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MEMORANDUM



TO: *Glyn T. Davies*

DATE: *5/10/99*

FROM: Tim Emrich
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how to respond | ☐ For your information | ☐ For your action |
| ☐ As you requested | ☐ Please call me regarding
the attached | ☐ Please prepare
response per
instructions below |
| ☐ For your approval | ☐ For Surrogate
Consideration | ☐ Please prepare
Scheduling
Proposal |
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COMMENTS:

*old request, not sure what/if anything
happened to original letter - ply advise on how to
handle. Jim*

Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

CC:



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No. 73
October 9, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Please find enclosed the joint declaration of the Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States of America and Canada which we direct to your attention, Mr. President, together with our urgent request for an audience with you as soon as possible. In order to prevent a human catastrophe of horrendous proportions, We believe that We can contribute significantly to help counter and dispel any misinformation that may cause you to undertake any actions which may result in needless, tragic and costly consequences of unimaginable proportions that no amount of regrets can undo.

In anticipation of your response and invitation, We express our readiness to meet with you at your earliest convenience, remaining,

Faithful to the cause of peace in the world,
Respectfully yours

PRESIDENT
THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL

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Dear Mr. President,

We, the Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States of America and Canada, gathered in extraordinary session, feel that it is our moral obligation to inform you of our great concern about the threats of NATO forces bombing Serbian Kosovo-Metohija, which is an integral part of Serbia and the United Republic of Yugoslavia.

We have no doubts that the International Community desires peace in the Balkans, as well as the prevention of a humanitarian catastrophe in the Serbian region of Kosovo and Metohija. This we all desire. However, we ask ourselves whether bombing would not bring a greater humanitarian catastrophe and lead the Balkans and Europe into a hopeless situation. We, and the Serbian Orthodox Community in the United States, as American citizens, think that such an act, in violation of international law, would set a precedent by negating International law which would have dire consequences for the sovereignty of all nations, and that such an attack would bring shame upon our country and its democracy. As you surely know Mr. President, no other nation in the world, including our own United States of America, has ever been threatened or attacked in such a manner with bombing by other nations when forced to deal with lawless acts of terrorism within their own borders. Such an act would only encourage such lawlessness to continue unabated. We are convinced that a peaceful solution is possible.

Although we do not wish to delve into history, we are obligated to remind you that the Serbian people in that region have been biologically endangered with extinction and have repeatedly suffered forced exile from their homes and region from time of the fascist occupation of 1941, through- out the communist totalitarian system, and up to the most recent tragic events for both the Serbs and the Shiptars in Kosovo and Metohija.

Can it really be the aim of democratic America to destroy the last remnants of the Serbian people in that part of Serbia, which represents to them what Jerusalem is for the Jewish people?

We are deeply saddened by the one-sided and in many ways untruthful reporting by the mass media concerning the real situation in Kosovo. Such distortions have repeatedly resulted in the satanization of all Serbian people, and not only of the present regime. We believe that the restoring of political and diplomatic dialogue, with the dynamic help of the international community, is the only morally permissible and effective way of reaching a just resolution of the tragic Kosovo drama .

We pray to God to bless with wisdom and understanding all those in the world who are involved in this matter, that they seek the best and the most righteous solution for everyone concerned, and to prevent the mass slaughter of innocent people as had occurred in the previous bombings.

Respectfully,

PRESIDENT
THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL



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to Emrich saying no mts
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incoming Emrich memo.

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