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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0509

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July 16, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to share my concern regarding the situation in Kosovo. As the representative of a well-informed, engaged and involved constituency, my thoughts reflect the concerns of those who provide humanitarian supplies, as well as moral and spiritual support to the embattled people in Bosnia and Kosovo.

In my opinion, the current situation in Kosovo requires urgent and timely United States involvement, direction and guidance.

As you are aware, for months Serbian forces have not allowed food and medicines to reach the people in the areas of conflict in Kosovo. In spite of the war that is going on in the region, women still need to give birth to babies, and illness and infection need to be treated.

In 1989 massive numbers of Serbian troops were moved into Kosovo. Albanian students were forced out of the University and secondary educational system. Almost all of the Albanian civil servants in Kosovo were fired. Throughout the war in Bosnia, people in Kosovo adopted a nonviolent strategy assuming that their desires for a return to normalcy at the end of the war would be settled along with the Bosnia-Croatia-Slovenia situation. Kosovo was hardly mentioned in the Dayton peace accords and clearly was not part of the negotiated settlement. Human rights abuses, as well as deterioration of educational and medical services in Kosovo, are serious violations of international agreements and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Albanians students have been denied education in their own language in secondary and higher education since 1989. The Albanian parallel government established parallel schools that met in homes, and empty buildings. The students began a nonviolent campaign to regain access to their schools, which continues to this day but has been entirely eclipsed by the violence of a small, but rapidly growing group of armed resistance fighters, the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). An education agreement was signed by all parties almost two years ago promising to return secondary schools and parts of the University to Albanian students.

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The Serbian side has systematically ignored this agreement. At the present, only one badly damaged building has been returned to the Albanian University students. Before the Albanians will trust any further negotiations, the schools agreement must be honored by the Serbian regime.

Before March, 1998 nonviolence was embraced by the vast majority of Albanians in Kosovo. However, as the Serbian forces intensified the attacks on many communities in Kosovo, the appeal of a violent strategy increased.

Frustration with the increased hostility and violence from the Serbian forces meant that the KLA began to draw support away from the nonviolent leadership. The media gave broader coverage of the increased violence in Kosovo although it had ignored the violent movement for many years. This communicated to the Albanian Kosovars that a violent strategy could be more effective on the global stage. The moment for nonviolent solutions is passing as warfare continues to escalate and hundreds are killed and tens of thousands are driven from their homes. The citizenry is increasingly feeling the need and the willingness to fight .

I believe that it is crucial now that the international communities ensure that humanitarian aid can reach Pristina as well as the villages and towns all over Kosovo that are under attack. This would communicate to the people of Kosovo that they are not alone and that the world cares. It would also enable respected members of the international humanitarian aid community to assess the current situation within Kosovo and disseminate information to the rest of the world. In addition, it would strengthen those in Kosovo supporting a nonviolent resolution to the conflict. In my opinion, our reticence will only serve to strengthen the forces within Kosovo supporting war and their goal of complete independence.

The UN should impose a no-fly zone. The Kosovar Albanian villagers have no recourse against Serbian attacks with helicopter gun ships. A no-fly zone would send a signal to Belgrade that the west will not countenance this aggression. The political forces in Montenegro are also growing stronger and that country is becoming more interested in independence itself. A "Balkania" proposal is circulating in Kosovo that Serbia, Montenegro, and Kosovo assemble to form a federation in which each state is autonomous with its own police force, its own education system, and its own constitutional Assembly. It is thought that some form of this proposal could be the basis for a negotiated settlement. However, until the schools agreement is implemented and other agreements are kept, it will be very difficult for the Albanians to have confidence in any negotiations concerning the long-term resolution to this problem.

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Things are changing very rapidly in this environment as approximately ten Albanians per day lose their lives. It is not known how many Serbian people are losing their lives, as they do not release casualty figures. Presently ethnic cleansing continues.

I respectfully suggest that maximum pressure be exerted on the combatants to stop the violence immediately, to allow humanitarian aid into the villages as well as the cities, and to implement agreements already made as a way of building trust. The time to act is now, not after hundreds of people are killed and Kosovo lies in ruins.

Thank you for your continued monitoring of the situation and effort to develop a proper course of action to prevent further ethnic killing in Kosovo will prevent a repetition of our behavior in Rwanda.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your response and to working with you on this and other issues of critical concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: JANET MURGUIA
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Peter Greenberger at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) and others, concerning the current status of U.S.-Taiwan relations;
- 2) Rep. William J. Jefferson (D-LA), concerning the development of a stronger relationship with the Nigerian government;
- 3) Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), regarding the present situation in Kosovo;
- 4) Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), urging the President to encourage Heydar Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan to implement democratic reforms in his country;
- 5) Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ) and Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), concerning the current U.S. policy toward the government of the Republic of the Sudan;
- 6) Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ), regarding the Administration's policy towards combating international terrorism, specifically the case of Alisa Flatow; and,

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- 4) Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) and others, concerning the President's trip to China and the illegal sale of human transplant organs,
- 5) Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY) and others, concerning recent events in Kosova and other areas of the former Yugoslavia,
- 6) Rep. Thomas W. Ewing (R-IL), concerning the President's trip to China and the Executive Development Center at the University of Illinois,

- 7) Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), concerning the the President's trip to China and the issue of human rights in China,
- 8) Rep. Cynthia A. McKinney (D-GA), concerning the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and weapons proliferation in Europe,
- 9) Rep. George Miller (D-CA), concerning the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the World Trade Organization (WTO), and laws protecting endangered sea turtles,
- 10) Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC) and others, concerning the President's trip to China and the welcoming ceremony in Tiananmen Square,
- 11) Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and others, concerning the President's trip to China and the issue of human rights in China,
- 12) Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT), concerning the President's trip to China and His Eminence Ignatius Cardinal Kung Pin Mei,
- 13) Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), concerning the incarceration of Lori Berenson in Peru; and,
- 14) Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-VA), concerning the President's trip to China and the issue of human rights in China.

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: Rep. Lee

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