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The Honorable Robert Menendez
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3013

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The Honorable George Miller
House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4608

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The Honorable Constance A. Morella
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2008

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The Honorable Sue Myrick
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
House of Representatives
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The Honorable John W. Olver
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Major R. Owens
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The Honorable Bill Paxon
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3227

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable John Edward Porter
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3215

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The Honorable Dana Rohrabacher
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The Honorable Steven R. Rothman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3009

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The Honorable Marge Roukema
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3005

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The Honorable Martin Olav Sabo
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
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The Honorable Jim Saxton
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The Honorable Christopher Shays
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The Honorable Louise McIntosh Slaughter
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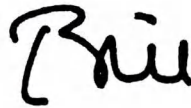
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SUBJ: LTR TO REP OLVER ET AL RE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN KOSOVO

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 04 JAN 99

COMMENT:



FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

LARRY STEIN

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SUBJECT:

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Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Olver, et al.

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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November 18, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

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THROUGH: GREG SCHULTE

FROM: MICHAEL HURLEY

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Representative Olver,
et al. on the Humanitarian Crisis in Kosovo

Representative Olver and others wrote the President urging that the United States join its allies to end atrocities in Kosovo and alleviate the human suffering there.

Concurrence by: Mara Rudman

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Staff Secretary:
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter about the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo. I appreciate hearing your views on the best way to resolve the conflict. Your call for decisive U.S. and NATO action accurately describes the approach we implemented.

From the beginning, we have had three overriding objectives in Kosovo. First, to end the violence that threatens the fragile stability of the Balkans. Second, to prevent a humanitarian crisis from becoming a catastrophe, and third, to help the Kosovar people achieve a high degree of self-government.

We have made substantial progress on each of these objectives. NATO determination backed by the credible threat of force has led to a cease-fire, followed by a substantial reduction of Serb security forces in Kosovo. Now that the shooting has stopped and security checkpoints have been dismantled, more than 40,000 displaced people have returned to their homes and major international relief efforts have resumed. Dozens of humanitarian organizations are daily delivering vital supplies to Kosovars. These organizations are enjoying freedom of movement and access that they did not have before NATO pressure compelled Milosevic to end restrictions.

Since the eruption of the conflict in February we have been pushing both sides to find a political settlement and we are pushing even harder now. In line with your recommendation, we strongly support advancing the political, cultural and human rights of Kosovars. The current draft political agreement offers Kosovars a high degree of autonomy, an indigenous police force and complete control over education, health and other institutions that most affect their daily lives.

In order to verify Belgrade's compliance, NATO has implemented an intrusive air surveillance regime. We are rapidly building a 2,000-person verification mission, with personnel and funds contributed by OSCE nations, headed by Bill Walker, an experienced American diplomat. In support of this mission, NATO is establishing a force in Macedonia that will be close at hand to extract verifiers, should that become necessary.



I agree with you that those who have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity must be held accountable for their actions. To that end, as you advocate, we support the work of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in its ongoing investigations in Kosovo.

I do not underestimate the difficulties that lie ahead, but I believe we are headed in the right direction. Again, thank you for writing and sharing your thoughts and ideas with me on this important issue.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John W. Olver
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

October 9, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We urge the United States and NATO to take decisive action to end the escalating humanitarian crisis in Kosova. We stood firmly by you when you vowed not to allow Kosova to become another Bosnia. Yet, that is exactly what is occurring. Therefore, the United States and NATO must act.

Since February 1998, Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic has pursued a bold policy of ethnic cleansing against his own citizens, 1.8 million ethnic Albanians of Kosova, fully 90% of the population of Kosova. Under his regime's renewed reign of terror, hundreds of Albanian villages have been destroyed, thousands of ethnic Albanians have been imprisoned, tortured and killed, and hundreds of thousands more have been displaced. With winter fast approaching and surrounding communities no longer able to absorb the influx of refugees, tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians will soon face death due to cold, disease, and starvation.

Our current foreign policy toward Kosova has not been effective. The economic sanctions imposed on Serbia by the United States and its allies -- which include the denial of Serbian membership in international organizations, the freeze of Serbian assets abroad, the ban of foreign investment in Serbia, and an arms embargo on Serbia -- have not thwarted the ultranationalist ambitions of the Milosevic regime. Over the course of this summer, in the face of these sanctions, Serbian forces intensified their war against innocent civilians, and pursued a new military strategy of shelling entire villages, not just engaging the Kosova Liberation Army (KLA).

We must not continue to enter into agreements with Milosevic that compromise our policy and our humanity. His continued presence in the region threatens not only the lives of the Kosovar Albanians, but the success of our policy in Bosnia and, ultimately, the stability of the Balkans. So long as we are seen as allowing Milosevic to proceed with his actions in Kosova with impunity, the Dayton Accords can never be fully implemented, and Bosnia, itself, will remain brutally divided. Indeed, the influx of Kosovar Albanians to Sarajevo is now jeopardizing the Sarajevo Agreement to promote the return of thousands of Croats and Serbs who fled during the Bosnian War.

The United States and our allies must not be deceived by the superficial calm that has pervaded Kosova during the last few days. It does not signal compliance. It reflects nothing more than the standard operating procedure of the Milosevic regime. Time and time again, Milosevic has shrewdly orchestrated his ethnic cleansing campaigns in order to evade international scrutiny and condemnation. The moment his genocidal acts capture the world's full attention, his forces idle -- only to gear-up again once the world has turned a blind eye.

We must not allow the world to overlook the ongoing atrocities in Kosova. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan issued an incriminating report this week which states that, despite some withdrawals, the Serbian military still has substantial forces in Kosova and is continuing to wage a campaign of terror and violence against the ethnic Albanians. The UN report cannot be ignored.

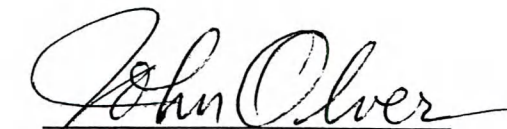
We must pursue NATO's plans for military action against Serbia in a serious and sustained manner. We must act to end the violence waged by the Milosevic regime and secure a political solution to the question of Kosova's future. **Specifically, we urge you to implement the following measures as soon as possible:**

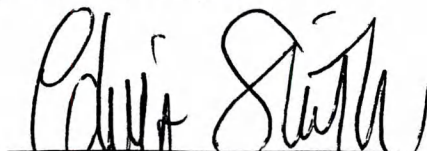
1. Lead the United States and NATO in pursuing effective action to stop attacks by Serbian military forces on ethnic Albanians in Kosova, and to ensure that these attacks are not resumed.
2. Compel the complete withdrawal of Serbian military forces from Kosova, secure access to the vulnerable population for humanitarian aid, and protect the rights of the Albanian Kosovars to return to their homes in safety.
3. Ensure that the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) investigates the assaults occurring in Kosova.
4. Support an interim political settlement that grants Kosova status as a republic within Yugoslavia, and a coequal with Serbia and Montenegro. Oppose any settlement which compromises the political, cultural and human rights of the Albanian Kosovars under a veil of autonomy.

