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June 30, 1999

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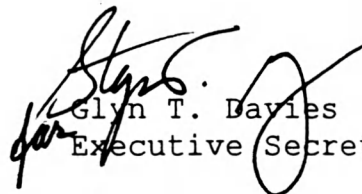
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Secretary, Joint Staff

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

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

  
Glyn T. Davies  
Executive Secretary

Attachment  
Tab A Summary of Conclusions

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Summary of Conclusions for  
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on Kosovo (C)

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Summary of Conclusions

It was agreed that:

- Deputies should be provided a paper setting out the timeframe for deploying UN civil police. (Action: NSC) (U)
- The Leaders' Conference on Southeast Europe should be used to give a political impulse to regional cooperation and other efforts that promote integration with Europe, in accordance with the broad objectives of the Stability Pact. Specific attention should be given to political and security issues, and to launching initiatives that could be brought to conclusion at the OSCE Summit in Istanbul. A decision on timing and venue of the leaders' conference should be taken following a site survey in Sarajevo. (Action: NSC, State) (C)
- To the extent possible, discussions on Kosovo's future economic framework should be held within the G-7, rather than the G-8, since Russia (1) is likely to object to the degree of economic autonomy that we desire and (2) is unlikely to contribute significant resources to economic reconstruction. (Action: State, Treasury) (C)
- The USG should encourage the World Bank to dispatch an assessment team to Kosovo, despite the "outer wall" of sanctions on the FRY. (Action: Treasury) (U)
- The initial donors' conference for Kosovo in July should focus on short-term needs, including both humanitarian and initial reconstruction requirements. The USG should encourage the EU and the World Bank to proceed to convene this conference, drawing upon the expertise of the UNHCR and World Bank. (Action: NSC, State, Treasury) (U)
- The USG should limit assistance to Serbia, beyond Kosovo and Montenegro, to humanitarian relief. Any reconstruction assistance should be focused on preventing humanitarian suffering and will need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. EU countries should be encouraged to follow the same policy. (Action: State, USAID) (U)

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June 28, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES STEINBERG

FROM: GREG SCHULTE 

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve 

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President Ahtisaari

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Donald Cheraimie

DATE, TIME: June 26, 1999, 3:53-3:56 p.m., EDT  
AND PLACE: Camp David

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June 29, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM:

GREG SCHULTE

SUBJECT:

Telcon with Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Finnish President Ahtisaari.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachment

Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Finnish President Ahtisaari

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
President Ahtisaari

Interpreter: ~~W~~ None  
Notetakers: Douglas Bayley, Robin Rickard,  
Donald Cheraimie

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE RE PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES IN FORMER  
YUGOSLAVIA

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

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KEYWORDS: YUGOSLAVIA  
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PERSONS: KARADZIC, RADOVAN

MILOSEVIC, SLOBODAN

SUBJECT: URGE POTUS TO SUPPORT PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR BERGER

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The Honorable Arlen Specter  
Chairman  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3802



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The Honorable Byron L. Dorgan  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3405

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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1502

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman  
Committee on Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4402

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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2102

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The Honorable Herb Kohl  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4903



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The Honorable Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1804

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The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4502

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The Honorable Trent Lott  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-7010

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June 29, 1999

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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
Chairman  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1401



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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-2003

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The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3201

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Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Harry Reid  
Democratic Whip  
United States Senate  
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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3504



The Honorable Byron L. Dorgan  
United States Senate  
713 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3405

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 1, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER

LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT:

Congressional Correspondence on the ICTY

Purpose

Respond to Senator Arlen Specter et al. urging increased support for the ICTY.

Background

Senator Specter and fifteen others wrote after meeting with Justice Arbour of the ICTY. They suggested that U.S./SFOR be ordered to arrest Radovan Karadzic in order to lend credibility to our commitment to bring war criminals to justice. They also asked for a funding increase and an interagency center to facilitate the ICTY's work.

In your reply, you applaud the Milosevic indictment and the message it sends that war criminals are accountable for their actions. You then address Senator Specter's specific concerns. You explain that commanders are able to apprehend accused war criminals in the field, but they must exercise caution to avoid unnecessary military and civilian casualties. You note the large funding increase for the ICTY in the recent Supplemental Funding Package and explain that current procedures for sharing information with the ICTY are working well.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

## Attachments

Tab A Responses to Sen. Specter et al.

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

May 24, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: GREG SCHULTE *MS*

FROM: SAMUEL MOYN *SM*

SUBJECT: POTUS Replies to Senator Arlen Specter et al.  
Regarding Support to the ICTY

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to the President forwarding draft responses to Senator Arlen Specter and fifteen other Senators requesting that the United States step up its support to the ICTY. These responses are also intended to answer a separate letter from Senator Specter on the same subject.

