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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Speaker Hastert
Senate Majority Leader Lott
Senate Minority Leader Daschle
House Minority Leader Gephardt

DATE: Today, June 10, 1999

RECOMMENDED BY: SAMUEL R. BERGER
LARRY STEIN

PURPOSE: To give them an update on
Kosovo

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION Talking points are attached at
Tab A.

CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Miles Lackey, x69171

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Attachments
Tab A Points to be Made

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