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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 4/16

To: Ed Rice

From: The Staff Secretary

These two letters were
drafted by the President's
Personal correspondence office,
but they need NSC sign off.
Can you let me know if NSC has
any comment?

Thanks,
Phil

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1999

Stephen G. Sullivan
20 Shady Hill Road
Newton, Massachusetts 02461

Dear Steve:

I appreciate your candor and concern about the situation in Kosovo, and I'm glad you took the time to write. I enjoyed the article by Jon Ellis.

I can only tell you that I believe the United States and NATO are going at an appropriate pace -- for now. We've destroyed all of Serbia's refineries, attacked its bridges, rail lines and communications networks, and, increasingly now, we are striking its forces. I do agree that we should intensify our military and humanitarian efforts. However, we do not consider ourselves to be on a timetable; rather, we are prepared to continue this effort for as long as it takes until we achieve our objectives. I am confident that Mr. Milosevic understands the gravity of his every decision.

Thanks again for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Sullivan
20 Shady Hill Road
Newton, Massachusetts 02461

To: Nancy
Fr: Melinda

This is a GU'68
classmate of POTUS.
I don't know if he
is a close friend.

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LIBERTY
MUTUAL.



To Melinda Bates

From Steve Sullivan

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Date 4/12/99 Time _____

Memo Dear Melinda,

advertising

conference & meeting management

direct marketing

electronic communications

graphic design & production

internal communications

public relations

sales promotion services

You told me some time ago
that the President likes to
hear from his classmates.
Hoping that's still the case
I'm sending you the attached.

Thank you for your help Melinda;
I hope you're well.

Steve

Stephen G. Sullivan
20 Shady Hill Road
Newton, Massachusetts 02461

April 12, 1999

Via Facsimile (202) 456-2370

To Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Bill,

I'm writing to express my deep concern over what I see as the gradualism of US policy in Kosovo. Not since Vietnam have I been so deeply worried about a US involvement overseas. We must stop international bullies like Milosevic and we must stand for the principles on which the US was founded. My fear is that we are trying to do this in anemic increments without incurring casualties on either side. The ultimate result could well be that Milosevic succeeds in "cleansing" the part of Kosovo that he wants; a huge refugee population is created with continuing potential for regional destabilization and a heavy financial burden for the international community; NATO's stature as a resolute deterrent against aggression is irreparably harmed; and right wing elements in Russia gain power by decrying the West's "aggression" against the Slavic people. We must commit adequate forces to stop the ethnic cleansing, raping and other crimes of the Serbian regime. News reports that cite 400 air sorties as evidence of a powerful response fail to account for the fact that only about one in four of those sorties actually drops bombs. The bulk, as I understand it, are air refueling, electronic countermeasures, search and rescue and others. Now that we and NATO are committed, we must employ all the close air support at our disposal, including A-10s and attack helicopters, to stop the crimes that are occurring against the ethnic Albanians. In addition to strong and unquestionable force the US and NATO should initiate a campaign against "soft assets" in Serbia itself. I enclose a copy of Jon Ellis' excellent editorial in the Boston Globe on this topic.

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Mr. President as your classmate and friend I urge you to take strong action. Don't let events lead us to the kinds of waste and failure we witnessed in Vietnam. Don't let an apparent lack of resolve lead us to the kinds of waste and failure we witnessed in Vietnam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Sullivan".

SFS '68

Wage an attack on Serbia's 'soft assets'

JOHN ELLIS

The Washington Post has reported that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic had sent his son, daughters, and grandchildren to Crete for an extended vacation. One presumes that other children and grandchildren of the Milosevic elite are likewise ensconced, far away from NATO air strikes and the possibility of personal collateral damage. Precious assets get special treatment.

To date, the United States and its NATO allies have devoted all of their resources to attacking "hard" military assets in Yugoslavia. These include missile defense systems, communications infrastructure, ammunition depots, and the like. Cruise missiles and laser guided bombs rain down on these targets with stepped-up intensity. The Clinton administration believes these attacks are "working."

Experience teaches that aerial assaults will not reverse what has already happened in Kosovo. Two weeks ago, Pristina, the capital city of Kosovo, was a bustling community of 250,000 ethnic Albanians. Today, it has 800, according to one news account. The battle for Kosovo is over. The Serbs have won. The only thing that will reverse this outcome is an allied invasion of ground forces.

The likelihood of 19 NATO countries agreeing to use ground troops in the Balkans is not great. The best the air campaign can hope to accomplish is to make Milosevic more flexible when the inevitable "peace conference" is convened. So the question arises: What should the United States and its NATO allies do to weaken Milosevic's negotiating posture?

First, the United States and its NATO allies should continue the air war on Yugoslavia without interruption. Degrading the military assets and the communications infrastructure of the Serbian army diminishes its ability to wreak further havoc in the Balkans. Milosevic's unilateral cease-fire was patently bogus and rightly rejected out of hand. The air war on hard assets should increase and intensify with each passing day.

