotting acts of terror and are certainly not the root cause of evil in our society. Nikolai is an expert at making it seem as though this community of people are plotting with one another when really, they are simply trying to love who they want to love and live in harmony with our community. It is so sad to see so many of my friends be turned against simply for something they are born with. It may seem like I am taking too advanced of precautions due to the fact that the registry has only just begun, however, there is something that many of you are unaware of at this point in time that I am writing this. I have tried to investigate the many areas that the government has sectioned off for "government use" and I have finally uncovered the terrible way in what these areas are going to be used for. If someone eventually reads this, please, relay my message to the people of our nation because I don't know if I will be around long enough to do it.

Since the new registry, I have enacted my own investigation into Nikolai Putin's secret blocked off areas to see what he is planning on doing with them. Throughout my investigation, there was no finding more valuable than yesterday, when I snuck into one of Nikolai's secret areas in order to gain intelligence about what these large properties are going to be used for in the future. Right now there are around 16 properties that are closed to the public and guarded as a property of the government. I snuck into the property named "Nico" as it was the first to erect out of all the other properties. As I followed some of the workers in I noticed that some of them had different uniforms. One worker was in a normal construction uniform while the other wore a tighter more soldier-like uniform and cap. I made my way in by explaining that I was a reporter from The Moscow Message and that I had strict orders to report to my boss, but not publish, what was being constructed throughout the property. They led me into the property and immediately I realized that this place was the exact nightmare that I was worried about. The property was dark and massive and it seemed to have floors and floors of these huge rooms that they were calling "pens". It was like a pen for an animal, however, each floor had human living spaces for guards and high security almost as if they were keeping monsters in each pen. Then I realized the lettering of each floor. The bottom floor was L and going upwards it went LGBTQ. Finally, I had gotten to the root of what was going on in these properties. They were going to be used as correctional facilities to keep people from the LGBTQ communities trapped and away from society.

Now, I know it would be extremely easy for me to be lying about what I saw, but think about this in a logical way and it will make complete sense when you recall our country's past. Nikolai's father is killed by an LGBTQ member. He is then angry towards the group so out of his resentment he enacts a new registry for the government to identify anyone of that group easily. Next, he needs to use the new registry. But in what way will he use it? Well, with my new knowledge I think one can agree that "conversion camps" would make sense in the next steps going forwards in Nikolai's plan. However, I do not know what Nikolai is planning next, but what I do know is that we must stop him at all costs. These conversion camps will tear our nation apart and bring upon a new era that could change the world forever. I wish I could keep going in my acts against Nikolai's regime, yet I cannot,

due to the fact that I can hear soldiers upstairs and I know that I do not have much time left. With that, please understand that everyone must fight in order to bring equality to everyone in our nati--”

The message ends abruptly and it is believed that Igor must have been uncovered from the floorboards and taken away to an unknown location. Igor has been listed as a national traitor of the government.