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He sent a letter to SRB re: Russia & Kosovo and RUE has been tasked to answer. However there's no return address information and no phone/fax number on the letter.

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Mr. Sandy Berger
National Security Advisor
The White House
Washington, DC 20005

April 16, 1999

Dear Mr. Berger,

It's ok. to say that you are in Kosovo for the duration and that you will absolutely win this war, but for NATO to use the phrase that they had a 'good night' just doesn't sit well. Yes, we are there to fight a war, but ultimately our job is to save lives, not take 'joy' in destruction.

Before the Russians became part of the peace process we were heading down a disastrous path that could have turned out far worse than practically anybody could have imagined.

This accomplishes so many things: 1) it suddenly turns a virtual enemy into a friend, or an ally of sorts, 2) quiets some of the internal noise about what a great world power Russia used to be, and 3) may even help to quiet the situation in the Balkans. And, we don't have to give up anything to gain all this, either.

Keep them visible in the process. Even let them speak to the press concerning the peace process, so suddenly they are talking peace, not war.

President Clinton has managed his political (public) front – and the job that he has done – magnificently. That is why his polls are where they are. It is a common perception that the President has been running a full-time campaign ever since he was elected. We have to get that same kind of 'street smarts' working on the global level. This will help us to 'manage' the rest of the world more effectively because we won't be wearing only our superpower hat. We can be more things to more people. Obviously, this is both simplistic and easier said than done, but I think that you understand what I am saying.

One of the key things to remember is that the word 'respect' goes a long way in much of the world. Even conducting war in a respectful manner. Your lightening up on the attacks over the Orthodox Easter was an excellent precedent in this direction.

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I may have figured out a way to contain the Indian/Pakistani nuclear free-for-all: most of the citizens and leaders of both those countries only see the perceived power, prestige and attention that they get on the world stage from their nuclear weapons programs. Those who are cheering in the streets at the announcement of nuclear weapons have no concept of the horror and damage that they will cause for others, and that will be wreaked on them in turn. We have to find a way to refocus both the leaders and the people in the street.

Perhaps we can use the U.N. as a base for this type of activity. I am sure that considerable diplomatic efforts have been undertaken there already, but we need more of a people-to-people communication. Grass roots within India and Pakistan. Finds ways to empower and give expression to those who would be willing to voice dissent. Maybe even get a grassroots kind of thinking going in the UN that could lead to certain results.

It could have the focus of a campaign against the concept of nuclear weapons based on the effect of their intended use: havoc and devastation. Death and suffering. That is what nuclear weapons are all about. That is only what they are all about. We have to find a way to drive images of nuclear devastation into the minds and hearts of those who support the nuclear weapons programs in India and Pakistan. We could probably even take some relatively intrusive measures in this pursuit based on the premise that they are severely intruding on the prospects of world peace.

Probably the real roots of this problem lie in the competitive nature of the relationship between India and Pakistan. Maybe we can find a way for them to redirect that aspect of their relationship. Find another venue for them to compete in that they can publicize freely in their region. Maybe they could have an annual sports competition – sort of a mini Olympics – between the two countries and let much of their relationship be defined in those terms. Maybe Ted Turner would get involved here. Sort of a Victory for All concept.

Remind them that if they want honor and respect, they will be given much more of that if they give up their nuclear programs than if they keep them. And remind them that, ultimately, they are only going to attract to themselves what it is that they intend to do to others. Karma – in their

culture – that will only bring devastation and sorrow to their own countries and people.

We have to find a way to instill this message in both the leaders and the citizens of these countries. Since what we are really seeking to do is create a deep-seated change at the very core of the values of a country, perhaps the only way is to start at the grass-roots level. Maybe direct some messaging at students from those countries who are now studying abroad. Tell them we are not going to give you a visa to study here until you sit down and watch this documentary about nuclear devastation. Your joy and pride in this program is very ill-placed and ill-informed. We want you to focus on reality for a few minutes and understand that the policies that your country is pursuing are very self-destructive.

This is another area that we could get the Russians involved in that will give them more pride, dignity and respect on the world stage. I am sure that you understand that I am only trying to bolster them some to help prevent potentially powerful elements in that country from driving us all into a major conflict. If we help to restore some of the Russian visibility, presence and respect on the world stage, those elements inside Russia who feel that those goals can only be accomplished with war will have less of a case to make.

God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

K. Gordon Sandbach

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