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April 06, 1999

To:

Mr. President **Bill Clinton**
please forward copy to
NSA Mr. Sandy Berger

PLEASE STAFF

4-6-99

Dear Sirs,

I am so proud to be American at this time. Your good strain of decisions and policy in Kosovo is impressing me. However, I thought you could use an input from a person from who lived there a long period of his life:

Military decisions:

It is out of the most importance that you preserve your course. Milosevic is slowly cracking. It is visible everywhere. Military support he expected from Russia and others did not arrive, and he is slowly starting to understand that. Scope of his isolation is slowly starting to show in behavior of Serb politicians. Victory is not far.

I would not be genius by telling you that **WE HAVE TO WIN MILITARILY OR OTHERWISE**. In this war either Yugoslavia wins or NATO wins. There is basically no third option.

However, it is very important that you prevent him from repopulating Kosovo with Serbs who did not live in Kosovo ever before. That could impede your military action to return Kosovars to their homes. Fast ground action is crucial. Faster you make his army incapable of fighting, faster you will be able to move into Kosovo.

Humanitarian decisions:

First of all do not be irritated by claims that NATO action spurred this humanitarian catastrophe. I felt wrath of Milosevic's thugs and hoodlums on my back, and I am positive that they would do this to the Kosovars anyway, but may be on a slower pace. If I am sure of anything I am sure of that.

If I can judge properly it looks to me that Macedonian government is not reacting properly to this crises. Please offer them a nice balance of carrot and stick to speed up dissolution of the Blace camp, and to move refugees in places where they can be taken care better of.

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Why UK and France and other EU countries are not taking more refugees? Please press them to do so, and also rich Islamic countries.

The idea to put refugees in Guantanamo Bay and Guam is not the best one. In summer it is awfully hot in Guantanamo Bay, and we, from former Yugoslavia, are not used on such a heat. In Kosovo in summer it rarely is more than 75F. We are not from warm area like Haitians or Kurds are. It looks to me that elderly and children are not going to take that well. You might have more deaths from heat exposure than what you would like to see. I would take them north more. If you can not put them in the Continental USA even Alaska would be better than GB and Guam.¹ If you decide to put them in GB or Guam after all, please make sure that they have some kind of cooling system available. I would grant them access to the beach. After all majority of them will not see Caribbean or Guam again, after they return to Kosovo. Why not turn tragic situation in a pleasant one?

I wish you all the best. I am totally impressed the way you are behaving. It is a true face of democracy, and that is why we would like to see democracy take a foothold in Balkans as well.

I can see that you are in need of help with the humanitarian situation. I am in process in looking for an organization who could hire me to help the refugees, or help in any other way. If you need my skills (I speak the languages of the former Yugoslavia and I am American citizen), please let me know, I would love to help.

Sincerely,

Petar Matic

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¹ Guam looks to me much better option than GB. By the way hurricane season might have impact on them.

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