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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

DATE: April 12, 1999

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

I. PURPOSE

To provide background and talking points for your April 12 meeting with Congressional leadership on Kosovo.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the first in a series of meetings between you and members of your Foreign Policy Team and Members of Congress during Congress' first 48 hours back in Washington. The purpose of the sessions -- two with you and a series of caucus meetings attended by your Foreign Policy Team -- is to permit a broad range of Members to hear directly from the Administration on where we are and where we are going on Kosovo, to respond to their questions and to demonstrate that we are committed to close cooperation and consultation with Congress every step of the way. It is particularly important that Members get this message quickly on their return to Washington; at the same time, the meetings will give you and your team an opportunity to get a better fix on Congressional sentiment.

III. PARTICIPANTS

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Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott
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You could then turn to the humanitarian situation and our efforts to address that challenge. Finally, you should open what will be an ongoing discussion with them on funding requirements. The goal here is not to settle on a figure, but to indicate your intention to seek a supplemental, and to define the principles that will govern the composition and size of the package. Background on the supplemental is attached.

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Tab A Talking Points and Contingency Points

Tab B OMB Background on the Supplemental

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• **FY 1999 Kosovo Budget Supplemental:** Since the Leadership will undoubtedly bring up the funding question, we recommend you pre-empt by laying out the urgency of the situation. You should discuss the broad outlines of the package we are currently developing and emphasize that the package is too vital -- with respect to the safety of American troops and the lives of displaced Kosovars -- to be embroiled in budgetary politics. It is therefore essential this package be passed as a non-offset emergency. We are nearly finished with internal deliberations on a Kosovo package and we plan to describe it publicly as allowing us to conduct and sustain the ongoing air campaign in Yugoslavia, maintain military readiness, and provide resources to ease the plight of Kosovo's refugees.

The budget package is based on four key assumptions that you should review with the leadership:

- 1) Resources are provided to fund military activities at current levels through October 1. It is important that we obtain sufficient funding to maintain our military effort as long as necessary.
 - Note: This includes funds for Apache helicopters which require significant support personnel outside of Kosovo.
- 2) No funding is provided for any ground forces (peacekeeping forces or other) in Kosovo.
- 3) Resources are provided to aid efforts to accommodate the 650,000 refugees, and contingent funding is provided to handle more people if necessary. This is based on the U.S. providing 25% civilian humanitarian assistance.
- 4) Funding is provided to reinforce front-line states dealing with the brunt of the humanitarian and military fallout.

We will use the following themes to present the package:

- **Military Readiness:** This package provides funding for Kosovo operations, ensuring that the Defense Department would not be forced to compromise readiness to pay for Kosovo. The funding will allow us to keep your commitment to ensure military readiness.
- **Munitions:** We intend to replenish munitions used thus far in Kosovo and Iraq and restock inventories to maintain the air superiority required for the United States tactical advantage against adversaries in the current and any future conflicts. In addition to replenishing current stocks of munitions, we are working with DOD to ensure that we acquire additional resources if necessary to maintain readiness.
- **Humanitarian Assistance:** We will provide funding to the coordinated multilateral relief effort for Kosovo's refugees to pay for transport, the construction of temporary housing, food, and other assistance. In addition, in keeping with the commitment of all NATO nations to host refugees during the conflict, we will be temporarily providing for 20,000 displaced Kosovars.

We are still working on the final funding levels in several key areas, but we expect the package to likely total \$2.5 - \$4 billion. We would strongly recommend that you not discuss the dollar range under consideration. We would prefer the leadership to agree to the principles you lay out before discussing funding levels. In addition, we are concerned that any discussion of funding levels would be construed or portrayed as your request. If questions are raised or if you are pressed on the issue, we would recommend that you defer the questions to Jack Lew, who will be in the meeting.

As you know, the Congress will consider the Kosovo package in the context of your other pending supplemental requests for Central America, Jordan, and agriculture. There is also a risk that Republican leaders will see it as an opportunity to break through your Social Security commitment. In this regard, it is important to define our actions in Kosovo as an extraordinary emergency, similar to the Gulf War of 1990 about which there was bipartisan agreement on "emergency" funding status. We also expect this will be seen as an opportunity to erode our positions in resolving the FY 2000 budget, the "on-budget, off-budget" question, and other budget requests we will make in coming weeks such as those for the decennial census, embassy security, and possibly another agriculture package for income assistance. Your economic team has discussed how these issues relate to your overall policy regarding the use of the surplus. If pressed, we would recommend you turn to Jack Lew to elaborate.

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FOR PRESIDENT' S MEETING MONDAY

Sandy: Attached is a draft memo to the President for his meeting with the Congressional Leadership on Monday.

OMB wanted to do a memo addressing the Kosovo Budget Supplemental, and to have us provide talking points on the military and humanitarian situation as a classified tab. Both OMB's memo and our talking points are attached.

OMB would like your comments on their draft before preparing the final version. Please give us your edits on both the OMB memo and the talking points, and Exec Sec will get this finalized with OMB.

Thanks much,
Tracey Jacobson

Note to Mr. Berger

From: Robert Nabors, OMB

Attached for your review is a draft memo to the President on Kosovo in preparation for the Monday leadership meeting. It is also being circulated to Mr. Lew, Ms. Mathews, and Mr. Stein concurrently for review. It is our hope to get the memo to the Staff Secretary by noon tomorrow. Comments can be faxed (395-1005), phoned (395-5604), or emailed to me.

Thank you.

DRAFT – April 10, 1999 (7:43PM)

April 10, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Samuel R. Berger
Jacob J. Lew
Larry Stein

SUBJECT: Meeting with Congressional Leadership

On April 12, you are scheduled to meet with Senate Minority Leader Daschle, House Minority Leader Gephardt, Senate Majority Leader Lott, House Speaker Hastert, and Representative Arney (Mr. Stein – Please confirm). The purpose of this meeting is to reengage with the Congressional leadership on funding Kosovo as a non-offset emergency supplemental. This memorandum provides you with the current status of our Kosovo activities for the meeting.

At the meeting, you will provide an assessment of our military and humanitarian situation in Kosovo and encourage the leadership to provide supplemental resources to fund our efforts:

- **Military and Humanitarian Assessment:** See classified document attached.
- **FY 1999 Kosovo Budget Supplemental:** While we hope that funding for Kosovo funding issues will not be the focus of the meeting, the Leadership may emphasize it. We recommend you discuss the broad outlines of the package we are currently developing and emphasize it is essential this package be passed as a non-offset emergency package.

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