Concurrences by: *DN* David Wippman, *MW* Mike Hurley; *MT* Mark Tavlarides

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President

Tab A Proposed Responses to Sen. Specter et al.

Tab B Incoming Correspondence



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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6375

April 30, 1999

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This morning, I hosted a meeting with several of my colleagues and Justice Louise Arbour, Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda (ICTY).

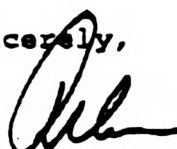
As a result of our meeting, I believe it is critical that the United States take the lead in bringing indicted war criminals to justice in the former Yugoslavia. Specifically, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to direct United States Forces, Europe, as part of UNSFOR, to apprehend Radovan Karadzic and a number of other individuals in Bosnia for whom open or sealed indictments have been returned by the ICTY, and whose identities and locations are known to SFOR Commanders.

While many of us in Congress support the current air campaign, we are concerned that not enough is being done to convey to Serbian military and paramilitary commanders that they will be held responsible following the conflict for any war crimes they commit on the ground in Kosovo.

Mr. Karadzic has been an indicted war criminal since 1995, and his location is known to SFOR commanders. According to Justice Arbour, SFOR knows the location and identity of "a handful" of other individuals under sealed indictments for war crimes. Clearly, U.S. and SFOR units in Bosnia are sufficiently strong to apprehend these individuals if given that mission.

While there are always concerns of friendly casualties and ethnic unrest in the surprise apprehension of indicted war criminals, the signal of seriousness that such a move would send to every Serbian official from President Milosevic on down is important enough under present circumstances for you to shift our policy accordingly.

Sincerely,

  
Arlen Specter

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Justice Arbour makes a very important point that arrests of Karadzic & other ranking officials would put key Serbian officials that they may be next to be indicted or prosecuted.

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WASHINGTON

May 7, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN T. DAVIES

NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: JANET MURGUIA  
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Eli Joseph at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. John Ashcroft (R-MO), concerning the possible purchase by the Government of Greece of American F-16 fighter jets;
- 2) Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-WV) and thirty-six other Senators, concerning U.S.-Turkey relations;
- 3) Sen. Pete V. Domenici (R-NM), concerning the current situation in Kosovo;
- 4) Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) and fifteen other Senators, concerning the efforts of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of War Crimes in the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY);
- 5) Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), recommending the establishment of an international tribunal for alleged crimes against humanity in Cambodia during the 1970's;
- 6) Rep. Mark Green (R-WI) and ten other Members of Congress, concerning funding for the current military actions in Kosovo;
- 7) Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), urging the President to invite the President of the Democratic Socialist

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Republic of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike  
Kumaratunga, on an official visit to the United States;  
and,

- 8) Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-VA), requesting the appointment  
of a special envoy for Sudan.

Enclosures

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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May 6, 1999

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to take a stronger hand in supporting the efforts of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of War Crimes in the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). In addition to the ongoing military and diplomatic efforts being carried out by the United States and NATO, three specific steps can and should be taken now to deter more war crimes in Kosovo and to support the rule of law in the international arena.

First, it is imperative that the arrest warrant for Radovan Karadzic be executed. Karadzic has been an indicted war criminal since 1995, and the continuing failure to bring him to justice undermines the rule of law. Justice Louise Arbour, Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY, has indicated that SFOR knows the locations of Karadzic and "a handful" of other individuals under sealed indictment for war crimes. Clearly, U.S. and SFOR units in Bosnia are capable of apprehending these individuals if given that mission. The arrest of Karadzic would send a clear and unmistakable message to Slobodan Milosevic and other senior Serbian officials that they will be held accountable for their role in war crimes being committed in Kosovo. This action will also send the message that NATO forces have the will and means to enforce the law.

Second, we urge you to support additional funding for the Tribunal so that it may begin preparations for a full scale investigation of the war crimes that have been committed in Kosovo. There is strong and credible evidence of mass murder, widespread rape and other forms of sexual violence, and the wholesale destruction of entire villages in Kosovo. The current staff of 70 investigators for war crimes throughout the former Yugoslavia is inadequate to the task of investigating and prosecuting the Kosovo war crimes. Although you have requested an additional \$5 million, more recent estimates place the figure closer to \$20 million to conduct the kind of inquiry that will be necessary to ensure that justice is done.

