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Schulte, Gregory L.

From: Schulte, Gregory L.
Sent: Monday, May 24, 1999 1:16 PM
To: Davidson, Leslie K.
Cc: @BOSNIA - Bosnian Affairs
Subject: RE: Another appeal for POTUS meeting with Tudjman ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~

Leslie -

As you know, the President's schedule of visits is basically full through the end of the year. While Croatia has been helpful with respect to Kosovo, it is still delinquent with respect to human rights, democratization, independent media and return of Serbs to Krajina. There also remains a high potential for embarrassment given ongoing (confidential) ICTY investigations of those around Tudjman.

Recommend that the VP take this request "under advisement."

-----Original Message-----

From: Davidson, Leslie K.
Sent: Monday, May 24, 1999 1:09 PM
To: @BOSNIA - Bosnian Affairs
Subject: Another appeal for POTUS meeting with Tudjman [UNCLASSIFIED]

Terence Thorn of ENRON has sent a letter along to Leon, noting that in an upcoming meeting with VP this week, he intends to press for POTUS to meet with Tudhman at the "earliest possible time."

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Date: April 1, 1999
Client Number: Croatia

Comments:

Dear Jim,

I wanted to bring the (new) attached letter from Ambassador Zuzul to Sandy Berger to your personal attention on a FYI basis. If you are interested in discussing the issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hang in there.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Donnell

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*Dr. Miroslav Lusić
Ambassador to the United States*

Embassy of the Republic of Croatia

March 31, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE AND COURIER

Mr. Samuel "Sandy" Berger
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
National Security Council
1st Floor, West Wing
White House
Washington, DC 20504

Re: **Meeting with Vice President Gore**

Dear Mr. Berger:

By letter dated March 3, 1999, I requested the White House's favorable consideration of a meeting between President William Jefferson Clinton and President Franjo Tuđman. However, the events of the last week and the critical developments in South Central Europe will prevent President Tuđman's traveling to the United States at this time. Under these circumstances, we respectfully request your favorable consideration and approval of a meeting between Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Zlatko Mateša of Croatia on Friday, April 9 or Monday, April 12. Prime Minister Mateša will now be leading the trade delegation of Croatian companies traveling to Chicago to explore commercial opportunities for American companies in our country and the economic conference to be held there on Wednesday, April 7. Foreign Minister Granić is discussing these issues today with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Ambassador Robert Gelbard.

The implications of current U.S. and NATO policy in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are considerable for Croatia. Our country fully supports the objectives of U.S. and NATO policy regarding Kosovo. The Albanian and Serbian people of Kosovo are living through a humanitarian catastrophe the likes of which Europe has not experienced since the Second World War. The ethnic cleansing of territory by Serbs, with which we unfortunately have first-hand experience, must cease.

President Tuđman and the Government of Croatia look forward to the opportunity for Prime Minister Mateša and Vice President Gore to discuss in person these issues of mutual

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Mr. Samuel "Sandy" Berger
March 31, 1999
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interest, as well as Croatia's desire for inclusion within the Western institutional framework through membership in Partnership for Peace and the World Trade Organization. On that note, I am happy to report the signing by the Croatian Government yesterday of an important direct investment agreement with Enron International. We also welcome the Vice President's discussion of any other issues of interest to the U.S. Government.

Mr. Mateša also will want to discuss with the Vice President the hardships being endured by Croatia as a result of the situation in Kosovo. For example, you are aware of the great dependence of our country on revenues from the tourism sector. The overflights of Croatia and the perceived danger to travelers have had a profound impact on the tourism sector. As a result of the bombing of Yugoslavia, substantial tourist bookings for the Easter holidays have been canceled. We are very concerned about the possibility of this affecting the summer tourist season, which is so important to Croatia's economic health. In light of this serious situation, Mr. Mateša also hopes to discuss the economic situation in Croatia with the leadership of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund about what can be done to assist Croatia.

I am aware of the tremendous pressures on you and your staff at this time. However, our two countries share a common interest in the prompt and correct resolution of the situation in Yugoslavia. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the visit of Prime Minister Mateša.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Miomir Žužul
Ambassador

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

3/3/99

Melanne -

I would advise against associating the First Lady with this event. Croatia is on a major "charm offensive" with the US at present, but it is still far from meeting our expectations in terms of assisting Dayton implementation and protecting human rights, particularly of Serb minorities. Today's NYT has an article (attached) that accurately summarizes an OSCE report on this matter.