We strongly believe that, through his brutal actions, Milosevic has forfeited the right of Serbia to govern the citizens of Kosova. His denial of the rights of the Kosovar Albanians to speak their own language, to be educated in their own schools, and to work at jobs of their own choice, has for far too long gone unchallenged. His brazen and brutal attacks on their very right to live cannot be tolerated.

It is time for the United States to effectively support the Kosovar Albanians' right to live safely in their ancestral homes. As a nation that struggled for our own independence, we should give the people of Kosova our support.

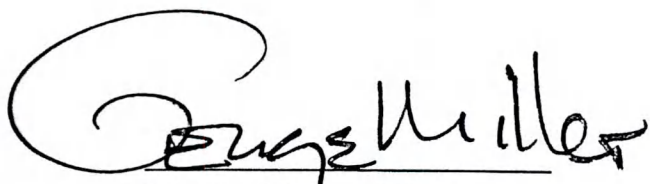
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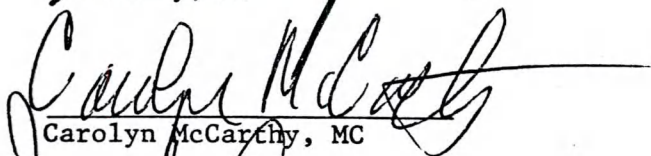

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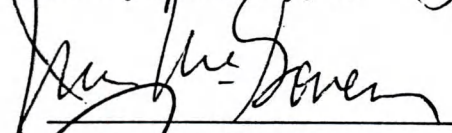
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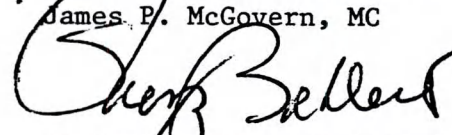
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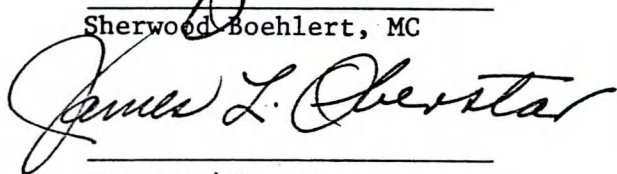
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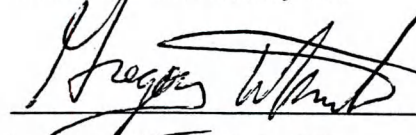
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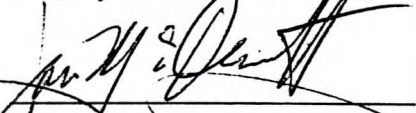
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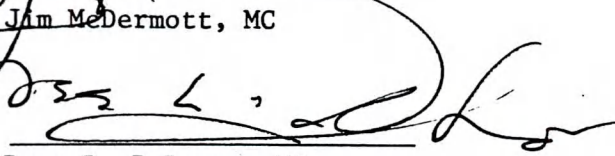
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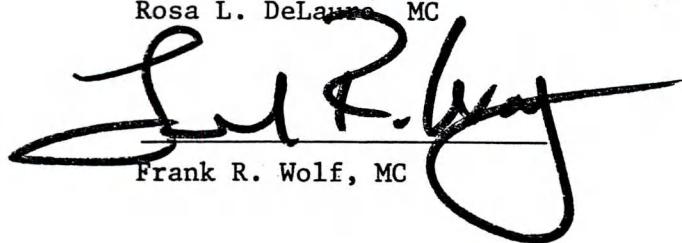
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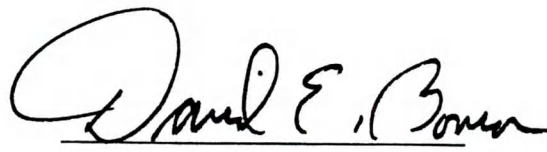
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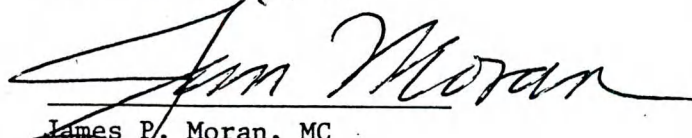
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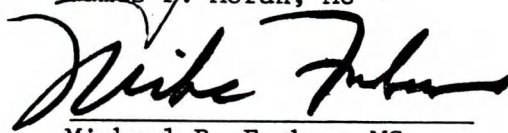
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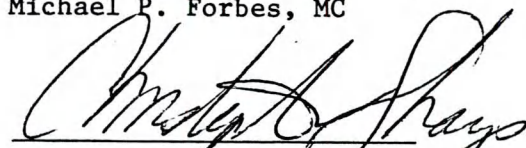
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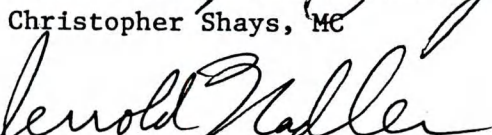
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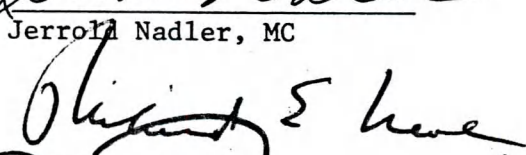
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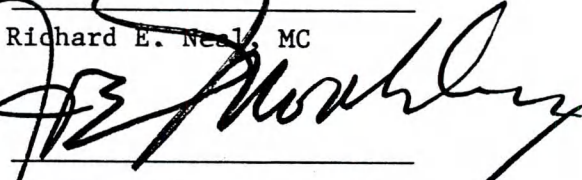
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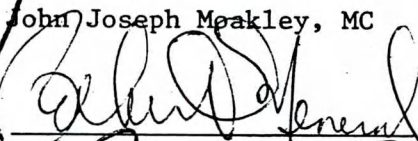
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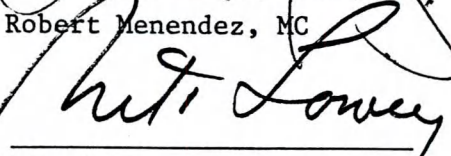
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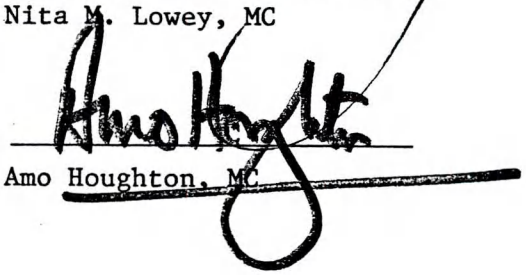
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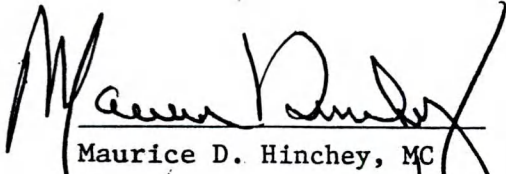
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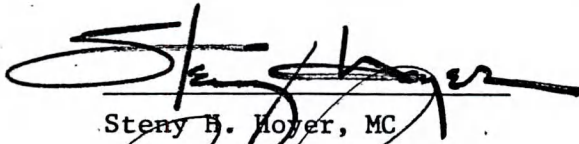
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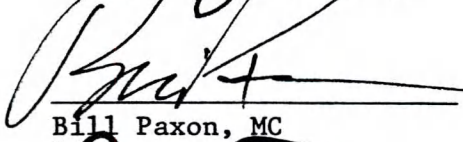