Second, the United States should begin to mobilize a ground force for deployment in the Balkans. Troops can be introduced into Albania under the cover story that they are there to help with humanitarian and relief efforts. The United States can do this without NATO approval. Milosevic will get the point.

Third, the United States and its NATO allies should mount an aggressive campaign against the "soft assets" of the Milosevic elite. In the past, campaigns against "soft assets" have taken the form of economic sanctions and have not been particularly

successful. But just because they haven't worked against, say, Iraq, does not mean that a "soft assets" campaign won't work against Yugoslavia.

Serbian elites see themselves as cosmopolitan Europeans. They educate their children abroad. They travel frequently throughout the region. They shop in Athens, attend fashion shows in Milan, dine at the finest restaurants in Paris. They care about all that — a lot more than they care about Kosovo. The point of a "soft assets" campaign would be to take all that away.

The United States and its NATO allies should publish on the Internet a list of the names of the 3,000 to 5,000 people (and their families) who comprise the Milosevic elite. Once published, anyone who is on the list or related to someone on the list would be denied entry into every NATO country.

All existing visas would be canceled. All students would be sent home. All businessmen would be sent packing. All diplomats would be told to get out. Let the Serbian elites educate their children in Moscow. Let them shop in Belgrade. Kick them out and never let them back through customs again until Kosovo is restored.

The United States and its NATO allies should also freeze and seize all financial assets of the Milosevic elite. Serbian elites are legendarily corrupt. Over the years, they have stolen hundreds of millions of dollars

from their country. Many of these assets are tucked away in Swiss banks and offshore accounts. They use these money havens to protect themselves in the event that their countrymen someday take exception to their malfeasance.

The Genocide Convention, signed after World War II by most countries, including the United States and Yugoslavia, establishes genocide as an international crime and makes possible criminal and civil charges against specific individuals. The United States and its NATO allies should freeze and seize all financial assets of the Milosevic elite as part of a concerted legal effort to prosecute specific individuals on charges of genocide.

A "soft assets" campaign could be very effective. It might make the Milosevic elite realize that they will never be Europeans so long as they occupy Kosovo. It could steal back the money they stole. And it could serve as a kind of test case for future "soft asset" campaigns, which may become necessary if, for example, nationalist forces in Russia prevail.

Waging a "soft asset" campaign against Yugoslavia would set useful legal precedents for the future. And it just might split the Milosevic elite into warring factions.

John Ellis is a Globe columnist.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1999

*Phil —
Per Rob Mallory,
this should be
approved by NSC.
Mike*

The Reverend Anthony Mangun
The Pentecostals of Alexandria
Post Office Box 8838
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

Dear Anthony:

Thank you for your note and for forwarding
Nathaniel Urshan's letter. I'm glad I was able
to be of assistance.

All the best to you and Mickey. God bless you
both.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Anthony Mangun
The Pentecostals of Alexandria
Post Office Box 8838
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1999

The Reverend Nathaniel A. Urshan
United Pentecostal Church International
8855 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042

Dear Nathaniel:

Thank you for your kind letter. I'm grateful that I was able to assist in achieving a satisfactory resolution of your problem. It was helpful that Chairman Arafat acted as promptly as he did.

We remain steadfast in our resolve to bring an end to the horrendous ethnic cleansing in Kosovo, assure that the Serbian forces leave and that the displaced Kosovars are allowed to return and work toward self-government. Please continue your prayerful support for all involved in this important effort.

God's blessings on your ministry.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Nathaniel A. Urshan
United Pentecostal
Church International
8855 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042



THE PENTECOSTALS OF ALEXANDRIA

POB 8838

2817 RAPIDES AVENUE

ALEXANDRIA LA 71303 USA

FAX

To:

Mr President

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From:

Anthony Mangun

Date:

Phone: (318) 487-8976

Fax: (318) 487-8773

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COMMENTS:

Dear Mr. President

Thanks for all you did to help us - it worked. God will bless you for all your effort. I have some good news for you about my talk with Sr. Foster. I will call you in a week or so. I love you. Anthony

If you have received this communication in error, please telephone the sender named above, collect.

Transmission sent to Fax #: ()

Anthony Mangun
Pastor

G.A. Mangun
Bishop

NATHANIEL A. URSHAN
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



UNITED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

WORLD EVANGELISM CENTER
8855 DUNN ROAD
HAZELWOOD, MO 63042

April 6, 1999

Mr. President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Good news today. The report from Bethlehem is that President Arafat's Staff Member visited Bethlehem and has assured our church that they need not worry about further harassment or any problems from those who rabble-raised the serious condition that previously existed. Further, he assured them there will be no problem getting the final paper.

Many, many thanks. It is astonishing that our problem in Bethlehem has been given your attention. It is a serious matter in an Arabic nation when you are called a Zionist, which they have branded our Pastor Naju. This is like a death threat. For our President to share and act upon our concern is remarkable and thoughtful, and we are eternally gratefully. Thank you for your kind and encouraging note. Our deep appreciation for your help, giving us your assistance and your backing. The situation at hand is such an important matter to us, and to have you on our team is most heartening.

