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The Hon
Republique Federale de Yougoslavie
le Premier Ministre (1992-93)
Milovan Panic

Yugoslavia

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March 21, 1999

Sent Via Fax

Dear Mr. President:

Last night I had dinner with Mr. Nikolai Afanasijevski, the Russian Ambassador to France, who was previously a deputy Foreign Minister to Mr. Primakov. Your senior officials who have dealt with Afanasijevski will tell you that he was a staunch supporter of Milosevic. That is no longer the case. He told me that he now recognizes that Milosevic is the problem, not the solution, and that the United States and Russia should act together to tell the Serbian people that our quarrel is not with them but with Milosevic and that we will no longer deal with Milosevic.

As a former senior Russian official, Afanasijevski is afraid that bombing Milosevic will strengthen his position and embarrass the Russians. He believes that Milosevic will sign the agreement after the first wave of bombing, telling the Serbs that he feels forced to do so to spare them from becoming victims of continued bombing. He will thus be assured of remaining firmly in power in Yugoslavia for the next three years and we will have accomplished nothing, except firming up Milosevic's control of everything, including Montenegro. Mr. Djukanovic will be finished.

Afanasijevski believes that a joint American-Russian approach will undermine Milosevic. He and I discussed this at some length and propose the following approach: a joint American-Russian statement that we will no longer deal with Milosevic, but will appeal to the Yugoslave army command to join with Mr. Djukanovic in cooperating with the contact group in signing and implementing the Kosovo agreement. Part of the offer would be the promise to Yugoslavia of an immediate return to participation in international organizations and a quick lifting of sanctions. To make it more palatable to the Yugoslave army, the offer should include a broader internationalization of the military force for Kosovo by the inclusion of a large Russian component.

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William Clinton
March 21, 1999
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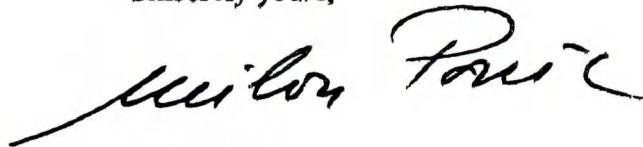
Following my meeting with Afanasijevski, I discussed this with Mr. Djukanovic on a telephone connection he believes cannot be monitored by Milosevic. He agreed to play his role if the United States and Russia decide to pursue this option. I am in contact with the Yugoslave army.

Ambassador Afanasijevski said he would report our discussion to Mr. Primakov. Also, former Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, who is a member of ICN's board of directors will join me in Paris today to work on this proposal. I hope you will have an opportunity to discuss this with Mr. Primakov during his visit to Washington this week.

I have just learned that you are sending Mr. Holbrook for one last attempt with Milosevic. If you do this he must also meet with a leader of the democratic opposition (I would suggest Professor Avramovic) and Mr. Djukanovic, and also express strong support for the independent media which is currently being persecuted by Milosevic's regime. He fears them the most.

With deep respect and full support for your efforts to bring peace to the Balkans, I remain.

Sincerely yours,



Milan Panic

William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
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