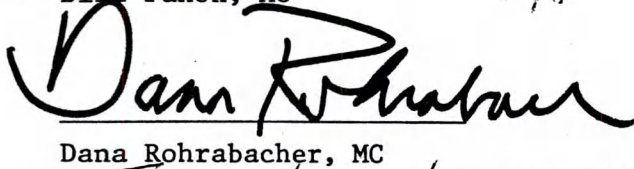
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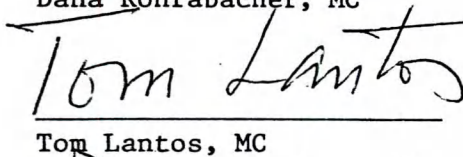

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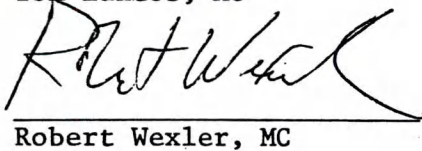

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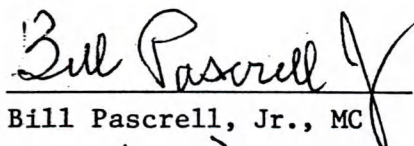

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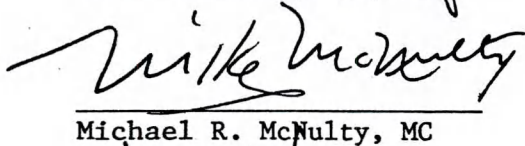

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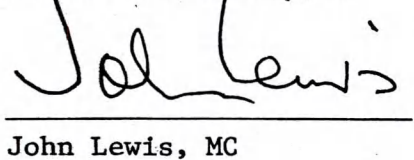

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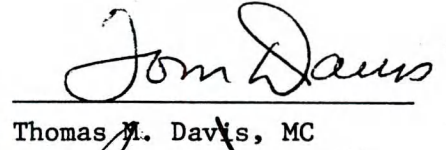

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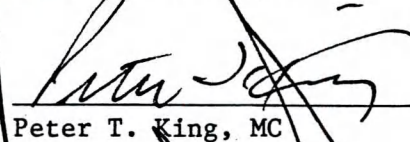

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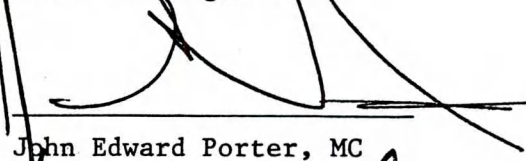

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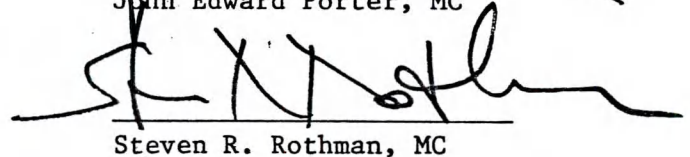

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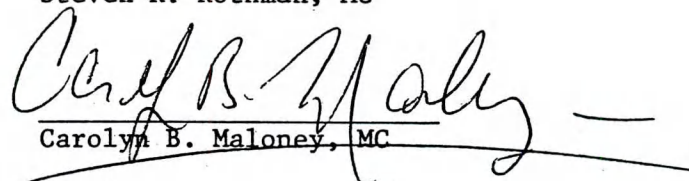

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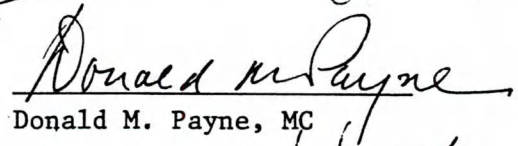

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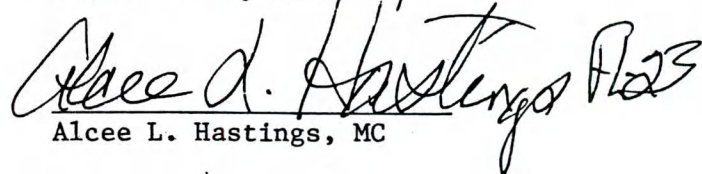

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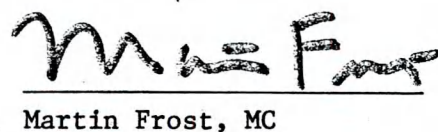

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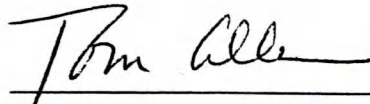

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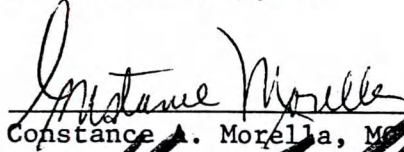

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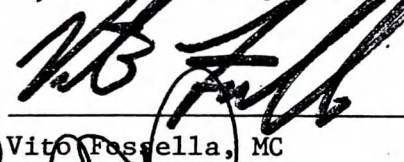

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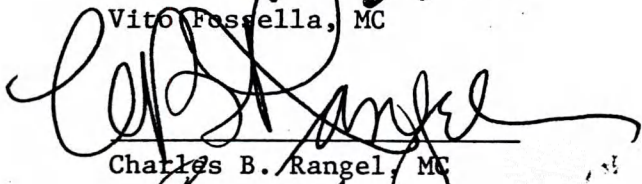
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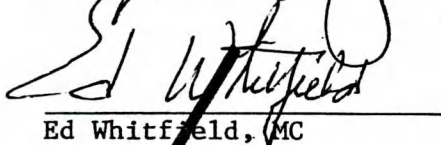
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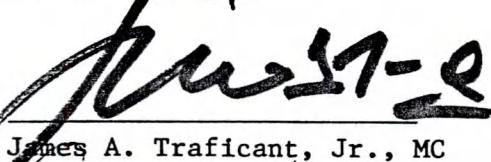
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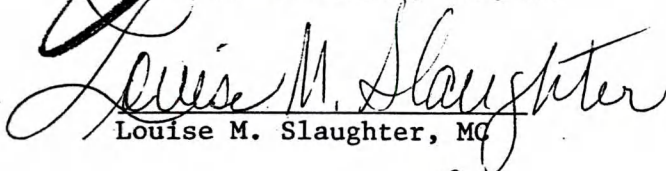
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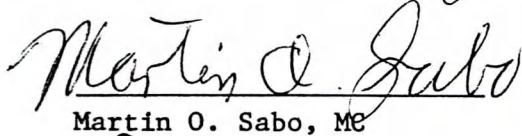
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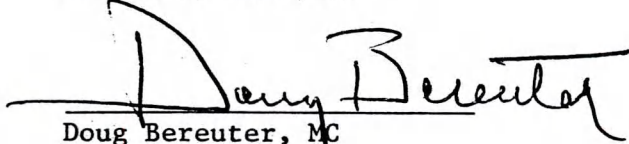
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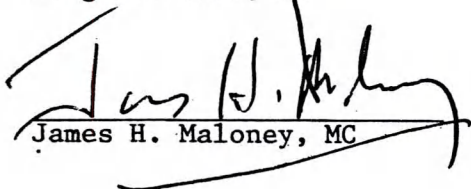
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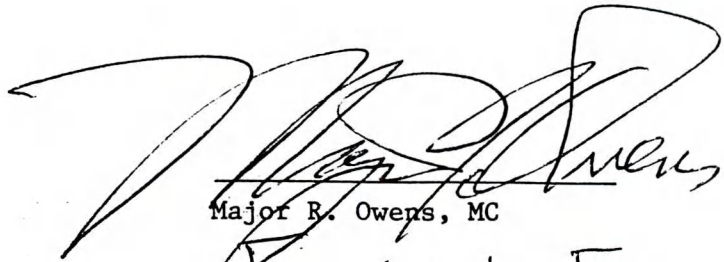
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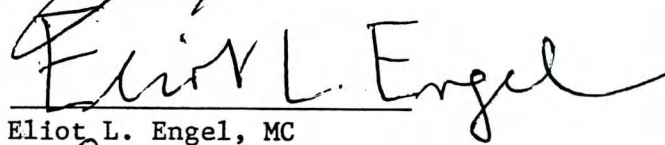
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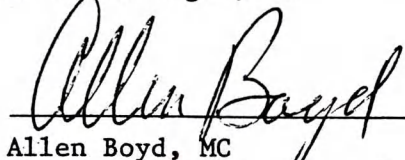
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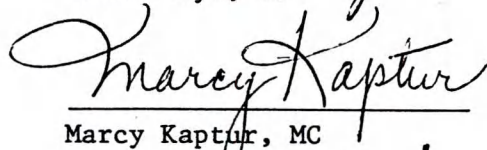
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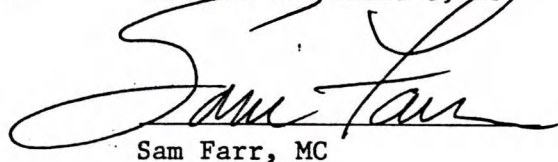
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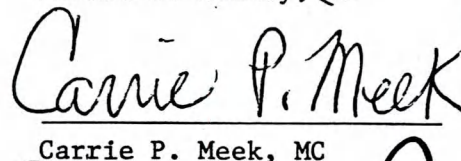
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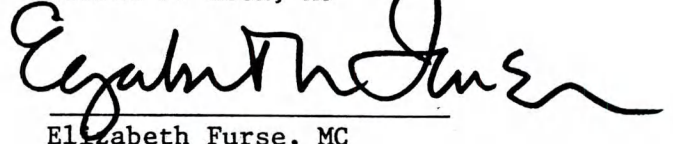
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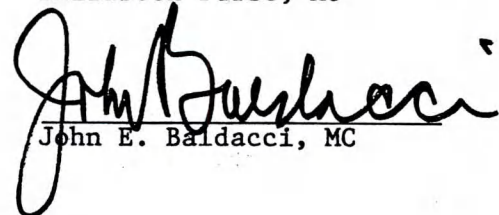
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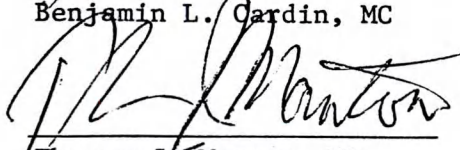


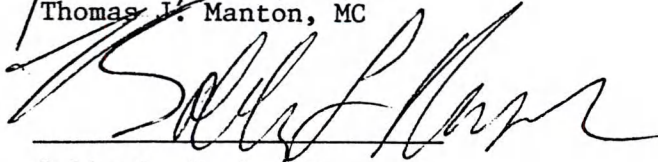
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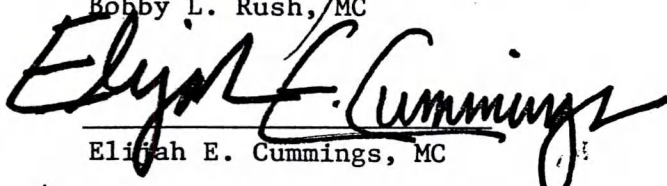


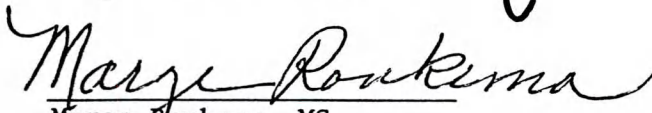
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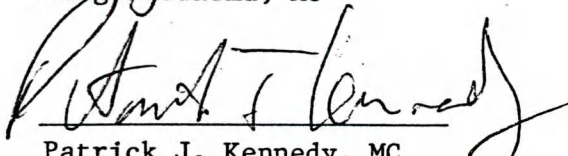

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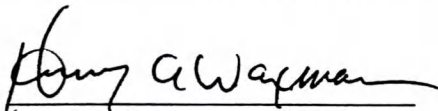

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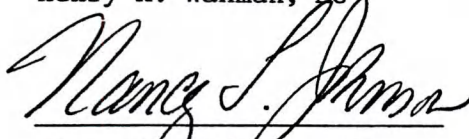

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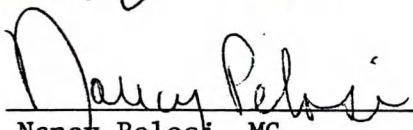

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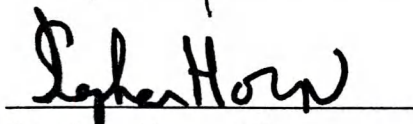

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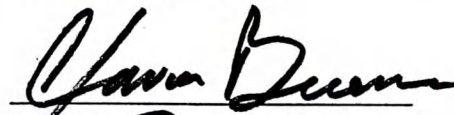

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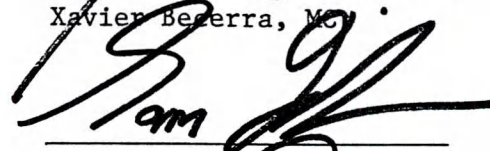

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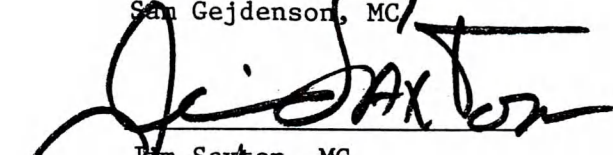

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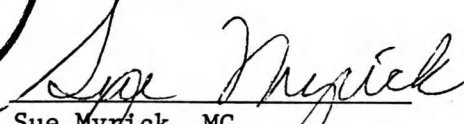

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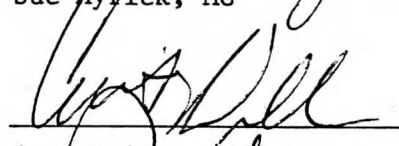

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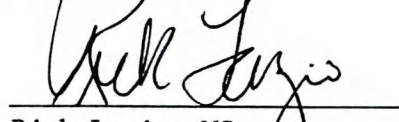

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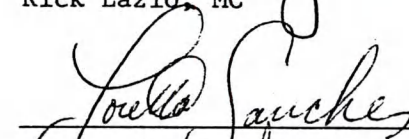

