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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

1 July '99

Suz,

Chat with Mark Tavorides
confirmed best course of action is
a thank you ltr from you to
all members on behalf of POTUS.
He emphasized we should mention
that we will continue to consult
with Congress.

Cheers,

STW
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

July 7, 1999

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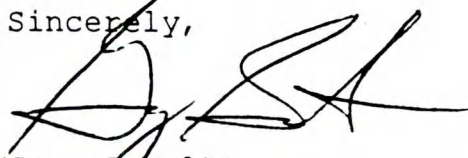
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Greg Schulte

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

The Honorable Michael E. Capuano
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2108

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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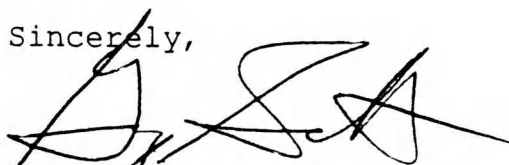
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The Honorable Joseph Crowley
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3207

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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Dear Representative DeLauro:

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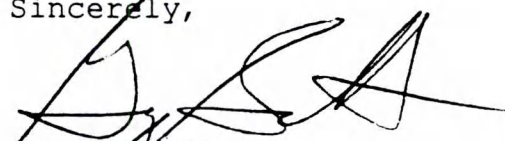
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Special Assistant to the President for the
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0703

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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

The Honorable Chet Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4311

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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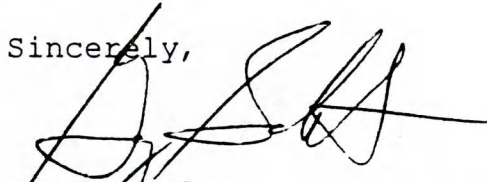
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The Honorable Rush Holt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3012

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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Special Assistant to the President for the
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The Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3511

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Dear Representative Kaptur:

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3509

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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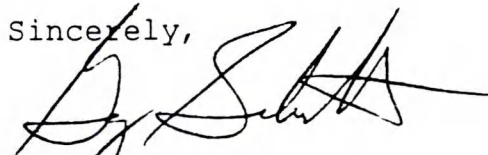
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The Honorable Nick Lampson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4309

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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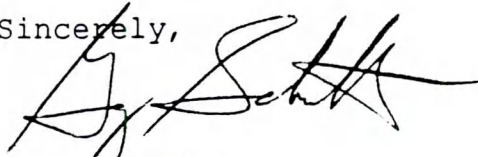
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The Honorable Ken Lucas
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1704

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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The Honorable Karen McCarthy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2505

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz
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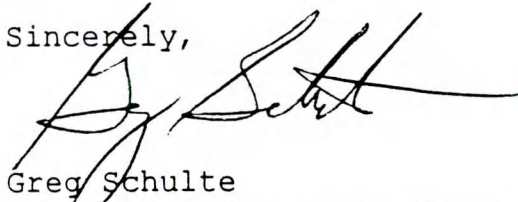
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1319

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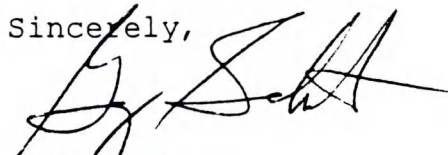
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House of Representatives
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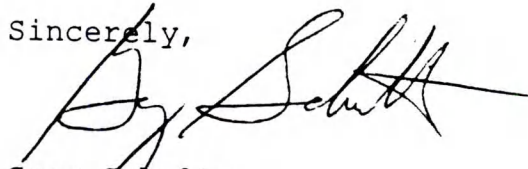
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House of Representatives
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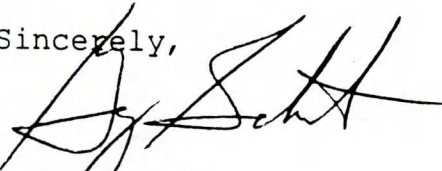
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The Honorable Todd Tiahrt
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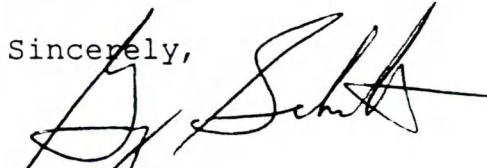
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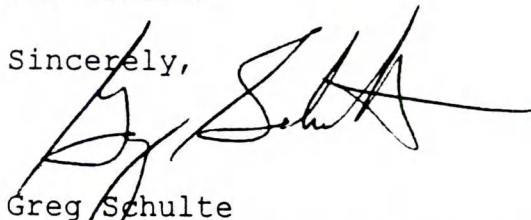
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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

(K) For
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SUBJECT: Responses to Representative Capuano et

Purpose

Respond to Representative Capuano and 23 other Members of Congress regarding decisions in Kosovo.

Background

Representative Capuano and 23 other Representatives wrote expressing support for NATO's air operations but also asking that you consult fully with Congress and seek its approval before introducing American ground troops into the Kosovo conflict.

In your reply, you explain NATO policy with regard to ground troops. You explain that while you have not taken any option off the table, the focus at present is on the deployment of American ground forces as part of the international security presence with NATO at its core. You restate your April 28 commitment to the Congressional leadership to consult fully with Congress, and to ask for its support, before introducing U.S. ground forces into Kosovo in a non-permissive environment.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representative Capuano et al.
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Michael:

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Again, thank you for writing and for your support of NATO operations in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Michael E. Capuano
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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April 29, 1999

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

Dear Mr. President:

We have supported the air strikes undertaken by our country and NATO in an effort to end genocide and ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. In good conscience, we cannot stand by while President Milosevic commits unspeakable violence against the people of Kosovo. We hope that ultimately the air campaign will result in an end to Mr. Milosevic's conduct and a return of the Kosovars to their country to live in peace.

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Sincerely,

Michael E. Caputo

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LUCAS, FRANK
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