Greg Schulze

Dr. Miomir Žužul
Ambassador to the United States

Embassy of the Republic of Croatia

**MRS. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500**

January 14, 1999

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It is my distinct pleasure to write to you on an occasion so dear to me and to all Croats around the world. Seven years ago, on April 7, 1992, the United States of America, the leader of the free world, recognized the budding state of a European nation full of history, pride, and above all, an indestructible determination to build a democratic society. Today, I am very proud to be the Ambassador of that very country, Croatia, in the United States of America.

Through the first decade of our existence in the international arena, the relationship with the United States and, in particular, with President Clinton, has been of paramount importance. Without his leadership, it would not have been possible to stop the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and create conditions for political stability and democratic prosperity in Central and South-Eastern Europe.

Three years ago, Croatia was blessed with the vision of two men, President Clinton and the late Secretary Ron Brown, to send and lead a US Trade and Business mission to help rebuild its economy and develop close business ties between our two countries. Today, trade and business relations between our two nations have broadened and deepened in many respects, and more than US\$1 billion has been generated in investments since the first mission.

This time, Croatia has the honor to present itself to the United States of America. We are organizing a two day manifestation called "Croatia in Chicago", during which time we hope to present Croatia in its full splendor – its culture, people, business and trade tradition and deep ties to democracy and genuine closeness and friendship with the American people. In particular, a reverse Presidential Trade and Business mission will come to Chicago, led by the Croatian President or his special envoy (at the level of Prime Minister or the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs), that will include more than 20 leading companies and some 20 journalists from Croatia to further the work that Ron Brown and his courageous colleagues began three years ago.

Dear Mrs. Clinton, I feel honored to invite you to serve as the Chair of the Honorary Board which will include leaders from American political, business, cultural life and sports, along with leaders in the Croatian American community. The Honorary Board will guide the program for the mission in Chicago by hosting several spectacular events.

The central event of the Croatian-US two day encounter in Chicago will be a Gala Dinner with distinguished political and business leaders from Chicago to join 3,000 Croatian-Americans on the evening of Wednesday, April 7, 1999. The Croatian-American community has throughout this century built perennial bridges between our two countries and laid foundations for the excellent relationship that today exists between Croatia and the United States. Your attendance at the Gala Dinner as our very special and dear guest would certainly endear the hearts of all Americans of Croatian origin and beyond. Your message will reach a very broad community in Illinois, which numbers about 200,000 and reach the more than 2 million Americans of Croatian origin throughout the United States. I am proud that your message will be heard through the Croatian media in Croatia itself.

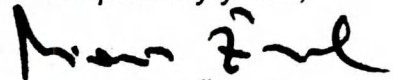
The program in Chicago will also include a concert at the historic Orchestra Hall with a performance by the Chicago Symphonic Orchestra and the renowned Croatian pianist Ivo Pogorelić, to benefit the children's hospital in Croatia, an institution which requires special attention for needy children affected by the traumas of war.

The Republic of Croatia will also be opening a General Consulate in the City of Chicago as part of the festivities in April. We trust that it will energetically work on developing business and cultural relations between Croatia and the United States in Chicago and the broader area under its responsibility.

I sincerely hope that you will consider accepting the invitation to preside as Chair of the Honorary Board and attend the Gala Dinner as our very special guest to address the Croatian American community. As one of Chicago's foremost natives, a city where a huge number of Croats found solace from political persecution and prosperity instead of economic hardship, your message of support and encouragement will leave a lasting mark on the friendship and understanding of our two nations and countries.

It took the vision of the American Administration led by President Clinton to bring peace and build democratic prosperity in Croatia and beyond. Secretary Brown and his colleagues fully understood the importance of that mission and built their own lives in the search for human dignity and well-being. There would be no more fitting tribute to them and to us, if you graced us with your attendance in Chicago, knowing how precious a part of that same vision you have been throughout these years.

Respectfully yours,



*Dr. Miomir Žužul
Ambassador*

with the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. All this morning, tanks, ranged on the main road close to the border, shelled the hillsides where the rebels hold positions amid mountain villages.

The shelling has caused thousands

creased numbers.

The Kosovo Liberation Army is a secretive organization, but four commanders in their late 20's are emerging as its central leaders. All are former student activists and now possibly the most powerful ethnic

a visit to Pristina on Monday.