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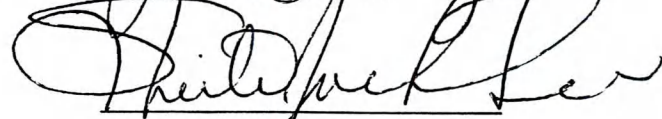

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cc: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Secretary of Defense William Cohen
National Security Advisor Samuel Berger

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 21, 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 Eli Joseph at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), regarding Israeli POWs;
- 2) Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), expressing concern over Kosovo;
- 3) Sen. John Warner (R-VA) and fourteen other Senators, regarding the establishment of a National Bipartisan Commission to review the current U.S.-Cuba foreign policy;
- 4) Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (D-NY) and thirty-one others Members of Congress, expressing support for the Administration's involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations;
- 5) Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), requesting the public release of the FBI report of the 1997 grenade attack in Cambodia which injured American Ron Abney;
- 6) Rep. George Miller (D-CA) and thirty-five other Members of Congress, regarding the arrest of General Augusto Pinochet; and,
- 7) Rep. John W. Olver (D-MA) and eighty-three other Members of Congress, expressing concern over Kosovo.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

October 9, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We urge the United States and NATO to take decisive action to end the escalating humanitarian crisis in Kosova. We stood firmly by you when you vowed not to allow Kosova to become another Bosnia. Yet, that is exactly what is occurring. Therefore, the United States and NATO must act.

Since February 1998, Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic has pursued a bold policy of ethnic cleansing against his own citizens, 1.8 million ethnic Albanians of Kosova, fully 90% of the population of Kosova. Under his regime's renewed reign of terror, hundreds of Albanian villages have been destroyed, thousands of ethnic Albanians have been imprisoned, tortured and killed, and hundreds of thousands more have been displaced. With winter fast approaching and surrounding communities no longer able to absorb the influx of refugees, tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians will soon face death due to cold, disease, and starvation.

Our current foreign policy toward Kosova has not been effective. The economic sanctions imposed on Serbia by the United States and its allies -- which include the denial of Serbian membership in international organizations, the freeze of Serbian assets abroad, the ban of foreign investment in Serbia, and an arms embargo on Serbia -- have not thwarted the ultranationalist ambitions of the Milosevic regime. Over the course of this summer, in the face of these sanctions, Serbian forces intensified their war against innocent civilians, and pursued a new military strategy of shelling entire villages, not just engaging the Kosova Liberation Army (KLA).

We must not continue to enter into agreements with Milosevic that compromise our policy and our humanity. His continued presence in the region threatens not only the lives of the Kosovar Albanians, but the success of our policy in Bosnia and, ultimately, the stability of the Balkans. So long as we are seen as allowing Milosevic to proceed with his actions in Kosova with impunity, the Dayton Accords can never be fully implemented, and Bosnia, itself, will remain brutally divided. Indeed, the influx of Kosovar Albanians to Sarajevo is now jeopardizing the Sarajevo Agreement to promote the return of thousands of Croats and Serbs who fled during the Bosnian War.

The United States and our allies must not be deceived by the superficial calm that has pervaded Kosova during the last few days. It does not signal compliance. It reflects nothing more than the standard operating procedure of the Milosevic regime. Time and time again, Milosevic has shrewdly orchestrated his ethnic cleansing campaigns in order to evade international scrutiny and condemnation. The moment his genocidal acts capture the world's full attention, his forces idle -- only to gear-up again once the world has turned a blind eye.

The Honorable William J. Clinton
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We must not allow the world to overlook the ongoing atrocities in Kosova. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan issued an incriminating report this week which states that, despite some withdrawals, the Serbian military still has substantial forces in Kosova and is continuing to wage a campaign of terror and violence against the ethnic Albanians. The UN report cannot be ignored.

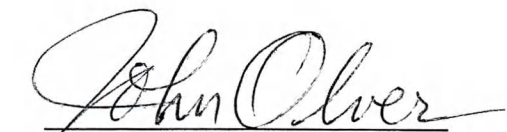
We must pursue NATO's plans for military action against Serbia in a serious and sustained manner. We must act to end the violence waged by the Milosevic regime and secure a political solution to the question of Kosova's future. **Specifically, we urge you to implement the following measures as soon as possible:**

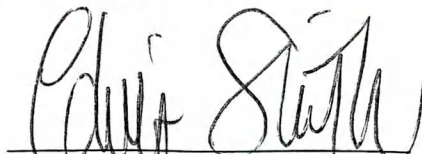
1. Lead the United States and NATO in pursuing effective action to stop attacks by Serbian military forces on ethnic Albanians in Kosova, and to ensure that these attacks are not resumed.
2. Compel the complete withdrawal of Serbian military forces from Kosova, secure access to the vulnerable population for humanitarian aid, and protect the rights of the Albanian Kosovars to return to their homes in safety.
3. Ensure that the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) investigates the assaults occurring in Kosova.
4. Support an interim political settlement that grants Kosova status as a republic within Yugoslavia, and a coequal with Serbia and Montenegro. Oppose any settlement which compromises the political, cultural and human rights of the Albanian Kosovars under a veil of autonomy.

We strongly believe that, through his brutal actions, Milosevic has forfeited the right of Serbia to govern the citizens of Kosova. His denial of the rights of the Kosovar Albanians to speak their own language, to be educated in their own schools, and to work at jobs of their own choice, has for far too long gone unchallenged. His brazen and brutal attacks on their very right to live cannot be tolerated.

It is time for the United States to effectively support the Kosovar Albanians' right to live safely in their ancestral homes. As a nation that struggled for our own independence, we should give the people of Kosova our support.

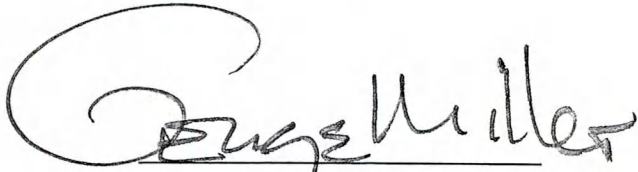
Sincerely,


John W. Olver, MC

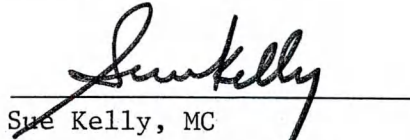

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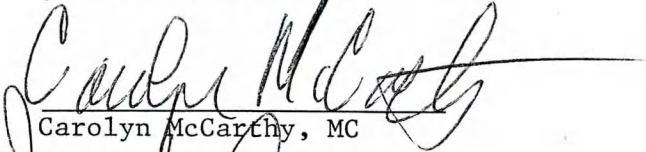

