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PERSONS:

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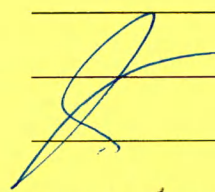
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WASHINGTON

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Again, thank you for your thoughtful letter.

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Mr. Marko P. Krstic
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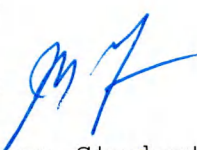
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER 

SUBJECT: Serbian American Student Association Urges a Halt to NATO Action

Purpose

Respond to a letter from officers of the Serbian American Student Association.

Background

Mr. Marko Krstic, Director of Public Affairs, and Mr. Neno Djordjevic, Director of Political Affairs for the Serbian American Student Association, wrote to urge you to stop NATO air strikes against Serbia. They assert the attacks have caused havoc on the civilian population and led to an increase in the number of refugees.

Your response explains NATO resorted to military action reluctantly, only after exhausting diplomatic avenues. It points out that Milosevic's repressive policy of ethnic cleansing justifies, indeed demands, the use of force. The letter delineates what Milosevic must do to end the strikes.

Finally, it suggests that when the conflict ends the Serbian American Student Association can be a positive force in building democracy in Serbia.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Serbian American Students

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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April 23, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: GREG SCHULTE *JS*

FROM: MICHAEL HURLEY *cmh*

SUBJECT: Serbian American Student Association Urges POTUS
to Stop NATO Action

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to the President forwarding a draft response to Mr. Marko Krstic of the Serbian American Student Association.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Concurrence by: Matthew Gobush *cmh*

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President
Tab A Proposed Response
Tab B Incoming Correspondence



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THE PRESIDENT
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April 14, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

For three weeks now, the world's most powerful military alliance has been unloading a brutal arsenal of bombs and missiles upon a tiny Balkan nation of 10 million people. For three weeks now, 1.5 million Serbian-Americans have been horrified by stories of family members in Serbia and Montenegro stranded in bomb shelters for days at a time, stories of mothers scurrying to find something with which to feed their children when NATO warplanes are not flying overhead, stories of a nation being devastated by their allies of two world wars. Mr. President, it is time for this madness to stop.

The Serbian American Student Association urges you to immediately order a stop to the NATO air campaign over Serbia and Montenegro which has wreaked so much havoc upon the civilian population and led to an increase in the number of refugees fleeing Kosovo. The United States should now commence working with even more conviction in conjunction with our European allies and Russia to forge a comprehensive diplomatic solution that would bring peace to Kosovo, and democracy and stability to all nations on the Balkan peninsula. The first step in working towards peace in the Balkans, Mr. President, is ending this war against Serbia.

Mr. President, the Serbian-American community remains committed to working with you or any other person of goodwill to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Balkans. Our dedication to peace is firm, even in these most difficult of times, as it has been throughout the tragedies the Serbian people have experienced during this decade. We implore you to end this latest tragedy--the airstrikes against the people of Serbia and Montenegro--without any further delay: what you consider to

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We're seeing
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be "collateral damages" are for us real people. We owe it to the suffering on all sides of the terrible conflict to immediately stop all hostilities and come to the negotiating table--the only place where a just, lasting solution to the Kosovo conflict can be found.

Yours sincerely,

N. Neno Djordjevic
Director of Political Affairs

Marko P. Krstic
Director of Public Affairs

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~~While~~ ^{but} we resorted to force with great reluctance, ^{and} there are circumstances when it is justified -- in fact demanded, ~~but~~ ^{and} Milosevic's odious policy of ethnic cleansing is one of these. Ethnic hatred and violence have caused too much death and suffering in this century, ^{On} the eve of the 21st Century, we must do our utmost to oppose those who carry it out. I would ask you to consider that 19 democratic nations -- all of whose leaders are accountable to their peoples -- have agreed that Milosevic's goal of wiping out an entire people ~~cannot~~ ^{must not} go unchallenged.

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^{Thank you}
Again, I ~~am grateful~~ for your thoughtful letter.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
~~LARRY STEIN~~

SUBJECT: Serbian American Student Association Urges a Halt
to NATO Action

Purpose

Respond to a letter from ^{Officers} ~~the Director~~ of the Serbian American Student Association.

Background

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Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Chief of Staff

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PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

Djordjevic, Krstic

PREPARE A RESPONSE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S OR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF A LETTER DOES NOT REQUIRE A RESPONSE, PLEASE RETURN IT TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RM 379) WITH THIS FORM, ANNOTATED ACCORDINGLY.

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