"I'm pretty convinced that this deal is going to stick, that we'll have Albanian signatures," he said. "And I hope the Serbs will come to understand that it's in their interest to sign."

NYT, 3/3/95, p 6

Croatia Branded as Another Balkans Pariah

By RAYMOND BONNER

ZAGREB, Croatia, March 2 — Serbia and the Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic, are generally considered the pariahs in the Balkans, but according to an international report the verdict on Croatia and its President, Franjo Tudjman, is equally harsh.

"There has been no progress in improving respect for human rights, the rights of minorities and the rule of law" in Croatia, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said in the recent report, which has not been made public.

Beyond that summary, the report, which is astonishing for its lack of diplomatic circumlocution, is filled with damning details — about repression of the media by the Croatian Government, about its lack of cooperation with the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague and, above all, about the Government's harsh treatment of ethnic Serbs.

Only a small percentage of the approximately 300,000 ethnic Serbs forced to flee their homes here during the fighting between Serbs and Croats have been allowed to return. Most fled when the Croatian Army carried out its own "ethnic cleansing" during military operations against Serbian-controlled areas in August 1995.

"It is harsh, but it is not an exaggeration," Andreas Stadler, the deputy Austrian Ambassador here, said about the report, which was delivered in late January to the 54 member countries of the organization. The organization, which includes the United States, is charged with overseeing the development of democracy in former Communist countries.

Mr. Tudjman has been elected twice, most recently in 1997, but the State Department in a human rights report made public last week described Croatia as "nominally democratic," but "in reality authoritarian."

Still, Mr. Stadler and other Western diplomats said, the European Union and the United States, which is the most powerful outside influence

here, must temper their criticism of Mr. Tudjman, in part for strategic reasons: his cooperation is vital to the NATO-led peacekeeping operations in neighboring Bosnia. Today, for example, Apache helicopters for use in Bosnia are being unloaded from an American ship and assembled on the Croatian island of Krk.

There are also concerns that criticizing the country too harshly will give ammunition to the hard-liners in the ruling party, the Croatian Democratic Union, who are in a fight with moderates over who will succeed Mr. Tudjman, 76, as party leader. He has

A report is damning about the treatment of ethnic Serbs.

incurable stomach cancer, and his condition has worsened in the last two weeks, diplomats here said.

The delicate diplomatic quandary is reflected in the visit here by Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright last August. In her meetings with President Tudjman, Ms. Albright delivered a tough message about the need for Croatia to become more democratic, to comply with the Dayton accords, which ended the fighting in Bosnia, and to allow for the return of the Serbian refugees.

But after returning to Washington, she sent Mr. Tudjman a letter, which so pleased the Croatian leader that it was promptly leaked. A newspaper in the coastal town of Split described it as having the "taste of apology."

Mrs. Albright wrote that while she was aware that her visit had been difficult, "I want to see you as a part of Europe where you belong." Becoming part of Europe is a primary goal for Mr. Tudjman, who bristles when his country is referred to as Balkan, but one that will not become a reality unless Croatia becomes far more democratic, European diplomats have told him repeatedly.

The report did not address the economic situation of the country, but that too is, in a word, miserable. While a few at the top, the political allies of Mr. Tudjman and the ruling party, have acquired fabulous wealth, which they flaunt with flashy cars and expensive clothes, on display in coffeehouses and bars, the middle class is quickly being squeezed into poverty.

The report says that under pressure from the United States and the European Union, the Croatian Government has made commitments to freedom of the press. But it says Croatian Television, the main source of news for up to 90 percent of Croats, "remains subject to political control by the ruling party."

Croatian Television programs are marked by "hate speech," the report says, and news about the political opposition, Bosnia and the international tribunal is "misleadingly presented, distorted by selection and by prejudicial terminology or comment."

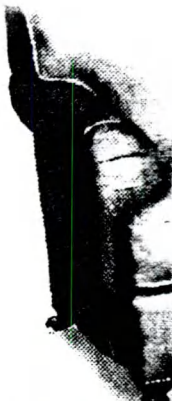
The Croatian Foreign Ministry declined to comment on the report.

On the international war crimes tribunal, the report says that the Croatian Government has embarked on a campaign to "encourage distrust and hostility" toward it among the Croatian populace.

Mr. Tudjman, who diplomats say is convinced he will be indicted by the tribunal, has declared that the tribunal has no jurisdiction over anything that happened when the army regained control, in 1995, of territories in the hands of Serbian separatists.

The Government has given repeated assurances that the Serbian refugees will be allowed to return. But it is unlikely that they will.

"We have resolved the Serbian question," Mr. Tudjman declared, referring to the 1995 military actions in a speech to his generals in December. Then he added, "There will never be 12 percent of Serbs" in Croatia, as there were before the war.



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Tudjman to task for his
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Dr. Miomir Žužul
Ambassador to the United States

Embassy of the Republic of Croatia

March 5, 1999

VIA FACSIMILE AND COURIER

Mr. Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
National Security Council
1st Floor, West Wing
White House
Washington, DC 20504

Re: Meeting For President Clinton With President Franjo Tudjman

Dear Mr. Berger:

As you may know, the Republic of Croatia will be opening its new Consulate-General this April in Chicago. We are hoping that President Tudjman might lead the delegation from Croatia to inaugurate the Consulate-General, as well as a trade delegation of Croatian companies travelling to Chicago to explore commercial opportunities for American companies in our country. In connection with President Tudjman's potential visit to the United States, President Tudjman would hope to meet President Clinton in Washington on April 12 or 13 to discuss issues of mutual interest such as security in Central Europe, including Croatia's implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords.

In connection with the possible Chicago visit by President Tudjman, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations has invited President Tudjman to address the Council on Croatia and the future of South Central Europe. These events in Chicago are timed to coincide with the seventh anniversary of the recognition of Croatia by the United States, as well as the third anniversary of the late Commerce Secretary Brown's American trade mission to Croatia which ended so unfortunately in Dubrovnik. Chicago is home to over 250,000 ethnic Croats and we hope that the new Consulate-General will provide Chicago's ethnic Croatian citizens with political and cultural links to Croatia.

In addition, Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and John Carroll University in Cleveland have informed President Tudjman of each institution's desire to confer upon President Tudjman honorary doctoral degrees, together with full university convocations in celebration of the honor.

Mr. Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger
March 5, 1999
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President Tudjman would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss with President Clinton in person the substantial progress that has been achieved in issues of concern to both the United States and Croatia in Central Europe.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this important matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

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

Dr. Miomir Žužul
Ambassador



EMBASSY OF CROATIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*The Embassy of the Republic of Croatia to the USA
on behalf of the*

**Government of the Republic of Croatia
and
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce**

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are organizing and cordially inviting you to the

**Economic Conference on Trade and Business
Opportunities in Croatia**

*on Wednesday, April 7, 1999, from 8:30AM - 2PM
at The Ritz Carlton Hotel, Chicago*

on the occasion of the Presidential Business and Trade Mission of Croatia to the USA

Detailed program and registration form enclosed



EMBASSY OF CROATIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.



CHICAGOLAND
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 25, 1999

Economic Conference on Trade and Business Opportunities in Croatia

*Wednesday, April 7, 1999, 8:30AM - 2PM,
The Ritz Carlton Hotel, Chicago*

Dear Sir/Madam:

The development of significant economic relations between the United States and Croatia have made great strides as a result of the two U.S. Presidential trade and business missions to Croatia in 1996. High U.S. governmental officials, CEO's and presidents from the largest U.S. companies visited Croatia to explore economic opportunities and to advance trade and business relations between the United States and Croatia.

The first mission was led by the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, who firmly believed that long term stability and security could not be achieved without economic progress. On April 3, 1996, this mission ended with a fatal plane crash. Following this tragedy, the Clinton Administration assured Croatia that it would continue its policy of supporting Croatia's reconstruction and economic development. As promised, a second trade and business mission, led by the former U.S. Commerce Secretary Michael Kantor, was organized in July, 1996. The result of these talks was the signing of several agreements, namely; a Bilateral Investment Treaty between Croatia and the United States, four memorandums: memorandum of understanding regarding electrical power development projects, economic reconstruction and development of infrastructure in Croatia and Bosnia, the reconstruction and development of the Port of Ploce, and a tourist communiqué.

In the last few years, Croatia has achieved impressive results in terms of macroeconomic stability and in the development of a market economy. We are more than pleased that significant results have been achieved in the development of economic relations between the U.S. and Croatia. The volume of trade between the two countries has been continually growing since 1994. The average annual increase in the value of total commodities exchange in the last four years was 11 percent. After the liberalization of Croatia's economy and the creation of a legal framework encouraging foreign investment, American capital has found fertile ground for investments in Croatia. In 1996, the United States ranked 6th in the list of countries that invested in Croatia. As of 1997, the U.S. leads all countries in foreign investment in Croatia. In addition, since 1996, important projects between large U.S. companies and Croatia have been signed. Bechtel and the Croatian government have signed a contract for the construction of a motor way worth \$600 million. A project for the construction of a power plant in Croatia, worth \$135 million, was awarded to the Parson Power Corporation from Pasadena. Enron, a large Texas-based company, is a major bidder in a large project to construct a gas-fired thermal plant in Croatia.

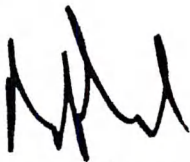
With the intention to facilitate and support the positive trend of economic and overall bilateral relations between the two countries, the Government of the Republic of Croatia decided to organize a Presidential Trade and Business Mission of Croatia to the U.S. The Presidential Trade and Business Mission will be lead by the Prime-Minister or Deputy Prime-Minister of Croatia, and be comprised of Ministers and other high level officials from Croatian institutions. It is expected that the presidents and CEO's from more than 30 of the largest Croatian companies will participate. The main event of the Presidential Mission will be the Economic Conference on Trade and Business Opportunities in Croatia, which will be organized by the Croatian government and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with numerous United States, State of Illinois and Chicagoland institutions. The economic conference will be held on April 7, 1999, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Chicago.

The morning session of the economic conference will consist of speakers, high-level officials from various Croatian Ministries and other government and non-government institutions, who will discuss the macroeconomic situation in Croatia, foreign policy priorities of the Croatian government, laws and regulations related to foreign investment in Croatia and trade opportunities for foreign companies. Special emphasis will be put on the privatization of the telecom and banking sector in Croatia. After the morning session, the head of the Croatian Economic Delegation, the Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister, will be keynote speaker during lunch. In addition, following remarks will be made by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Robert L. Mallett. After lunch, interested companies will break out into one-on-one meetings and industry related groups in order to discuss any questions specific to company needs and details concerning contacts and the building of possible trade relations. The Croatian Chamber of Commerce and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce will also be available for any questions and concerns U.S. and Croatian companies might have. A detailed program is enclosed.

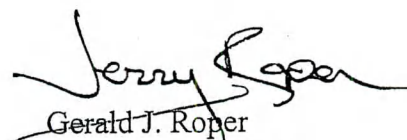
We encourage companies and individuals interested in business with Croatia to attend this economic conference because it will be a great opportunity to speak with representatives of the Croatian government and possible trade partners: representatives of Croatian companies.

A registration form for the Economic Conference on Trade and Business Opportunities in Croatia is also enclosed. For any questions, or more detailed information, please contact Ms. Emily Hobart at the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce at (312) 494-6728 or Mr. Vladimir Hrkac at the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia at (202) 588-8497. We look forward to seeing you on April 7, 1999, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Chicago.

Sincerely,



Dr. Miomir Žužul
Ambassador
of the Republic of Croatia to the U.S.



Gerald J. Roper
President and CEO
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

The Economic Conference on Trade and Business Opportunities in Croatia

Wednesday, April 7, 1999, from 8:30AM - 2PM, The Ritz Carlton Hotel, Chicago, IL

Moderator for the morning session and the luncheon:

- The Honorable Raymond E. Vickery, Jr., Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce

8:30 a.m. *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

9:00 - 9:20 Welcoming Remarks

- H.E. Dr. Miomir Žužul, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the USA
- Mr. Gerald J. Roper, President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
- Representative of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- Representative of the Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago

9:20 - 10:40 - Croatian foreign policy and current policy situation
- Macroeconomic situation in Croatia
- Laws regulating foreign investment in Croatia
- Opportunities for trade with Croatia
- *Question and Answer Session*

10:40 - 10:55 *Coffee Break*

10:55 - 11:15 Experience of American company in Croatia
- Mr. Michael Glazer, President of the *American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia*.
- *Question and Answer Session*

11:15 - 12:00 - Privatization of the Croatian Telecommunication Company
- Privatization of the banking sector in Croatia
- *Question and Answer Session*

12:15 - 1:45 Luncheon
- Keynote speaker - Head of Croatian Economic Delegation
 (Prime Minister or Deputy Prime Minister)
- Following remarks - U.S. Department of Commerce senior official
 (U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce, The Honorable Robert L. Mallett)

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