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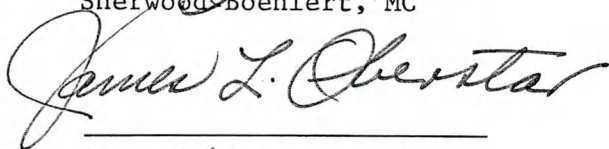
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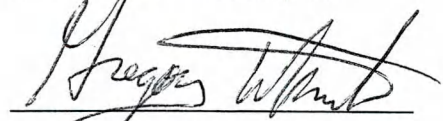
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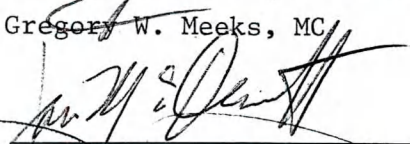
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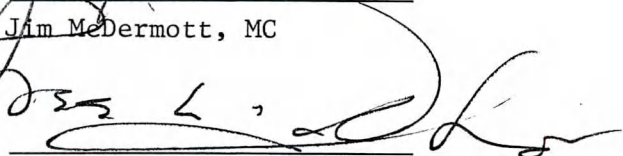
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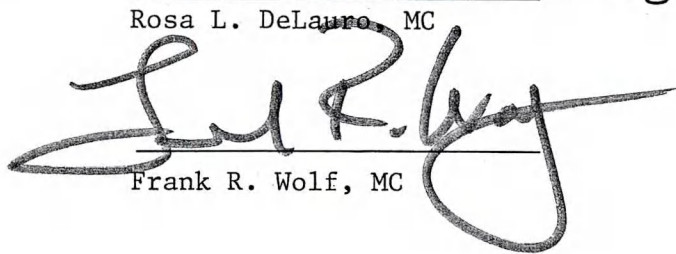
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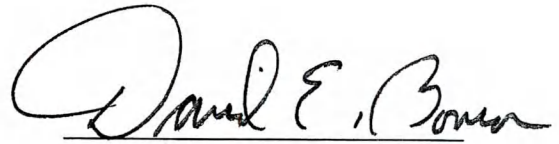
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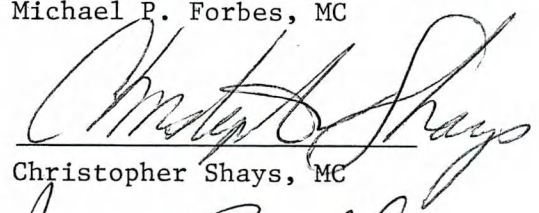
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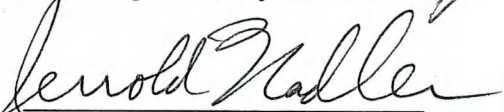
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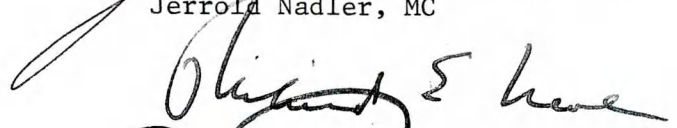
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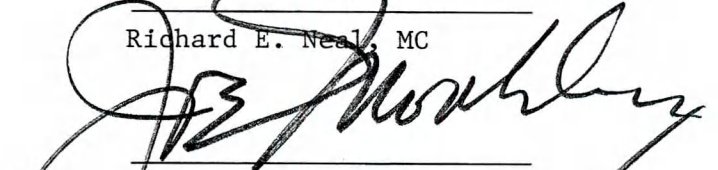
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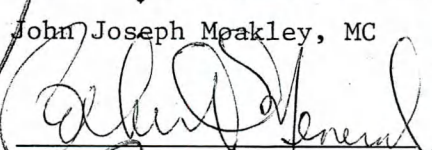
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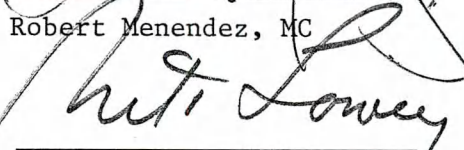
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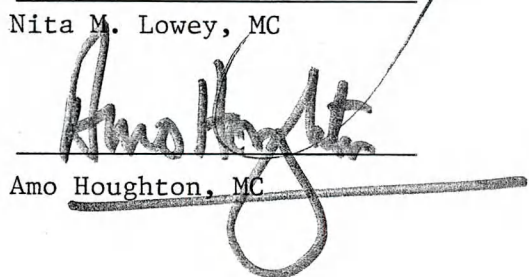
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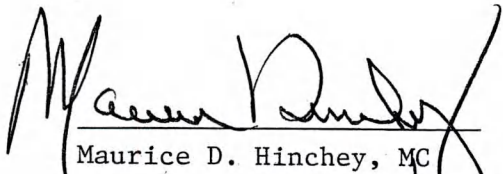
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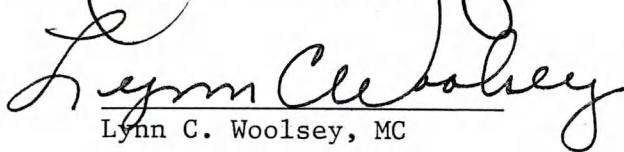


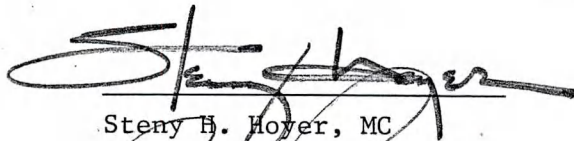
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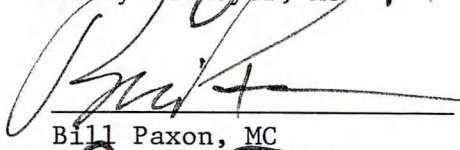


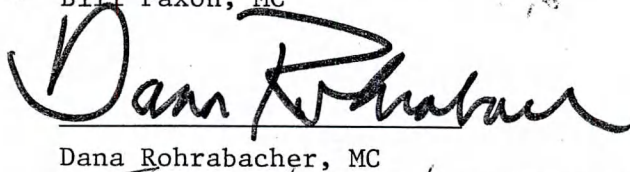
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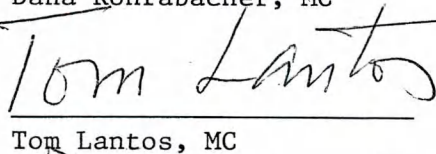

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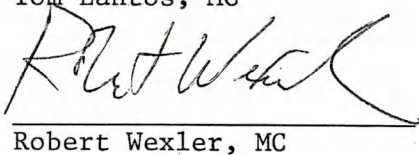

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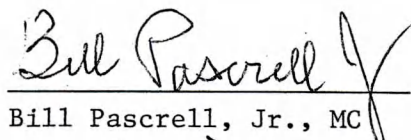

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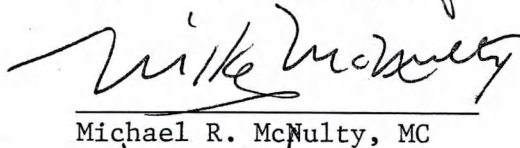

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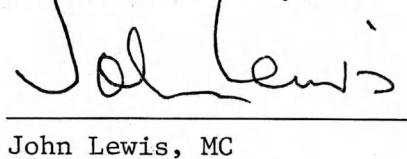

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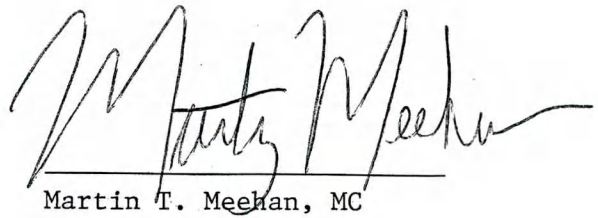