Third, we encourage you to establish an interagency War Crimes Center in the United States under the auspices of the State Department, to be manned by personnel from State, Justice, the FBI and the Intelligence Community. Participation in the Center by dedicated personnel from the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the National Imaging and Mapping Agency is vital to ensure that all-source information, classified and unclassified, on war crimes is collected, evaluated and rapidly and continuously disseminated to the Tribunal. The information available from such a War Crimes Center will be critical to ensuring that the ICTY can successfully prosecute those who are responsible for the ongoing atrocities in Kosovo.

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Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER  
LARRY STEIN  
SUBJECT: *Congressional Correspondence*  
Letter from Arlen Specter and Other Senators on  
ICTY

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Arlen Specter and colleagues.

Background

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*War criminals*  
In your reply, you explain that commanders are able to apprehend those accused in the field, they must exercise their discretion in carrying out these duties. *Caution to avoid unnecessary military and civilian casualties*  
You note the large funding increase for ICTY in the recent Supplemental Funding Package and explain that current procedures for sharing information with ICTY are working well.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

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Tab A Responses to Sen. Specter et al.  
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President  
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Thank you ~~again~~ for writing and for sharing your concerns with me on this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Chairman

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter urging an increase in our support for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). I know you were as heartened as I was to hear Justice Arbour's announcement of the indictment of Slobodan Milosevic and four of his associates. These indictments send a clear message that those who commit brutal crimes will be held accountable for them.

~~Although the~~ While the United States provides more support to the Tribunal than any other country, ~~I~~ I share your view that we must find ways to increase that support.

I agree that the arrest of Radovan Karadzic and others named by the court would send a strong signal to those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Kosovo that they will be held accountable for their actions. U.S. and SFOR troops do have the authority to arrest indictees, and have done so when feasible, sometimes under difficult circumstances. We will continue to look for opportunities to make such arrests while taking into account the potential danger to our military forces and to civilians.

I also agree with your view that the Tribunal needs additional funding to handle adequately the investigation and prosecution of crimes that have been committed in Kosovo. I believe



that the \$18 million in additional funding included in the recent Kosovo Supplemental will satisfy the Tribunal's current needs, but we remain ready to consider additional funding should it prove necessary.

Finally, I want to assure you that we already have in place an effective interagency process for collecting and providing to the Tribunal as much information, both classified and unclassified, as feasible. Nonetheless, we are constantly looking at ways to enhance our support for the Tribunal. In this context, we will consider carefully your suggestion for an interagency War Crimes Center.

Again, thank you for writing and for sharing your concerns with me on this important matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
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Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
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WASHINGTON

TO: Office of the Staff Secretary  
From: NSC Exec Sec

For Pre-clearance

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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The Honorable John Joseph Moakley  
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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June 24, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM: GREG SCHULTE *JS*

SUBJECT: Telcon with Kosovar Leader Hashim Thaci

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of the Telephone Conversation between the President and Hashim Thaci on June 20, 1999.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment

Tab A      Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Kosovar Leader Hashim Thaci

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Kosovar Leader Hashim Thaci

Interpreter: Lindita Imami  
Notetaker: Lindita Imami

DATE, TIME June 20, 1999, 6:30 - 6:40 p.m.  
PLACE: Hyatt Hotel, Cologne, Germany

The President: Congratulations on the signing of the agreement for the demilitarization and transformation of the KLA. I am very pleased it happened at the same day that the Serb forces completed their withdrawal from Kosovo.

Kosovar Leader Thaci: Thank you. It is an honor that you are congratulating us on KLA's demilitarization and transformation. This is also your success. For us it has been a compromise for the sake of working towards peace and stability in Kosovo and the region.

The President: I know. And I am grateful for this. I can assure you that we will fully cooperate to bring security, a local police force and true self-government for the people of Kosovo. This is a very important day for Kosovo. I am very pleased that we have managed to change the course of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo.

Kosovar Leader Thaci: This process is also due to your efforts. We have in the past been committed and will continue to be committed to the peace process. We can guarantee that we will respect human rights, and minority rights in Kosovo. We are committed to bringing freedom, peace and democracy to all ethnic groups in Kosovo. We will also work for a free and open economy. Our conversation today will also be an incentive towards these goals.

The President: Your statement with reference to respecting human rights and minority rights is very important. After the suffering of the people of Kosovo, for you to take the lead of these issues means to prove to everyone that our plight is just. Milosevic is not like the others. We will have a good future. I look forward to meeting you and I admire your leadership.

Kosovar Leader Thaci: Thank you Mr. President. The new battle awaiting us now is the return of refugees, reconstruction, the establishment of a civil society and holding free and pluralistic elections. And we will do this through our mechanisms but also with your help and support. I wish you good health and success in both your life and work.

The President: Thank you good bye.

-- End of Conversation --