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SUBJECT: Sarajevo Participation in FLOTUS visit March 26

We propose the following schedule for the Sarajevo portion of the First lady's visit to Tuzla:

I. Emina Bicakcic, an eight-year old Bosnian girl, meets the First Lady at planeside and presents a poem she wrote for President Clinton. (Attachment A)

II. ~~Meeting~~ Meeting with GOBH Leadership: Acting President Ganic. — *other govt leaders*

III. "Notables Roundtable" with a mixed group of Bosnian citizens. We recommend the First Lady welcome the group en masse and then have short (5-10 minutes) meetings with subgroups. (Attachment B)

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IV. Interview with leading women's magazine (Attachment C).

V. Meet American NGO representatives (Attachment D is the list of participants in the January 13 POTUS visit and the list of NGOs in the region).

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ATTACHMENT A

EMINA BICAKCIC
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To His Excellency Mr. John Menzis

Your Excellency,

My daughter had 4 years at the beginning of the war.
She is almost 8 now. She can't remember the peace period before
the war. Thus, she was very excited after the Dayton peace
Agreement. And, she wrote a poem I like you to have.

P E A C E

Peace has come,

Peace has come, knocking at the door

And there will be no shooting any more.

There is another atmosphere,

Because of peace, of peace,

I know it, I live in this Country.

There is peace now,

Because Mr. Clinton signed it,

All this is peace,

I love it, I love it,

I love peace.

Emina's mother *Nermina Bicakcic*

Sarajevo, January, 11th, 1996

ATTACHMENT B

PARTICIPATION IN "NOTABLES ROUNDTABLE":

• SABIRA HADZOVIC is the mayor of Sarajevo. She is also the President of "Mak Bosanka" - a large women's group in Sarajevo.

• KATARINA MANDIC (*) is a Federation Constitutional Court judge.

METROPOLITAN NIKOLAJ (*) is the head of the Serb Orthodox Church. He is ✓
from Pale, Republika Srpska.

BISHOP FRANJO KOMARICA (*) is the head of the Catholic Church in Banja Luka, Republika Srpska. He is a leading human rights activist. ✓

REIS-UL-ULEMA is the head of the Islam community in Sarajevo

VERA JOVANOVIC is an OSCE Ombudsman. <multi ethnic right>

participated
MAKSIM STANISIC, an ethnic Serb, has organized the "Ilidza Initiative", *from mayor*
a group of citizens committed to keeping Sarajevo multi-ethnic.

[NURDZIHANA DOZIC is the Editor-in-Chief of "Zena 21", a professional women's magazine which is partially funded with USG assistance. ✓]

MIODRAG ZIVANOVIC is the President of the Liberal Party of Banja Luka, *council to SPS (Kauji)*
which is in opposition to the Pale regime.

• [JASNA MUFTIC is the President of "Unija Zar", an umbrella organization assisting 50 women's groups in Bosnia. ✓]

• NADA SALOM (*) is a journalist with Oslobodenje, Sarajevo's major daily newspaper. Before the war, Ms. Salom was the Editor-in-Chief of Oslobodenje's cultural section. ✓

VLADIMIR SREBROV (*) is an ethnic Serb writer who was imprisoned by Pale Serbs for 39 months for opposing Serb aggression. *(he is Serb)*

* participated in POTUS visit January 19

ATTACHMENT C

Interview with Zena 21 magazine

Ms. Nurdzihana Dozic is the Editor-in-Chief of "Zena 21" magazine, professional women's magazine which is partially funded with USG assistance. Ms. Dozic interviewed U.S. Ambassador to Austria Swanee Hunt when Ambassador Hunt visited Sarajevo. "Zena 21" was published throughout the war and is still being distributed free of charge. Its editors believe each copy is read by at least 10 Bosnians, and in isolated cities such as Gorazde, its readership soars to 50 readers per copy.

ATTACHMENT D

American NGOs:

Mr. Mark Johnson, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Mr. James Kelly, Catholic Relief Services, (CRS)
Mr. Mirsad Purivatra, Soros Foundation *
Mr. Dirk Van Gorp, United Methodist Committee on Relief
(UMCOR)
Mr. Richard Venegoni, World Vision

* not himself an American citizen

NOTE: These are the NGO reps that participated in the January
19 POTUS visit.

Represented in the region

Mercy International - Sarajevo

International Medical Corps - Sarajevo

World Vision - Sarajevo

US Catholic Conference - Represented by CRS here (Jim Kelly)

International Rescue Committee - Sarajevo

International Action Against Hunger - Sarajevo

UMCOR - Sarajevo

CARE - Sarajevo

Joint Distribution Committee - La Benevolencia

Save the Children - Split

Not Represented

National Council of the Churches of Christ

Women's Human Rights Law Clinic

World Relief Corp.

Baptist World Aid

Women's Action for New Directions

International League for Human Rights -

International Center for Research on Women

International Human Rights Law Group

Human Rights Watch.

*Adventists
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