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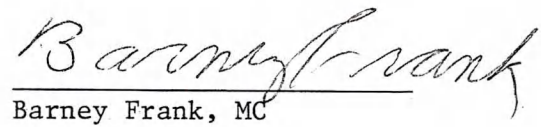

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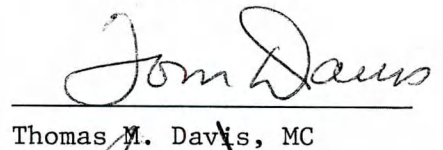

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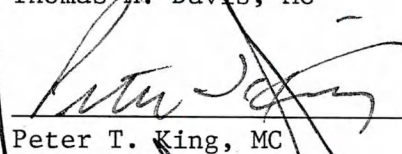

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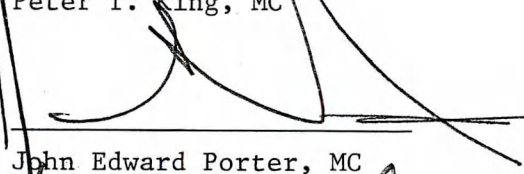

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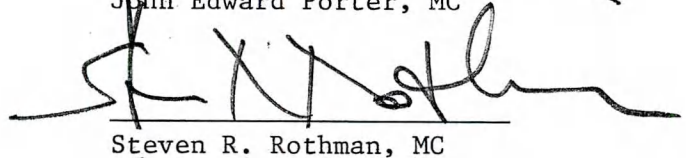

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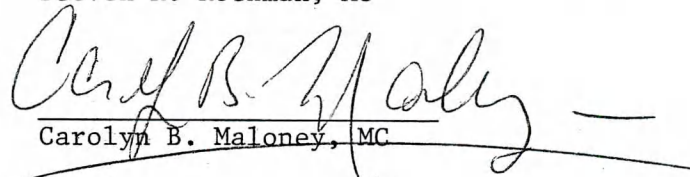

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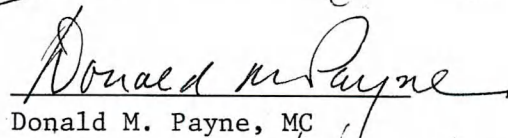

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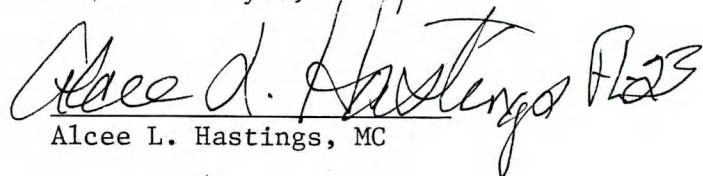

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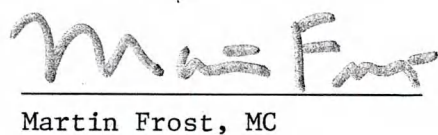

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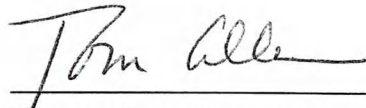

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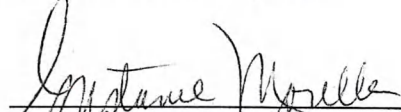

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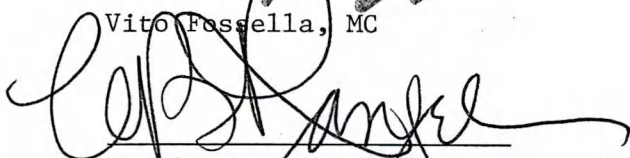
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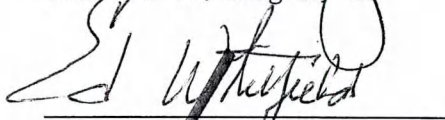
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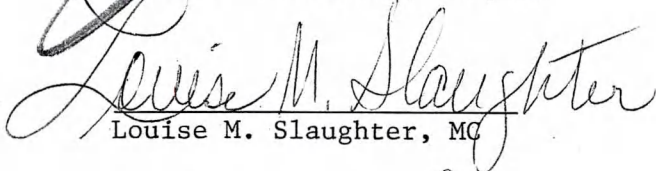
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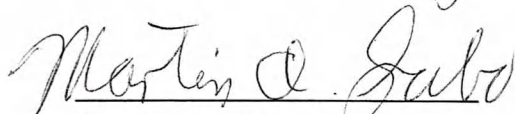
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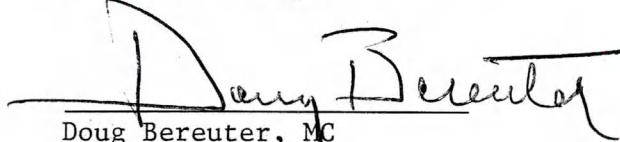
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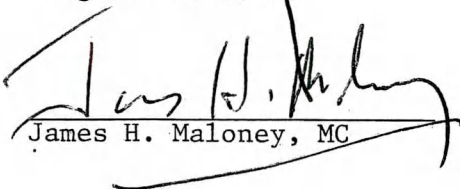
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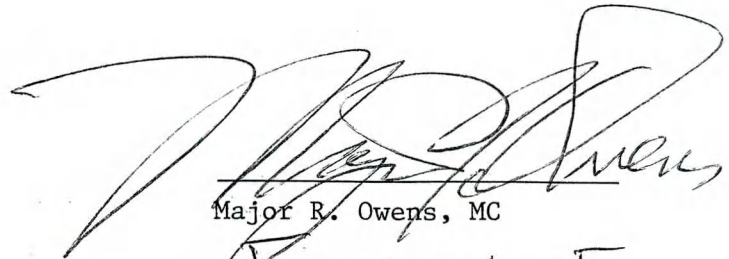
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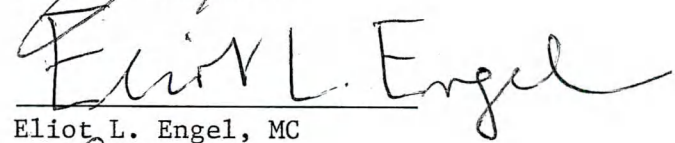
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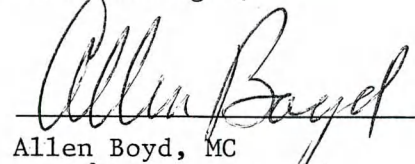
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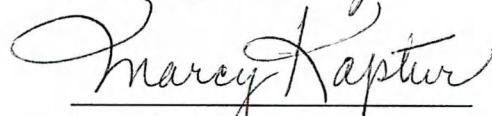
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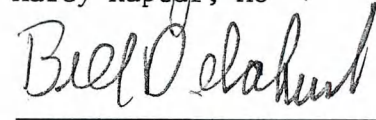
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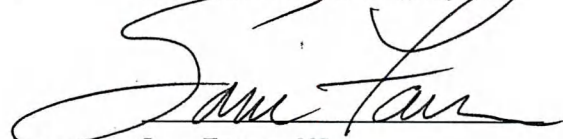
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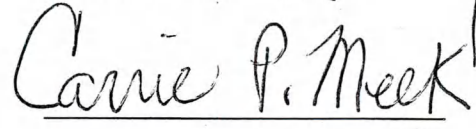
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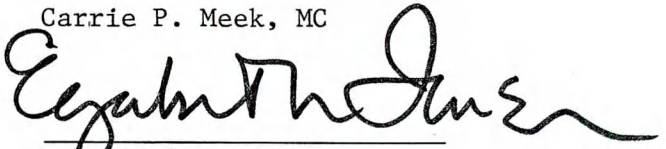
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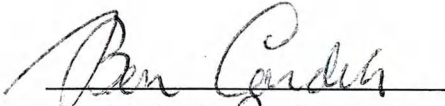
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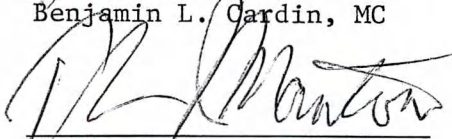


