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TO: CARTER, JIMMY

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 03 JUN 99
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: KOSOVO
MILITARY POSTURE

SERBIA
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONS: SLOBODAN, MILOSEVIC

SUBJECT: LTR TO FORMER PRES CARTER RE COLLATERAL DAMAGE FM BOMBING IN FRY

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 28 MAY 99 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: SCHULTE

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POTUS letter to Carter

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 3, 1999

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for your letter on NATO's military campaign in Serbia and Kosovo. I appreciate your candid expression of concern about injuries and deaths among innocent civilians resulting from the Alliance's air operations.

NATO has flown more than 32,000 sorties since the beginning of the air campaign, and only a handful of incidents where the ordnance dropped has been mistargeted or has missed its intended target. The bombing of the Chinese embassy was a deeply regrettable mistake and I have said so. I can assure you that NATO is taking extraordinary measures to reduce the risk of such mistakes in the future and any attendant civilian casualties.

Jimmy, any civilian casualties are tragic and regrettable, but I hope you agree there is no doubt about the origins of this conflict: in his horrendous campaign of ethnic cleansing, Slobodan Milosevic is making innocent civilians the object of his campaigns rather than minimizing harm to them. Ethnic hatred has caused too much death and suffering in this century; we cannot allow so massive an onslaught to go unchallenged on the eve of the next.

The objective of our ongoing engagement is and remains straightforward: to create the conditions for the refugees to return to their

homes with security and self-government. These conditions will be met when Milosevic withdraws his forces, allows the refugees to return unconditionally, and permits the deployment of an international security force to protect all Kosovars, both ethnic Albanian and Serb. Our military operations, and our diplomatic initiatives, are all aimed at achieving this end.

I firmly believe that NATO's air campaign is not only justified, it is demanded, and it is working. I ask for your support as we and our NATO allies seek to counter this moral outrage.

I hope this letter finds you and Rosalyn in good health. Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Jim

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
The Carter Presidential Center
One Copenhill
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

*I got your point
on the cluster bombs -
I think they have
now been targeted
in a more limited fashion*

6-3-99

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*
SUBJECT: Letter to Former President Jimmy Carter

Purpose

Respond to a letter from former President Carter expressing concern about collateral damage from bombing in the FRY.

Background

Former President Jimmy Carter wrote to you to express concern about collateral damage to civilians in Serbia proper and Kosovo. He urges you to cancel any orders allowing use of cluster bombs on inhabited areas.

Your reply explains that NATO is taking the greatest care to avoid civilian casualties.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to former President Carter
Tab B Incoming correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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TO: EXEC
ACTION: MULTILAT
KOSOVO



JIMMY CARTER

⇒ GREG
response

May 10, 1999

To President Bill Clinton

I have noticed that collateral damage (the death of innocent civilians) in Serbia and Kosovo continues to grow, which is an indication that targeting for our weapons has expanded beyond the destruction of Milosovic's military capabilities. The mistaken strike against the Chinese embassy is just an indication of increased aggression.

Of special concern to me is the use of cluster bombs on inhabited areas. I urge you to cancel the order to use this literally inhuman weapon, specifically designed to kill as many people as possible.

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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May 24, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: GREG SCHULTE 

FROM: MIKE HURLEY 

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Former President Carter

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President forwarding a draft response to former President Carter. Former President Carter wrote to the President to express concern about collateral damage to civilians from NATO's air strikes in the FRY. He is particularly concerned about the use of cluster bombs.

Concurrence by: Samuel Moyn 

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter to Former President Carter

Tab B Incoming correspondence

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: CARTER, JIMMY

DOC DATE: 10 MAY 99
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: KOSOVO
MILITARY POSTURE

SERBIA
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONS: SLOBODAN, MILOSEVIC

SUBJECT: URGES POTUS NOT TO USE CLUSTER BOMBS IN RE KOSOVO

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR BERGER

DUE DATE: 28 MAY 99 STATUS: S

STAFF OFFICER: SCHULTE

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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:

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PRESIDENT

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM:

J Carter

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.

Tracey -
Sandy rewrote
this ~~letter~~ letter
but highlighted
portion does not
make sense
to me
What do you
think?
Cathy

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I firmly believe that NATO's air campaign is not only justified, it is demanded, and it is working. I ask for your support as we and our NATO allies seek to counter this moral outrage.

I hope this letter finds you and Rosalyn in good health. Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
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One Copenhill
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for your letter on NATO's military campaign in Serbia and Kosovo. I appreciate your candid expression of concern about injuries and deaths among innocent civilians resulting from the Alliance's air operations.

NATO has flown more than 22,000 sorties since the beginning of the air campaign, and only a fraction of the ordnance dropped has been mistargeted or has missed its intended target. The bombing of the Chinese embassy was a ~~rare~~ and regrettable mistake. NATO is taking extraordinary measures to reduce the risk of such mistakes in the future and any attendant civilian casualties. ~~We have also placed restrictions on the use of cluster bombs.~~

Jimmy, ~~while~~ any civilian casualties are tragic and regrettable, I hope you agree there is no doubt about the origins of this conflict: the horrendous campaign of ethnic cleansing Slobodan Milosevic is waging against the people of ~~Kosovo~~. Ethnic hatred has caused too much death and suffering in this century; we cannot allow so massive an onslaught to go unchallenged on the eve of the next.

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Background

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Your reply explains that NATO is taking the greatest care to avoid civilian casualties and that restrictions have been placed on the use of cluster bombs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to former President Carter
Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Jimmy
Dear President Carter:

Thank you for your letter on Kosovo. I deeply appreciate your candid expression of concern about injuries and deaths among innocent civilians resulting from NATO's air operations.

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The objective of our ongoing engagement is and remains for straightforward: to create the conditions whereby the refugees can return to their homes with security and self-government. These conditions will be met when ~~the~~ Milosevic withdraws his forces, allows the refugees to return unconditionally, and permits the deployment of an international security force to protect all Kosovars, both ethnic Albanian and Serb. Our military operations, and our diplomatic initiatives, are all aimed at achieving this end.

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DATE: 07 JUN 99

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: CARTER, JIMMY

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 03 JUN 99

SUBJ: LTR TO FORMER PRES CARTER RE COLLATERAL DAMAGE FM BOMBING IN FRY

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 08 JUN 99

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE