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April 12, 1999

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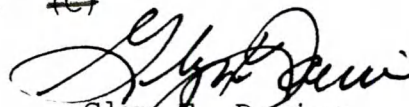
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SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Principals Committee
Meeting on Kosovo on March 31, 1999 (C)

Attached at Tab A is the summary of conclusions for the
Principals Committee meeting on Kosovo on March 31, 1999.
Please pass to Principals only. (C)



Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Summary of Conclusions

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Meeting of the NSC Principals Committee

DATE: March 31, 1999

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TIME: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Principals Committee Meeting
on Kosovo (C)

PARTICIPANTS:

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George Tenet

John Gordon

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- The USG, with the Contact Group allies, should develop a set of public and private conditions for ending air strikes. (Action: State) ~~(C)~~
- The USG should continue to make clear its opposition to Montenegrin independence. (Action: State) ~~(C)~~
- E.O. 13526 1.4(c)
- The NATO target approval process for Operation Allied Force should be streamlined. (Action: JCS) ~~(S)~~

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FROM: GREG SCHULTE *GS*

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Principals Committee
Meeting on Kosovo on March 31, 1999

The memorandum at Tab I summarizes the conclusions from the Principals Committee meeting on Kosovo that you chaired on March 31.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the summary of conclusions at Tab A and authorize that it be distributed to ~~agencies~~ *2 agencies*

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SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Deputies Committee
Meeting on Kosovo on April 1, 1999 ~~(C)~~

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Committee meeting on Kosovo on April 1. Please pass to Deputies
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Executive Secretary

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DATE: April 1, 1999

LOCATION: Situation Room

TIME: 12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

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

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

James Steinberg

AID:

Harriet Babbitt

OVP:

Richard Saunders

Leslie Davidson

JCS:

Joseph Ralston

George Casey

Robert Wagner

State:

Thomas Pickering

Robert Gelbard

James Dobbins

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Defense:

Walter Slocombe

Joseph Kaufmann

NSC:

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- E.O. 13526 1.4(c)
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- State/AID will communicate (secure) with Embassy Tirana and the DART team on whether we need to explore options for providing food into Kosovo and, if so, what those options should be. (Action: State/AID) (~~S~~)
- State will prepare and distribute daily reports on numbers and donor coordination, and make them available before daily SVTS. (Action: State) (~~C~~)
- JCS will request views of EUCOM on the role of the military if the refugee numbers increase well beyond UNHCR's capacity and, in particular, on the relative merits of national responses vs. a NATO response. (Action: JCS) (~~S~~)
- JCS will receive and brief on April 2 EUCOM response to planning order. (Action: JCS) (~~C~~)
- Agencies will inform NSC of any Hill or public briefings on humanitarian issues. (Action: All) (~~C~~)
- NSC will inform interagency of planning for press briefing on Friday, April 2. (Action: NSC) (~~C~~)
- Pending Deputies approval, we should promote the need for transparency on humanitarian aid shipments, and should urge UN inspections of Russian shipments. If such arrangements are not possible, we should seek to ensure some kind of inspection. (Action: USUN) (~~S~~)
- Pending Deputies approval, our position is that the needs of all refugees and displaced should be addressed. In principle, we would support provision of humanitarian assistance through recognized international humanitarian organizations to displaced Serb civilians, provided we could ensure that relief supplies were not diverted. (Action: All) (~~C~~)

- The USG should ensure that NATO, in the event of a VJ attack on Montenegro, is prepared to:
 - utilize targeting data provided by the Montenegrins;
 - implement a no-fly zone over Montenegro;
 - keep the FRY navy in port;
 - strike key choke points that would be used by VJ units deploying into Montenegro. (Action: JCS, State) (~~S~~)
- E.O. 13526 1.4(c)
- The USG should make clear to the FRY that the three U.S. servicemen seized by Serb forces should be entitled to the protection afforded to prisoners of war. (Action: State, DOD) (U)
- State should ask Secretary General Solana to contact Italian Foreign Minister Dini to secure his assent to expanded targeting. (Action: State) (~~C~~)
- JCS should develop a streamlined procedure for targeting approval to be agreed at the military then political level. (Action: JCS) (~~S~~)
- State should propose to NSC Principals a set of public and private conditions for ending air strikes to be further developed with Contact Group allies. (Action: State) (~~C~~)

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES STEINBERG

FROM: GREG SCHULTE 

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions for Deputies Committee
Meeting on Kosovo on April 1, 1999

The memorandum at Tab I summarizes the conclusions from the Deputies Committee meeting on Kosovo that you chaired on April 1.

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 SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: GREG SCHULTE *JS*
FROM: MICHAEL HURLEY *md*
SUBJECT: Reply to Representative Wolf Regarding the
Refugee Situation in Macedonia

Attached at Tab I is a proposed response to Representative Frank Wolf who wrote to describe his travel to Macedonia. His letter recommends that we issue a strong statement of support for Macedonia, assist NGO's working with refugees, and that we reward front-line states for their cooperation in NATO's efforts in resolving the Kosovo conflict.

Your response details that we have acted on each of these suggestions. The United States has: made clear its support for the Macedonian and Albania and governments; committed over \$75 million to help meet refugee needs; and agreed to provide refuge in the United States for 20,000 refugees.

Concurrences by: K.C. Brown, Valerie Guarnieri, Miles Lackey *62*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the proposed response to Representative Wolf.

Attachments

Tab I Proposed Response to Representative Wolf
Tab II Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Wolf:

I wish to thank you for your letter following your trip to Macedonia as well as the report you provided to my staff on your more recent visit to Albania. As you know better than most, both countries are straining from an enormous refugee crisis, a crisis that has grown from the systematic violence and forced expulsions of the Milosevic regime.

Your three suggestions are important, and I think that we have acted on each one.

- Both the United States and NATO have made clear their support for the Albanian and Macedonian governments at this time of great difficulty. The President has spoken to the leaders of both countries, and they have been invited to a special meeting with front-line states at the NATO Summit. On April 12, NATO Foreign Ministers stated that it would be unacceptable if Belgrade were to threaten the territorial integrity, political independence and security of either country.
- The United States has committed over \$75 million to help meet refugee needs since the large-scale influx into Macedonia and Albania began. These funds and commodities have been channeled through UNHCR, ICRC and a number of NGOs. In concert with our allies, we also directed NATO to commit forces to support refugee relief efforts in both countries.
- As the Vice President announced on April 21, we will provide refuge in the United States to an estimated 20,000 refugees. We will be sending people from the State Department and INS to Macedonia as quickly as possible to evaluate the needs and begin setting up the process. We are urging European countries who have committed to take refugees to expedite their efforts and asking those who have not made commitments to reconsider.

- We are pursuing other ways to help both governments cope with the current crisis. For example, the supplemental request that we have submitted to Congress includes \$150 million to provide assistance to Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Montenegro and Romania to alleviate the disruption created by the fighting in Kosovo.

I share your deep concern about the humanitarian tragedy unfolding before us, and appreciate your suggestions.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

FRANK R. WOLF

10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 30, 1999

Mr. Samuel R. Berger
National Security Advisor
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Sandy:

I talked with Mona Sutphen on your staff earlier today about several issues regarding Macedonia. As you may know, I traveled through Macedonia last month on my way to Kosovo and have an interest in the region. Earlier today, my staff talked by phone to government officials in Macedonia about the current situation and I have three suggestions I wanted to pass along to the administration.

First, the U.S. government needs to issue a strong statement of support for the Macedonian government's cooperation with the current operation in Kosovo. Macedonia is suffering, and will continue to suffer, a great deal of political and social unrest as a result of the NATO actions. It is showing tremendous hospitality to the thousands of refugees that are flooding across the border and the help of the Macedonian government in the recent incident at the U.S. Embassy was indispensable. It is important that they know how much the American government appreciates that cooperation. The same should be done for Albania.

Second, we should do everything we can to assist the NGO's working with the refugees. We should seek to provide whatever help they need — financial, logistical or otherwise — to deal with the tremendous refugee population.

Third, the U.S. should find a way to help compensate the Macedonian government for the police working overtime to keep the situation under control, the military that are patrolling the border and the other security-related expenditures the Macedonians will be incurring during the NATO operation.

We must do everything we can to be sure that our actions in Kosovo do not result in unrest in the surrounding countries. Anything we can do to reward the front-line states for their cooperation in the NATO effort would be in our best interest.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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I'm sure you will hear from the Clerk's Office but just in case you don't, the following is for your records.

Bill from the Clerk's office called me last night and said that the President signed this package on 4/3/99 and it was delivered to the Hill the same day.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 3, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEINSUBJECT: Second Report to the Congress under the Roberts
Amendment to the FY 99 Defense Appropriations ActPurpose

To Report to Congress under the Roberts Amendment.

Background

The Roberts Amendment (section 8115 of the Defense Appropriations Act for FY 1999) provides that no DoD funds may be obligated or expended for "any additional deployment of forces . . . to Yugoslavia, Albania, or Macedonia unless and until the President, after consultation with [Congress] transmits to Congress a report on the deployment that includes [eight elements]"

Although the amendment does not specify "ground" forces, based on the statutory language and legislative history the Administration takes the view that this requirement applies only to ground units. Statutory exceptions include "under circumstances determined by the President to be an emergency necessitating immediate deployment of the forces."

On March 25, you provided a report to Congress under the Roberts Amendment covering anticipated deployments of U.S. military contingents to Macedonia to enhance force protection for U.S. and other NATO forces in connection with current air operations, to support ongoing U.S. and NATO military activities in the region, and to assist in preparing for a possible NATO peace implementation force in Kosovo.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

Because of the continued Serb repression and ethnic cleansing in Kosovo, refugee flows into Albania and Macedonia have outstripped the ability of those countries and international organizations to respond to the needs of those people. Therefore, it is necessary to deploy additional U.S. forces to augment NATO efforts in Albania and Macedonia to support disaster relief efforts by, among other activities, aiding in the relief efforts to help the people fleeing from Kosovo.

Because these deployments will involve U.S. ground units in Albania and Macedonia, a further Roberts report is warranted. This report will cover anticipated deployments of U.S. headquarters elements, air crews, airlift control elements, selected transport and rotary wing aircraft, security personnel, civil affairs and psychological operations personnel, medical and engineer forces, and logistics support forces.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached report to the Congress under the Roberts Amendment.

Attachment

Tab A Report to the Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Since I reported to the Congress on March 25, 1999, under section 8115 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-262), there have been dramatic and very serious developments in Kosovo and the region, particularly Macedonia and Albania. Belgrade's sustained and accelerating repression and ethnic cleansing in Kosovo has created a humanitarian crisis of staggering dimensions. Estimates are that more than 800,000 Kosovars have been displaced from their homes and villages, with large concentrations in Albania, Macedonia, and Montenegro, and with the numbers rising dramatically every day. Throughout Kosovo, Serb forces have burned villages. Homes throughout the region have been looted and are smoldering. In Pristina, Kosovars are being forced into rail cars and shipped to the Macedonian border.

As the refugee flow out of Kosovo has surged, the limited ability of Albania and Macedonia to deal with the situation has been overwhelmed. The international organizations engaged in refugee assistance do not currently have in the region the ability and resources to deal with a refugee crisis of this magnitude. Unless adequate care can be provided for these refugees, a humanitarian disaster of immense proportions will result. In addition to the human suffering involved, such a disaster carries with it the very real possibility of destabilizing the governments and societies of Albania and Macedonia. This disaster could have the effect of spreading violence in the region that NATO is determined to prevent.

In the light of these disturbing events, I have directed that additional U.S. forces be deployed to Albania and Macedonia in order to support disaster relief by, among other activities, delivering food and essentials, constructing shelter, providing coordination and assisting in onward movement, and when necessary, providing protection for relief supplies and

refugees. In regard to the elements of section 8115(a)(1)-(8), I am providing the following information:

1 & 2. National Security Interests. I hereby certify that the deployment of additional forces to Albania and Macedonia as described above is necessary in the national security interests of the United States. These actions will provide additional forces to aid in the relief efforts supporting Kosovar refugees. They also will contribute to the overall effort to stabilize this region that has historically been a tinderbox, thereby helping to preserve peace and security in the region.

3. Numbers. The number of U.S. personnel who will be deployed for these purposes cannot be definitively provided at this time, since planning for the deployment is ongoing. I would anticipate, at a minimum, a deployment of 1,000 personnel. It can be anticipated that headquarters elements, air crews, airlift control elements, selected transport and rotary wing aircraft, security personnel, civil affairs and psychological operations personnel, medical and engineer forces, and logistics support forces may become involved in the operation. These forces will operate under U.S. and NATO operational control. I will ensure that the Congress is informed in a timely manner about deployments described in this report when the information is available.

4. Mission/Objectives. As stated above and in my report to the Congress of March 25, the overall objective of our efforts with our allies is to maintain stability in the region and prevent a humanitarian disaster resulting from the ongoing offensive against the people of Kosovo. The specific military mission of the forces deployed as described in this report would be to support disaster relief operations to aid in the care and protection of Kosovar refugees and to provide for their own security.

5. Schedule. At this point, it is not possible to determine how long these deployments to Albania and Macedonia in response to this dire need will be required. This will be affected by how long Belgrade continues its campaign of ethnic cleansing and how long beyond the cessation of that campaign it will take before the Kosovar refugees will be able to return to their homes or resettle elsewhere. Circumstances permitting, it will be our objective to transfer responsibility for the refugees to other organizations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as soon as possible.

6. Exit Strategy. The duration of the requirement for a U.S. military presence in Albania and Macedonia for these purposes will depend on the course of events, and in particular, on Belgrade's conduct on the ground in Kosovo. So long as Belgrade forces the Kosovar refugees to remain dispossessed, and the enormity of the situation continues to overwhelm the ability of Albania, Macedonia, and the international relief community to deal with the situation, it is likely that U.S. forces deployed for these purposes will be required. Nevertheless, as stated above, it will be our objective to transfer responsibility for the refugees to other organizations as soon as the emergency has subsided. In addition, we are working with our European partners to provide temporary asylum to some of the refugees in third countries.

7. Costs. The costs of the deployment described in this notice will be paid initially from FY99 Defense appropriations, including the provision of defense commodities and services directed pursuant to Presidential Determination 99-20 of March 31, 1999. An estimate of likely costs for these deployments is being prepared, and I will ensure that it is provided to the Congress as soon as it is available.

8. Effect on Morale, Retention and Readiness. In the first instance, these deployments will have a positive effect on morale, retention and readiness because they will demonstrate the commitment of the necessary resources to those aspects of operations relating to response to the worsening conditions brought by the refugee crisis in the area.

U.S. forces participating in these operations, as well as U.S. forces deployed for other purposes in the region are dedicated professionals serving with great pride and enthusiasm. Given the importance of these activities, particularly in humanitarian terms, we anticipate that U.S. forces would maintain the highest morale and effectiveness. It has been our experience that personnel serving in these types of operations manifest great pride and satisfaction in demonstrating America's capacity to ensure care and protection for people in need.

However, we recognize that even deployments for the best of reasons increase the periods of separation from family and add other burdens to military service.

The Department of Defense has underway extensive and effective programs to do what is necessary to manage personnel and other resources so as to reduce these problems. As with any

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Sincerely,

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the
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Sincerely,

The Honorable Albert Gore, Jr.
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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April 3, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: JAMES BAKER *JB*
FROM: CHARLES A. ALLEN *CAA*
SUBJECT: Second Report to the Congress under the Roberts
Amendment to the FY 99 Defense Appropriations Act

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum transmitting to the President the second report to Congress required by the Roberts Amendment prior to the deployment of additional ground units into Albania, Macedonia or the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Although DoD/JCS have not finalized their planning, we have been advised that this deployment could consist of anywhere from 1,000 to 5,000 military personnel.

Concurrence by: Miles Lackey, *CA/for* Greg Schulte, *CA/for* Susan Braden, *CA/for*
Eric Schwartz *CA/for*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President.

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As the refugee flow out of Kosovo has surged, the limited ability of Albania and Macedonia to deal with the situation has been overwhelmed. ~~Likewise, I believe that~~ The international organizations engaged in refugee assistance do not currently have in the region the ability and resources to deal with a refugee crisis of this magnitude. Unless adequate care can be provided for these refugees, a humanitarian disaster of immense proportions will result. In addition to the human suffering involved, such a disaster carries with it the very real possibility of ~~seriously~~ destabilizing the governments and societies of Albania and Macedonia. This disaster could have the effect of spreading violence in the region that NATO is determined to prevent.

In the light of these disturbing events, I have directed that additional U.S. forces be deployed to Albania and Macedonia in order to support disaster relief by, among other activities, delivering food and essentials, constructing shelter, providing coordination and assisting in onward movement, and when necessary, providing protection for relief supplies and

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However, we recognize that even deployments for the best of reasons increase the periods of separation from family and add other burdens to military service.

The Department of Defense has underway extensive and effective programs to do what is necessary to manage personnel and other resources so as to reduce these problems. As with any operational deployment, the effects on readiness are mixed. In these operations, U.S. forces will be conducting one of the

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FROM: PRESIDENT

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WASHINGTON

April 7, 1999

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Paul II", written in a cursive, flowing style.

His Holiness
John Paul II
Vatican City

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FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER 

SUBJECT:

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To His Excellency
Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

As you can well imagine, expressions of great concern about the war which is waging within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have been addressed to me, and I myself am deeply troubled about the human suffering which is increasing on a dramatic level almost hourly.

From the very beginning of this crisis over a year ago, I have been voicing my solidarity with those who have been the victims of violence which unfortunately seems to come so easy in that part of the world. I was so encouraged by the intensive efforts that the international community undertook in order to stop that senseless spiral of hatred, mistrust and brutality by a political solution that would correspond to the legitimate aspirations of all parties. Certainly, frustration must have been present when that way seemed to have failed and the decision to take another route to impose order must have been taken with the seriousness and deliberation that it requires.

Yet, Mr. President, I wish to beseech you, in these days leading up to Easter, to begin to discuss with your partners the possibility of proclaiming a truce during the week that separates the two celebrations of this most important Feast for the Christian communities of the West (April 4) and the East (April 11). I have asked the same of the President of Yugoslavia. This plea comes so

that the suffering that is being caused by the fighting will be alleviated and that space will be given to resume a dialogue.

No one should feel that this step is an humiliation. Rather it would be a courageous act undertaken for the noble reason of averting an even worse humanitarian disaster and preserving the most precious and sacred reality of life.

I assure you that I am praying to God for you and all the leaders who are guiding this chapter of history at the close of this Millennium. May He grant to all wisdom and courage so that peace, which is never too late to embrace, will once again be established.

While extending to you my most cordial greetings, I wish you a most blessed and happy Easter.

From the Vatican, 1 April 1999

Joannes Paulus II

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From: Bartlett, L. June
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Your Holiness, in the midst of the Bosnia crisis, you spoke to me words I will never forget. "This century began with the a war in Sarajevo," you said. "We must not let this century end with a war in Sarajevo." The community of democracies summoned the will to rise to that challenge. Now, our challenge is to ensure that, in the new century about to begin, we leave behind the darkest moments of the century we are bringing to a close.

My prayers are with the innocent people whose lives have been shattered by this conflict. All of us want the violence and suffering to end. And all of us want to make it possible for the refugees to be able to return to their homes and live in peace. But this cannot happen until Mr. Milosevic pulls back his forces and allows the victims of his aggression to return to their land with security and self-government.

Sincerely,

His Holiness
John Paul II
Vatican City



To His Excellency
Mr. William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

As you can well imagine, expressions of great concern about the war which is waging within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have been addressed to me, and I myself am deeply troubled about the human suffering which is increasing on a dramatic level almost hourly.

From the very beginning of this crisis over a year ago, I have been voicing my solidarity with those who have been the victims of violence which unfortunately seems to come so easy in that part of the world. I was so encouraged by the intensive efforts that the international community undertook in order to stop that senseless spiral of hatred, mistrust and brutality by a political solution that would correspond to the legitimate aspirations of all parties. Certainly, frustration must have been present when that way seemed to have failed and the decision to take another route to impose order must have been taken with the seriousness and deliberation that it requires.

Yet, Mr. President, I wish to beseech you, in these days leading up to Easter, to begin to discuss with your partners the possibility of proclaiming a truce during the week that separates the two celebrations of this most important Feast for the Christian communities of the West (April 4) and the East (April 11). I have asked the same of the President of Yugoslavia. This plea comes so

that the suffering that is being caused by the fighting will be alleviated and that space will be given to resume a dialogue.

No one should feel that this step is an humiliation. Rather it would be a courageous act undertaken for the noble reason of averting an even worse humanitarian disaster and preserving the most precious and sacred reality of life.

I assure you that I am praying to God for you and all the leaders who are guiding this chapter of history at the close of this Millennium. May He grant to all wisdom and courage so that peace, which is never too late to embrace, will once again be established.

While extending to you my most cordial greetings, I wish you a most blessed and happy Easter.

From the Vatican, 1 April 1999

Joannes Paulus II

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Ivanov-Albright letter
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- Belgrade strike substantiates NATO intentions - "largely irreparable damage"
- Insists on 6-8 For Min meeting; says MKA agreed.
- Claims Milosevic accepts peaceful, multiethnic FRY.
- Insisting on Serb military, para-mil, and police pullback ~~put as~~ makes situation ~~unresolvable~~
- Your Montenegro concerns only show you want to break up FRY.

(Note: MFA statement calls Belgrade bombing criminal.)

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Dear Madeleine,

Regrettably, despite your statements that you are in favor of an early political settlement of the Kosovo situation, in reality escalation of NATO's military operation continues. Recent missile strikes against Belgrade substantiate our gloomy apprehensions regarding NATO's true intentions which have already brought profound tragedy to the peoples of Yugoslavia. Let alone the largely irreparable damage to our relations with the Alliance. You have repeatedly acknowledged in our conversations that the further this insanity goes on the harder would be the search for a way out. And there could certainly be only a political way out.

It is encouraging that you have responded positively to President Yeltsin's initiative to hold an emergency meeting of the «G-8» foreign ministers on Kosovo. This meeting should be convened without delay and only at a ministerial level, as each day lost brings new air strikes and new casualties among civilian population.

THE HONORABLE
MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE UNITED STATES
Washington D.C.

I have carefully read your joint statement with Western partners of April 3. It is important that your governments support a peaceful, multiethnic, democratic Kosovo which ensures security of the entire population. This particular approach is set in President Milosevic's statement on the outcome of his negotiations with Ye.Primakov on March 30. The Yugoslav President also confirmed readiness to give all refugees an opportunity to return to the country and guarantee the right to live in peace and stability to all citizens of Yugoslavia regardless of their nationality or religion. But, quite naturally, it is possible to accomplish these goals only by political means. That is the reason why we need to meet urgently.

As to your proposals on deployment of international security forces in Kosovo and withdrawal of Serb military, para-military and police forces from the region, once again you, being well aware of Belgrade's position, are driving the situation into a corner.

Without the consent of the FRY leadership any international security presence in Kosovo is out of the question, it is senseless to propose this to them after NATO air strikes. New realities require a new political package.

Frankly speaking, Moscow has perceived your deliberations on Montenegro with concern. The intention to finally disintegrate the FRY is now clearly visible behind them. Following Kosovo where ethnic factor was used as a pretext, in the Montenegro case there is rhetoric of «protection of democratic principles». This is yet another dangerous precedent.

Getting back to our upcoming meeting I believe that we are, unfortunately, seriously late with the Contact Group meeting, and the «G-8» format is now obviously more preferable and realistic.

Looking forward to your response.

I.IVANOV

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April 5, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM: GREG SCHULTE *DS*

SUBJECT: Principals Committee Meeting on Kosovo --
April 6, 1999

Attached is the draft agenda for the Principals Committee meeting on Kosovo scheduled for April 6, 1999.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the draft agenda at Tab A and authorize Glyn Davies to sign memorandum to agencies at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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Tab I Memorandum to Agencies

Tab A Draft Agenda

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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Assistant to the Vice
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Security Affairs

MS. KRISTIE A. KENNEY
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MS. RYAN CONROY
Executive Secretary
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COL. M. MANNING, USMC
Secretary, Joint Staff

SUBJECT: Principals Committee Meeting on Kosovo (C)

There will be a Principals Committee meeting on Kosovo on
April 6, 1999 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., in the Situation Room of
the White House. An agenda is attached at Tab A. (C)

Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

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Tab A Agenda

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NSC PRINCIPALS COMMITTEE MEETING ON KOSOVO

DATE: April 6, 1999
LOCATION: Situation Room
TIME: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Current Situation.CIA
- II. Humanitarian Relief.NSC, State, USAID
- III. Handling a Milosevic "Peace Offensive"State
- IV. Long-Term Strategy. NSC
- V. Economic Pressure. State, JCS, Treasury
- VI. NATO Air Operations.JCS

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