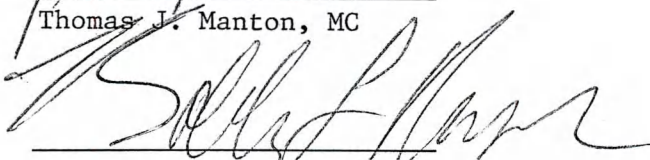
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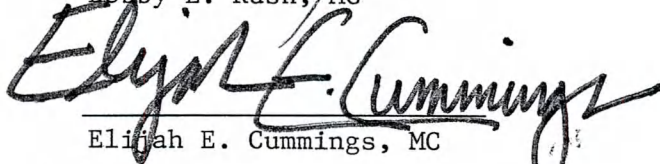


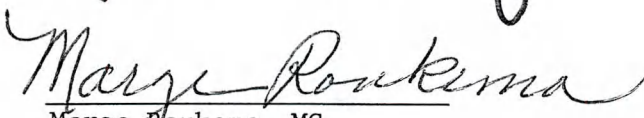
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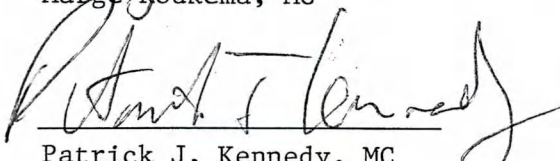

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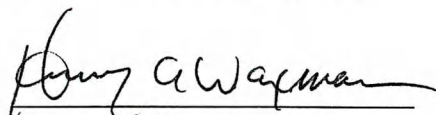

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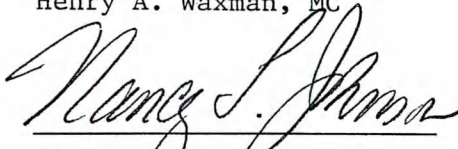

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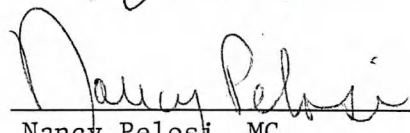

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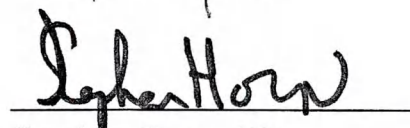

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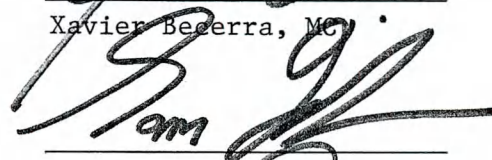

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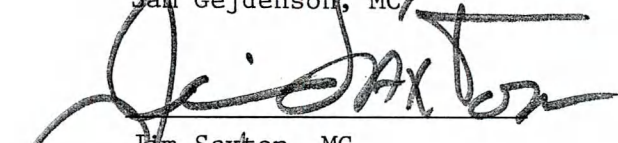

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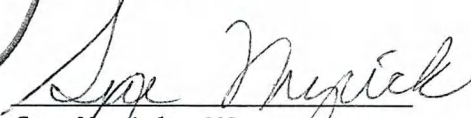

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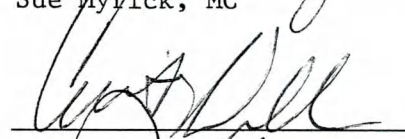

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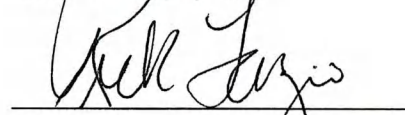

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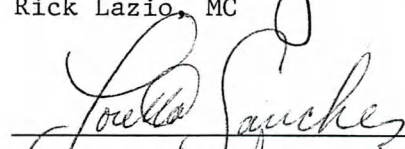

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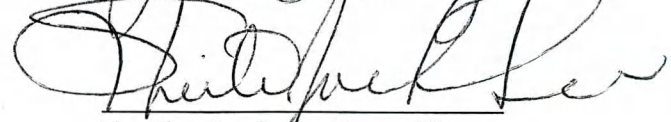

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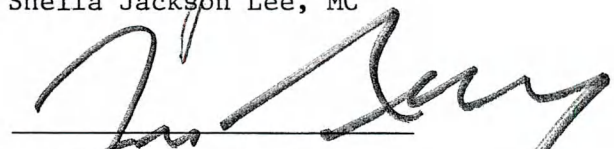

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October 21, 1998

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 Eli Joseph at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), regarding Israeli POWs;
- 2) Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), expressing concern over Kosovo;
- 3) Sen. John Warner (R-VA) and fourteen other Senators, regarding the establishment of a National Bipartisan Commission to review the current U.S.-Cuba foreign policy;
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- 5) Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) and Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), requesting the public release of the FBI report of the 1997 grenade attack in Cambodia which injured American Ron Abney;
- 6) Rep. George Miller (D-CA) and thirty-five other Members of Congress, regarding the arrest of General Augusto Pinochet; and,
- 7) Rep. John W. Olver (D-MA) and eighty-three other Members of Congress, expressing concern over Kosovo.

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: ~~Presidential~~ Letter to Representative Olver,
et al. on the Humanitarian Crisis in Kosovo

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Representative Olver co-signed by 83 colleagues urging use of NATO military power to resolve Kosovo situation.

Background

Representative Olver calls for the use of all necessary military power to stop the killing in Kosovo. He recommends that an emergency humanitarian operation be launched and argues that Milosevic should answer for war crimes.

Your reply summarizes NATO measures that have led to Milosevic's acceptance of intrusive verification regimes. *You also describe* It describes the improving situation on the ground as refugees gradually return and relief agencies increase deliveries of needed supplies.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters to Representative Olver, et al. at Tab A.

Attachments

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Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter ~~expressing concern~~ about the humanitarian crisis in Kosovo. I ~~deeply~~ appreciate hearing your *views* ~~advice~~ on the best way to resolve the conflict. Your call for decisive U.S. and NATO ~~action~~ accurately describes the approach we implemented. ~~I am heartened that working with our NATO partners we have dramatically improved the situation for the better.~~ *Encouraged*

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FROM:

Members of Congress

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