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001. memo	For James Pardew et al. Subject: Cancellation of Kosovo ExComm Meeting [partial] (1 page)	03/29/1999	P3/b(3)
002. memo	Summary of Conclusions for NSC Deputies Committee SVTS, March 23, 1999. [Record ID: 9902091] (1 page)	03/24/1999	P3/b(3)
003. memo	Summary of Conclusions for NSC Deputies Committee SVTS, March 23, 1999. [Record ID: 9902092] (1 page)	03/25/1999	P3/b(3)
004. briefing paper	Telephone Calls with Secretary General Javier Solana and General Wesley Clark, March 25, 1999. [Record ID: 9902127] [Duplicate kh750_001a & 001b, 2006-0325-F. vz6275_003, this case.] (3 pages)	03/24/1999	P1/b(1)
005a. telcon	Telcon with Italian Prime Minister D'Alema, March 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.01, 2014-0559-M] (4 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)
005b. telcon	Telcon with French President Chirac, March 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.02, 2014-0559-M] (4 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)
005c. telcon	Telcon with German Chancellor Schroeder, March 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.03, 2014-0559-M] (2 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)
005d. telcon	Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair, March 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.04, 2014-0559-M] (10 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)
005e. telcon	Telcon with German Chancellor Schroeder, March 29, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.05, 2014-0559-M] (2 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)
005f. telcon	Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair, March 29, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.06, 2014-0559-M] (3 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)

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006. form	Schedule Proposal. Subject: Phone Calls to Secretary Javier Solana and General Wesley Clark. [Record ID: 9902105] [Duplicate of vz6275_009, this case] (2 pages)	03/24/1999	P1/b(1)
007a. briefing paper	Meeting with the Foreign Policy Team, January 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9900499] [Duplicate ke5737_001a, this case] (3 pages)	01/26/1999	P1/b(1)
007b. talking points	Issues to Discuss with Foreign Policy Team. [Record ID: 9900499] [Duplicate ke5737_001b, this case] (1 page)	01/26/1999	P1/b(1)
007c. list	List of Participants [partial] (1 page)	01/26/1999	P3/b(3)
007d. draft	[Draft of 007a (9900499). Duplicate of ke5737_001d, this case] (3 pages)	01/26/1999	P1/b(1)
007e. draft	List of Participants. [partial] (1 page)	01/26/1999	P3/b(3)

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FROM: BERGER

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Schedule Proposal

date 3 / 18 / 99 ACCEPT REGRET PENDING

TO: Stephanie Streett

FROM: Samuel Berger (K) *in*

REQUEST: Foreign Policy Team Meeting

PURPOSE: To discuss strategy for Kosovo.

BACKGROUND: The negotiations in Paris have reached a deadlock. The Kosovar Albanians are planning to sign the agreement from Rambouillet today, while the Serb delegation remains intransigent, seeking to re-open the political chapters and refusing to discuss the implementation chapters. We expect the conference co-chairs, Foreign Ministers Cook and Vedrine, to shut down the talks today or tomorrow.

In the meantime, the build-up of Serb forces in and around Kosovo has caused Ambassador Walker, the Director of the OSCE's Kosovo Verification Mission (KVM), to question the continued safety and viability of the mission. He is considering its possible evacuation as soon as Friday. We are also taking steps to protect U.S. citizens in FRY and the Republika Srpska.

With the talks heading toward suspension and KVM preparing for

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PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Multiple Times

DATE AND TIME: March 19, 1999, 9:30 a.m.

BRIEFING TIME: None

DURATION: 45 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

PARTICIPANTS: The President
The Vice President
Foreign Policy Team

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: DCI Tenet to brief on situation on the ground; Secretary Albright to present diplomatic strategy, European views and implications for relations with Russia; Secretary Cohen and General Shelton to present military planning; I will present results of Congressional consultations and decisions to be taken by the President.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: N/A

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: Yes.

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC

CONTACT: Greg Schulte x69101

ORIGIN OF THIS PROPOSAL: None

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: N/A

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

March 18, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

OR

FROM:

GREG SCHULTE

SUBJECT:

Schedule Proposal for Foreign Policy Team Meeting
-- March 19, 1999

Attached at Tab I is a schedule proposal for a meeting with the President to discuss the situation in Kosovo.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Schedule Proposal

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RECOMMENDED BY: NSC

CONTACT: Greg Schulte x69101

ORIGIN OF THIS PROPOSAL: None

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TO: CHIRAC, JACQUES

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 29 MAR 99
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KEYWORDS: FRANCE
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PERSONS:

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CHIRAC RE SITUATION IN KOSOVO

1. AMBASSADOR OR DCM: PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT CHIRAC AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW. PLEASE REPORT TO WHITE HOUSE SITROOM (202-456-9431) WHEN MESSAGE IS RECEIVED AND WHEN DELIVERED.

BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR JACQUES:

I PLANNED TO CALL YOU THIS EVENING BUT DECIDED TO SEND YOU A NOTE WHEN I LEARNED THAT YOU HAD RETIRED FOR THE EVENING. I WANT TO SHARE MY THINKING ABOUT KOSOVO, WHERE, AS YOU KNOW, MILOSEVIC CONTINUES HIS SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AND EXPULSIONS.

YOUR SPEECH TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE WAS CARRIED LIVE BY CNN. IT WAS TERRIFIC. I AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NO ROOM IN EUROPE FOR BELGRADE'S POLICY OF ETHNIC CLEANSING, MURDERS AND MASSACRES. I ALSO AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT THAT NATO'S ACTION NEEDS TIME AND DETERMINATION AND THAT AIR STRIKES MUST BE SUSTAINED IN ORDER TO REDUCE BELGRADE'S MEANS OF AGGRESSION.

YESTERDAY, IN IMPLEMENTING PHASE II OF NATO'S OPERATION, ALLIED AIRCRAFT SUCCESSFULLY HIT SOME OF THE FORCES CARRYING OUT THESE ATROCITIES. I HOPE FOR MORE SUCCESS TONIGHT. BUT WE

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THE SERB FORCES. FOR THIS REASON, I THINK WE NOW NEED TO AUTHORIZE PHASE III. MILOSEVIC MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HIT HIM NOT ONLY IN AND AROUND KOSOVO, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE REST OF SERBIA AND AGAINST KEY TARGETS IN BELGRADE ITSELF.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THE DIPLOMATIC TRACK AS WELL. IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT MILOSEVIC WILL OFFER PRIMAKOV SOME MODEST CONCESSIONS, SUCH AS A CEASE-FIRE IN PLACE IF NATO AIR STRIKES STOP. OR HE MIGHT OFFER TO RESTART NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POLITICAL CHAPTERS OF THE RAMBOUILLET ACCORDS. IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE REMAIN FIRM AND UNITED IN WHAT WE EXPECT FROM MILOSEVIC: A PULL-BACK OF HIS FORCES AND AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE RAMBOUILLET FRAMEWORK. IF MILOSEVIC REMAINS DEFIANT, NATO'S AIR STRIKES MUST CONTINUE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU IN THE COMING DAYS.

SINCERELY,

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 29, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM: GREG SCHULTE *JS*

SUBJECT: Presidential Message to French President Chirac

Attached at Tab I is a Presidential message to French President Chirac per your request. Also included in the message is optional language on Phase III if you wish to include it.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize the transmittal of the message at Tab I.

Approve *JS* Disapprove

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Tab I Draft Presidential message

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PREC: IMMEDIATE NIACT

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

TO: AMEMBASSY PARIS

INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CHIRAC RE SITUATION IN KOSOVO

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BEGIN TEXT

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FIRES ARE BURNING IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES THROUGHOUT KOSOVO. SERB SECURITY FORCES ARE CONDUCTING MASS EXPULSIONS ON A SCALE WELL BEYOND THAT OF LAST YEAR. THIS MORNING, THE OSCE REPORTED A "RIVER" OF REFUGEES FLOWING INTO ALBANIA, ARRIVING AT A RATE OF 4,000 AN HOUR. OVER 20,000 ETHNIC ALBANIANS HAVE FLED INTO MACEDONIA OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS, AND THOUSANDS MORE ARE COMING EACH DAY. AND WE ARE RECEIVING MOUNTING REPORTS OF ATROCITIES, INCLUDING THE DELIBERATE KILLING OF ETHNIC ALBANIAN POLITICIANS AND INTELLIGENTSIA.

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WE UNDERSTAND FROM YOUR OFFICIALS THAT YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO PRIME MINISTER PRIMAKOV ABOUT HIS IMPENDING TRIP TO BELGRADE. I TRUST THAT YOU EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT MILOSEVIC HAS GIVEN NATO NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO EMPLOY MILITARY FORCE. I ALSO TRUST THAT YOU EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT RUSSIA STILL REMAINS IMPORTANT TO THE ALLIANCE AND ITS MEMBER STATES.

IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT MILOSEVIC WILL OFFER PRIMAKOV SOME TOKEN CONCESSIONS, ~~HE MIGHT OFFER A CEASE-FIRE~~ IF NATO AIR STRIKES STOP. OR HE MIGHT OFFER TO RESTART NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POLITICAL CHAPTERS OF THE RAMBOUILLET ACCORDS. IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE REMAIN FIRM AND UNITED IN WHAT WE EXPECT FROM MILOSEVIC: A PULL-BACK OF HIS FORCES AND AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE RAMBOUILLET FRAMEWORK. IF MILOSEVIC REMAINS DEFIANT, NATO'S AIR STRIKES MUST CONTINUE.

~~PLEASE CALL ME TOMORROW IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER. OTHERWISE, I AM SURE THAT WE WILL BE IN CONTACT IN THE COMING DAYS.~~

SINCERELY,
BILL

END TEXT

Such as in place in place
Look forward to ally with you

look forward to talking with you

It is important that we stay in close touch on the diplomatic track as well

It is important that we stay in close touch on the diplomatic track as well.

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~~SECRET~~

PREC: IMMEDIATE NIACT
FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE
TO: AMEMBASSY PARIS
INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC
SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CHIRAC RE SITUATION IN KOSOVO

1. AMBASSADOR OR DCM: PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT CHIRAC AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW. PLEASE REPORT TO WHITE HOUSE SITROOM (202-456-9431) WHEN MESSAGE IS RECEIVED AND WHEN DELIVERED.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR JACQUES:

I PLANNED TO CALL YOU THIS EVENING BUT DECIDED TO SEND YOU A NOTE WHEN I LEARNED THAT YOU HAD RETIRED FOR THE EVENING. I WANT TO SHARE MY THINKING ABOUT KOSOVO, WHERE, AS YOU KNOW, MILOSEVIC CONTINUES HIS SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AND EXPULSIONS. ✓

YOUR SPEECH TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE WAS CARRIED LIVE BY CNN. IT WAS TERRIFIC. I AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT THAT THERE IS NO ROOM IN EUROPE FOR BELGRADE'S POLICY OF ETHNIC CLEANSING, MURDERS AND MASSACRES. I ALSO AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT THAT NATO'S ACTION NEEDS TIME AND DETERMINATION AND THAT AIR STRIKES MUST BE SUSTAINED IN ORDER TO REDUCE BELGRADE'S MEANS OF AGGRESSION.

~~OPTIONAL LANGUAGE ON PHASE III.~~ YESTERDAY, IN IMPLEMENTING PHASE II OF NATO'S OPERATION, ALLIED AIRCRAFT SUCCESSFULLY HIT SOME OF THE FORCES CARRYING OUT THESE ATROCITIES. I HOPE FOR MORE SUCCESS TONIGHT. BUT WE CANNOT COUNT ON THE TACTICAL USE OF AIRPOWER ALONE TO STOP THE SERB FORCES. FOR THIS REASON, I THINK WE NOW NEED TO AUTHORIZE PHASE III. MILOSEVIC MUST ~~HARD~~ UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HIT HIM ~~HARD~~ NOT ONLY IN AND AROUND KOSOVO, BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT THE REST OF SERBIA AND AGAINST KEY TARGETS IN BELGRADE ITSELF.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THE DIPLOMATIC TRACK AS WELL. IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT MILOSEVIC WILL OFFER

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PRIMAKOV SOME ~~small~~ CONCESSIONS, SUCH AS A CEASE-FIRE IN PLACE
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ACCORDS. IT WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE REMAIN FIRM AND
UNITED IN WHAT WE EXPECT FROM MILOSEVIC: A PULL-BACK OF HIS
FORCES AND AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BASED ON THE RAMBOUILLET
FRAMEWORK. IF MILOSEVIC REMAINS DEFIANT, NATO'S AIR STRIKES
MUST CONTINUE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU IN THE COMING DAYS.

SINCERELY,

BILL

END TEXT

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March 29, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR

JAMES PARDEW
Department of State

ROBERT BEECROFT
Department of State

WILLIAM BROWNFIELD
Department of State

ALAN ROMBERG
Department of State

LESLIE GERSON
Department of State

MARGUERITE HOUZE
Department of State

JOSEPH KAUFMANN
Office of the Secretary of
Defense

JAMES SCHEAR
Office of the Secretary of
Defense

GEORGE CASEY
Joint Chiefs of Staff

CAMERON LEUTHY
Office of Management and
Budget

(b)(3)
Central Intelligence Agency

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Central Intelligence Agency

ROBERT MCCARTHY
USIA

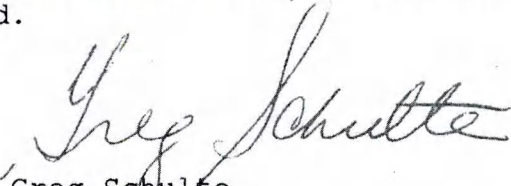
FREDERICK BARTON
Agency for International
Development

JAMIE METZL
Department of State

LESLIE DAVIDSON
Office of the Vice President

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Kosovo ExComm Meeting

The Kosovo ExComm meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 1999
has been cancelled.


Greg Schulte
Special Assistant to the President
for the Implementation of the Dayton Accords

March 24, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD KERRICK

FROM: MIRIAM SAPIRO *MS*

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Deputies Committee
SVTS on Kosovo on March 23, 1999

The memorandum at Tab I summarizes the conclusions from the Deputies Committee SVTS on Kosovo that you chaired on March 23.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the summary of conclusions at Tab A and authorize that it be distributed to agencies.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Tab I Memorandum for Signature

Tab A Summary of Conclusions

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. LEON FUERTH
Assistant to the Vice
President for National
Security Affairs

MS. KRISTIE A. KENNEY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

COL. JOSEPH REYNES, JR.
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

MS. AMBER BASKETTE
Staff Assistant to the
Representative of the U.S.
to the United Nations

MR. STEVEN RICCHETTI
Chief of Staff to the
President

MR. THOMAS H. WOLFE
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

COL. M. MANNING, USMC
Secretary, Joint Staff

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Deputies Committee
SVTS on Kosovo on March 23, 1999 (C)

Attached at Tab A is the summary of conclusions for the Deputies
Committee SVTS on Kosovo on March 23, 1999. (C)

Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Summary of Conclusions

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Summary of Conclusions for
NSC Deputies Committee SVTS

DATE: March 23, 1999

LOCATION: SVTS

TIME: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting
on Kosovo ~~(S)~~

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

Donald Kerrick

OVP:

Richard Saunders

Leslie Davidson

State:

James Dobbins

Christopher Hoh

Defense:

Walter Slocombe

Jeffrey Moore

USUN:

Peter Burleigh

CIA:

John Gordon

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USNATO:

Alexander Vershbow (via secure voice)

Richard Holbrooke (via secure voice)

Greg Schulte (via secure voice)

Douglas McElhaney (via secure voice)

White House:

Edward Rice

NSC:

Miriam Sapiro

James Baker

David Leavy

Michael Hurley

Mark Tavlarides

Matthew Vaccaro

P.J. Crowley

Andrew Weiss

JCS:

Joseph Ralston

Scott Fry

George Casey

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- The Executive Committee will develop detailed press, congressional and public diplomacy strategies to gain support for NATO air operations. The diplomatic plan should cover actions to influence Republika Srpska and the KLA. The public diplomacy plan should include opportunities to address the Serb people directly. (Action: NSC) ~~(S)~~
- Defense and JCS should develop a psychological operations plan. (Action: DOD, JCS) ~~(S)~~
- Principals and Deputies will call key counterparts to ensure support for NATO actions. (Action: All) ~~(S)~~
- The State Department should prepare all necessary ALLDAC cables for immediate transmission in the event of air strikes. (Action: State) ~~(S)~~

March 25, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES STEINBERG

FROM: MIRIAM SAPIRO

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Deputies Committee
Meeting on Kosovo on March 24, 1999

The memorandum at Tab I summarizes the conclusions from the Deputies Committee meeting on Kosovo that you chaired on March 24.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the summary of conclusions at Tab A and authorize that it be distributed to agencies.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Signature

Tab A Summary of Conclusions

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. LEON FUERTH
Assistant to the Vice
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Security Affairs

MS. KRISTIE A. KENNEY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

COL. JOSEPH REYNES, JR.
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Deputy Chief of Staff to the
President

MR. THOMAS H. WOLFE
Executive Secretary
Central Intelligence Agency

COL. M. MANNING, USMC
Secretary, Joint Staff

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Deputies Committee
Meeting on Kosovo on March 24, 1999 ~~(C)~~

Attached at Tab A is the summary of conclusions for the Deputies
Committee meeting on Kosovo on March 24, 1999. ~~(C)~~

Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Summary of Conclusions

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Summary of Conclusions for
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: March 24, 1999

LOCATION: Situation Room

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting
on Kosovo ~~(S)~~

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

James Steinberg

JCS:

Joseph Ralston

George Casey

OVP:

Richard Saunders

USNATO:

Alexander Vershbow (via secure
video)

State:

Thomas Pickering

James Dobbins

James Pardew

Special Envoy:

Richard Holbrooke (via SVTS)

Defense:

Walter Slocombe

Jeffrey Moore

White House:

Donald Kerrick

USUN:

Peter Burleigh

NSC:

Miriam Sapiro

David Leavy

James Baker

Miles Lackey

Michael Hurley

Matthew Vaccaro

P.J. Crowley

CIA:

John Gordon

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- Our warning to Milosevic not to attack NATO forces should be conveyed publicly. (Action: State) (U)

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- It is essential to continue to develop and implement a diplomatic strategy for restraining the Kosovar Albanians and addressing the situation in Montenegro and frontline states. (Action: State) ~~(C)~~
- NATO should develop an active press strategy on air operations. (Action: USNATO) (U)
- USUN should work with other NATO members on the Council on a strategy to address calls for UNSC action. (Action: USUN) ~~(C)~~
- Messages from the President should be sent to leaders of front-line states, NATO allies with whom he has not spoken, PM Perrson, President Kuchma, PM Obuchi and President Jiang. (Action: NSC) ~~(C)~~

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March 24, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM:

GREG SCHULTE *GS*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Telephone Calls to Secretary General
Javier Solana and General Wesley Clark

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President forwarding talking points for his telephone calls to Secretary General Solana and General Clark.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President

Tab A Points to be Made

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March 30, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN (ABG)
FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER (LB)
SUBJECT: Memoranda of Telephone Conversations with
European Leaders re Kosovo

Attached at Tabs A and B are the President's telephone conversations with President Chirac and Chancellor Schroeder which took place during on March 21, 1999.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memoranda of Telephone Conversations be filed for the record.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab A Telcon with President Chirac on 3/27
Tab B Telcon with Chancellor Schroeder on 3/27

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with French President Chirac (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Chirac

Interpreter: Marcel Bouquet
Notetakers: Doug Bayley, Frank Jaraosinski,
Miles Murphy and Joel Schrader

DATE, TIME: March 21, 1999, 1:18-1:33 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: Residence

President Chirac: Bill how are you? It's a great pleasure to hear your voice. (U)

The President: Fine. Thank you. I just got off the phone with Hillary and Chelsea in Egypt and they are on their way to the museum. (U)

President Chirac: It is wonderful, excursions into antiquity. How long will they stay there? (U)

The President: About three to four days. They are going to see a lot of the country and sites and also go to Tunisia and Morocco. (U)

President Chirac: What a wonderful treat. Tunisia is a beautiful country and Morocco is beautiful also. They have already been in Morocco before? (U)

The President: Yes, once before. (U)

President Chirac: Do you mind if we speak through the interpreter because my English is short? (U)

The President: Certainly. I called to check in with you on Kosovo. Milosevic has agreed to meet with Holbrooke one more time and I am sending him out there tomorrow. There is one

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village evacuated with 13,000 people completely evacuated this morning. ~~(S)~~

I think we are in a difficult situation but I wanted to call because I believe it is important that NATO be prepared to carry out the first phase of the attacks on short notice and make sure they have the green light tomorrow. And then of course, if he launches an all out offensive against the people or us we have to be prepared to do more. It seems to me if he believes that we are quite firm and resolute about the terms of the peace agreement, we will still have the chance to avoid this. ~~(S)~~

My main concern outside of Kosovo is the difficulty that it poses to the Russians. We all have to be prepared to work with Yeltsin and Primakov to limit the damage to them, but we can't afford to delay and have to be ready to go. ~~(S)~~

President Chirac: Bill, first of all, I think that Milosevic has placed himself in a situation where there is no possibility for him to avoid air strikes. Therefore, we will stand-by to be active. In the second case, I understand through the message that I received that Holbrooke would leave tomorrow and give a firm message to Milosevic. I think it's a good initiative and Mrs. Albright also mentioned a trip to Belgrade on Wednesday to Milosevic of Mr. Cook and Mr. Verdine if nothing will happen before then. ~~(S)~~

Thirdly, I fully understand the technical organization of strikes must be very good and carried out rapidly. That is why I suggested that the first stage, destroying air-to-air defenses, and the second stage, which aims at specific points, be merged and this was what was requested by Headquarters NATO and this must be done with urgency. I'm absolutely in favor of this. ~~(S)~~

This being said, I consider that I cannot give a general order to take a strike decision to launch without having had a political decision and this is why I don't agree to the fact of entrusting absolute powers to General Clark given it is impossible to know what Holbrooke will say and what will occur in the field. Although we have very rapid contact between ourselves, and at the minimum will be ready to relay to General Clark the strike decision but we cannot abandon the political authority to a General. ~~(S)~~

This is a problem of conditions and I have much fear that neither Holbrooke nor Cook or Vedrine will get very much if they

go. It will very much depend on Holbrooke. It is important that we are in contact with the three of them if something does happen. Then we need to have intervention immediately and a political decision can be taken in an hour. So I agree with overall proposal conveyed by Mrs. Albright that subject to the political decision taken between the concerned be subject to the political decisions between the four powers before being implemented by the CINC of NATO. (S)

The President: I am concerned with the evacuation of villages yesterday and that we're going to get into a time bind. If you want to talk again, it is absolutely imperative that we need to be available at anytime in the next forty-eight hours on minimum notice to have necessary conversations so we can talk about this matter. (S)

President Chirac: Bill, it is very easy -- the second problem that we will have the time to call each other. It is an unacceptable initiative being taken by the Serbs, like a strike on a village. Then even if we are not immediately available, there are staff that can take the decision in a quarter of an hour. But as a matter of principle we cannot retreat from political power and cannot withdraw decision power from them. I have great esteem for General Clark, but we want to be able to check what he wants to do to see if he's in the same frame of mind. All the others, not talking about the Russians, understood the military position was not tenable and that they are in no position to have any effective opposition to this. We won't have any problems with the Russians. (S)

The President: Well that is encouraging about the Russians and we will have to work with them. I imagine we will be talking in the next day or two. (S)

President Chirac: Well, I think the latest pressure will yield something. It all depends on Holbrooke. He will do his utmost but I am not optimistic given Milosevic or his army taking the initiative, in which case in one hour we will have a response because we all agree, the Americans, the British and the French, to ensure that we agree together. (S)

The President: Okay, I will be back in touch. (U)

President Chirac: Very well and my love to Hillary and Chelsea and I hope they have the best in Egypt then Tunisia and Morocco. (U)

The President: Thank you. Bye. (U)

President Chirac: Bye bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with German Chancellor Schroeder (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Chancellor Schroeder

Interpreter: Brigitta Richman
Notetakers: Sean Tarver, Robin Rickard,
Bonnie Glick, Miles Murphy and Joel
Schrader

DATE, TIME: March 21, 1999, 5:51 - 6:01 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: Camp David, Maryland

The President: Hello. Thank you for taking the call. (U)

Chancellor Schroeder: I did it gladly, because I think it is important. (U)

The President: Well, I think you probably know this, but Dick Holbrooke is going to see Milosevic one final time tomorrow.
(C)

Chancellor Schroeder: Well, I think that is correct and hope Milosevic will change his course. But I am pessimistic. (C)

The President: Yes, I am too. And if he doesn't, I think NATO must be prepared to act. (C)

Chancellor Schroeder: Yes, this is also my assessment, and our analysis here. Therefore, I agree. But I have one request. I have a political request that during the entire phase of the operations we stay in close consultation because I have to justify my actions to the Cabinet and to the other political parties. I mean, an informal consultation, not a formal consultation. (C)

The President: I agree. I think it's important we talk together a lot since this may not be easy and free from

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controversy. We have to demonstrate that we are working together closely. (C)

Chancellor Schroeder: Yes, and other than that, I fully agree with your assessment. Well, I want to make one more comment that it is important for the public in Europe and I think also there in the United States, to know that we are acting for humanitarian reasons to avoid further humanitarian disasters and not to punish Milosevic or to force him to come to the negotiating table. The center of the argument is that we have to protect people there. We cannot have another 10,000 refugees when there are already 250,000 there. (C)

The President: Yesterday, Milosevic's forces occupied Srbica and created 13,000 refugees and we can't have that again. When Tony Blair and I were talking today, we agreed we have to get all of our people together to make it so that over there we will be avoiding a humanitarian disaster. Milosevic did not put 40,000 troops there for nothing. I think we can all make the same argument. (C)

Chancellor Schroeder: I agree with you and my staff person, Mr. Steiner, is available to coordinate our comments to the public and I would imagine that Sandy Berger is going to call him. (C)

The President: Yes, we'll be in close contact. (C)

Chancellor Schroeder: Thank you and goodbye. (U)

The President: Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

March 30, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN (AJG)

FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER (J)

SUBJECT: Memoranda of Telephone Conversations with
European Leaders re Kosovo

Attached at Tabs A through F are the President's telephone conversations with European leaders which took place during the period March 27-29, 1999.

Concurrence by: Miriam Sapiro

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memoranda of Telephone Conversations be filed for the record.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab A Telcon with Prime Minister D'Alema on 3/27
Tab B Telcon with President Chirac on 3/27
Tab C Telcon with Chancellor Schroeder on 3/27
Tab D Telcon with Prime Minister Blair on 3/27
Tab E Telcon with Chancellor Schroeder on 3/29
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005b. telcon	Telcon with French President Chirac, March 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.02, 2014-0559-M] (4 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)

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005c. telcon	Telcon with German Chancellor Schroeder, March 27, 1999. [Record ID: 9902282] [Duplicate of 1.03, 2014-0559-M] (2 pages)	03/30/1999	P1/b(1)

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March 13, 1999

Greg Schulte, Special
Asst. to the Pres. for
Implementation of the Dayton Accords
National Security Council
Washington, DC 20504

Dear Mr. Schulte:

What a bundle of contradictions your letter presented to me. First of all because your signature to the March 4, 1999 letter acknowledged that you evidently had my February 25, 1999 letter addressed specifically to Mr. Berger. Your signature appeared above the title "Special Asst. to the Pres. for Implementation of the Dayton Accords" — on National Security Council letterhead — the mailing envelope postage machine stamped by someone somewhere February 5, 1999. Dear me.

I appreciate a quick response all the same, even though not from Mr. Berger. Kosovo has nothing to do with Dayton. But your comments warrant a reply.

The "conflict" to which we in this country need to "end the suffering in Kosovo" appears to be one of our making. It's as if, and I see an exact parallel, Spain for example, should come along and say to us (we Americans) there are 90 to 10 ethnic Mexicans in Florida California Arizona, Nevada, say, and they should be given those lands (part of a sovereign nation just as Kosovo is of Serbia) and annex them to Mexico. The reasoning is the same; I see no difference. And indeed I concern myself with just such a possibility and probability of such a scenario.

It is also patently apparent to me that this administration speaks with absolute bias. To the "ethnic Albanians" (none of whom ever identified themselves as Yugoslavs, apparently, though they were permitted to emigrate into Yugoslavia without prejudice) America says, "we beseech you (and send a fellow ethnic Albanian, Mr. Dile, - so I am given to understand) to beseech you to sign our agreement. We will send American machinery men, and aid, to protect you. To the Serbs we say, "sign or we bomb Belgrade" (the capital of a sovereign nation).

Then declaring some sort of war without benefit of "Congress shall declare war" as written in our Constitution. We declare war by fiat?!?

Your parting comment "begin to build a better future" applies then, only to ethnic Albanians. Prejudice most foul!

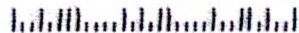
How is it possible that this administration is so naïve as to proceed continuously on the assumption that we citizens of this great democracy are deaf and dumb and unlearned or sophisticated enough to recognize that in this, among other things, that the people are of no consequence here - just as you view the Serbians?!?

Sincerely
Lala B. Vanecek

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Mr Greg Schulte
National Security Council
Washington, D.C. 20504





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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

March 4, 1999

Dear Ms. Vranesh:

Thank you for your recent letter on Serbia to Mr. Samuel Berger, the President's National Security Advisor. The Administration appreciates your thoughts as we and our allies attempt to resolve the conflict and end the suffering in Kosovo.

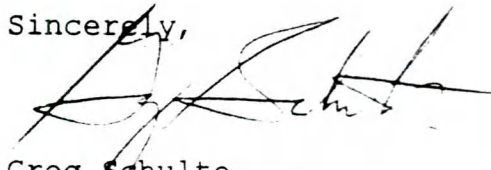
United States and allied diplomacy brought both sides involved in the Kosovo conflict to Rambouillet for peace talks last month. While the talks did not yield an agreement, they were a significant step forward in the peace process. To date, Belgrade has not agreed to sign but has agreed to substantial parts of the political agreement on Kosovo self-government. The next phase in the peace process will take place when the talks re-convene on March 15.

If the parties reach agreement, NATO is preparing to help implement the settlement. By the terms of the settlement, Belgrade and the Kosovar Albanians explicitly will have agreed to cooperate in implementation. The agreement is fair and reasonable and when implemented will provide protections for both the Albanian and Serb communities in Kosovo.

Current conditions in Kosovo threaten Albanians and Serbs. The United States is committed to ending the violence there. The March 15 implementation talks offer an important opportunity to end the conflict and it is up to both sides to grasp its importance and begin to build a better future.

Again, Ms. Vranesh, thank you for your thoughts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Schulte', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Schulte
Special Assistant to the President for
Implementation of the Dayton Accords

Ms. Lola B. Vranesh
1455 E. Katie Avenue
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

To: BOSNIA 1409

February 25, 1999 PLS.

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RESPONSE
FOR SRB
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Samuel R. Berger
Office of National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Penn. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Berger:

Your appearance on the McNeil/Lehrer News Hour Monday, February 22, 1999, created quite an impression upon me. I listen very closely to administration people when they speak with the authority and force of the government of my country.

So, you will understand then why I felt rather more than a jolt when I heard you say "...Kosovars have an ethnic allegiance to Albania"... The full significance of that statement only confirmed what I have come to conclude over the months and years of this administration's approach to Serbia (now interchangeable with "rump Yugoslavia, Yugoslavia, Kosovo"). This administration has threatened and delivered military punishment and global warnings to a sovereign nation, Serbia, without benefit of Congressional formal Declaration of war. Among other things.

You refer to a "humanitarian catastrophe"... rather selectively to my judgment, presumably to the people of Albanian descent (who have enjoyed living on land in what is the ancient and modern seat of Serbian history - well fought for and never

Abandoned by Serbians). Albanians, to repeat
everlastingly, "ethnic Albanians". Your use of those
particular words were gone missing when some
300,000 Serbians fled from Croatia; driven out by the
Albanians without benefit of civilized and correct
diplomatic protocol.

"Kosovo" is a word I first heard this past
week from Mrs. Albright in France and reiterated
(drummed in, I presume, by repetition for future
identification of Muslim Albanians - assuming they
steal (without help) and kick the Serbians out of
Kosovo.) Finding it necessary to coin a name for a part
of a sovereign nation is a bit theatrical.

To quote you further, "our interests and our
values are at stake" ... in answer to Mr. Leher's
question to you as to why this action concerns us,
I would not have stopped there, I would ask why
and in what way. Put bluntly Mr. Berger, "our interests
and our values" in this instance are those only
of the ethnic Albanians. Something I personally
find only nominally deceptive.

Why do I get the destined feeling our American
military will be told to fight and die in a battle
benefiting directly and only Albanians (let's
dispense with "ethnic" just this once). Why do I
believe we are being told by Albanians "... we'll
hold your coat - you fight the Serbs and we'll
pick up the pieces."

Let me recommend a little book to you.
There is a Dares Press 1989 Edition of
R.G.D. Laffan's September 19 1917, lectures,
"THE SERBS", THE GUARDIANS OF THE GATE. It's history
first hand and could just possibly enlighten
you as to just who the Serbians are (I know,
"alibis?"). I could also recommend "ALL
BETRAYED" by Canadian David Martin. And,
THE SERBS CHOOSE WAR, by Ruth Mitchell, General
Billy Mitchell's sister. And for far more current
reading, any of DR. ALEXANDER N. DRAGNICH's
books on Serbia and Serbian history.
You have stepped into a world known
only to Serbians - it might prove useful to
know who they are.

Respectfully
Lela B. Vranes L

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 24, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM:

GREG SCHULTE *GS*

SUBJECT:

Schedule Proposal for POTUS Calls to Secretary
General Javier Solana and General Wesley Clark

Attached at Tab I is the Schedule Proposal for the telephone
calls to Secretary General Solana and General Clark.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Attachment

Tab I Schedule Proposal

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TO: BERGER

FROM: SCHULTE

DOC DATE: 25 JAN 99
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMO FOR 27 JAN FOM POLICY TEAM MTG ON KOSOVO

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June Butlett
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

January 26, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM: GREG SCHULTE

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with Foreign Policy Team --
January 27, 1999

Attached at Tab I is a briefing memorandum to the President for the Foreign Policy Team meeting on January 27.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Issues to Discuss
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