We pray for you and our nation in these serious times when violence covers the earth. The heart-wrenching conditions in Kosovo demand the sincere prayers of every living human being. May God be with you in your attempt to stem the tide of vicious, inhumane treatment of human life.

Your friend always,

Nathaniel A. Urshan
Overseeing Bishop and General Superintendent
United Pentecostal Church International

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HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

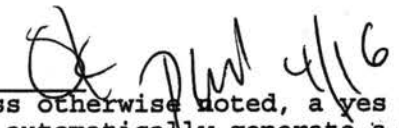
Please return to Neal Sharma, Room 97

Today's Date: April 2, 1999

Date of Request: 2/28/99
Request for: POTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Patron
Requestor Name: Dr. George T. Cody
Title: Executive Director
Organization: American Task Force For Lebanon
Third Floor
2213 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
Contact Tel. #: 202/223-9333
Event Date: 5/21/99
Event Description: Annual Awards Dinner
Notes: The ATFL will be honoring Helen Thomas, Lee Hamilton, and Governor Victor Atiyeh at this year's awards banquet. Sam Donaldson will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. The President served as an Honorary Patron at last year's banquet and served as an honorary committee member for an ATFL event in 1994. A NEXIS search revealed no reason why the President should not serve as an Honorary Patron, and ATFL does have 501(c)(3) status. Christine Stanek in OPL recommends that the President accept.

The President should ACCEPT.

Recommendation:

PC 
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

cc: Amy Comstock, 136

HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

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Please return to Neal Sharma, Room 97

Today's Date: April 15, 1999

Date of Request: 1/26/99
Request for: POTUS/FLOTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Co-Chairs
Requestor Name: Mrs. Matilda Raffa Cuomo
Title: Founder and Chair
Address: Mentoring USA
New Millennium Tribute Benefit Office
C/O Event Associates
162 West 56th Street
New York, New York 10019

Contact Tel. #:

Event Date: 5/12/99

Event Description: The New Millennium Tribute Gala

Notes: HELP USA is celebrating its achievements in providing effective and innovative care for the homeless. Honorees include William Apfelbaum of CBS, Hugh Price of the National Urban League, Anna Quindlan, and Carl and Barbaralee Diamonstein Spielvogel. Honorary Committee members include Governor and Mrs. Cuomo, Secretary Cuomo, and Representative Rangel. Founded by Secretary Cuomo in 1986, HELP USA has grown into the nation's largest builder, developer, and operator of transitional housing. HELP USA does have 501(c)(3) standing, and a NEXIS search revealed no reason why the President and First Lady should not serve.

The President should ACCEPT.

Recommendations:

MV _____ PC Chen AC _____
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

but need to
check with Counsel
to see if any conflict
w/ Andrews role
Rish
4-16-99

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HONORARY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Please return to Neal Sharma, Room 97

Today's Date: March 19, 1999

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Date of Request: 1/7/99
Request for: POTUS/FLOTUS
Type of Request: Honorary Patrons
Requestor Name: Ms. Prema Mathai-Davis
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Address: YWCA of the U.S.A.
Suite 301
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10118

Contact Tel. #:

Event Date: 4/29/99

Event Description: The Racial Justice Awards Dinner

Notes: The Racial Justice Awards Dinner will take place during a three-day observance of the YWCA 1999 Day of Commitment to End Racism. On this day, YWCAs all over the country present programs and workshops to recognize and reinforce their commitment to end racism. The Vice President has agreed to serve as Honorary Chair of the Race to End Racism on the third and final day of the event. A NEXIS search revealed no reason why the President and First Lady should not serve as Honorary Chairs, and the YWCA does have 501(c)(3) status.

The President and First Lady should ACCEPT.

Recommendations:

MV _____ PC David AC _____
(Unless otherwise noted, a yes answer will automatically generate a message as well as acceptance of the honorary position).

Comments:

What does Ben Johnson
think? Are we (the wt)
participating in this at
all. Not sure if it's
"big enough"

Ben Johnson
says to do
4/8

Mike - 94

Majority 2000: Detroit 4/16/99

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~~Today~~

Reps. Gephardt, Bonior, Archer, Kennedy, Dingell,
~~Conyers~~, Kildee, Levin, Barcia, Stupak, Rivers,
Kilpatrick, Stabenow; Mayor Archer; Ed McNamera
(Wayne County Exec). AG JENNIFER GRANHAM

MIKE HANLEN, Min Ldr House - JOHN CITERNY, Min Ldr Senate
Planned - Sen. Riegle - Frank Kelley Sen. Levin Mayor Staley

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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Kosovo: I know all Americans are proud of our
men & women in uniform who are working with our
allies to stand against ethnic cleansing in Kosovo, to
save lives and restore hope, and to help build a
peaceful future for Europe.

92 → Strategic Plan 2000 → Opp / Region
Community
WED → Diversity / Unity
Peace to our Future

Results

1992: New Dir, old values: op,resp,com

**Results: \$290B def \$70B surp. Longst peacetime
exp, unempl lwst/1957. 30 yr crime, 30-Welf (cut in
1/2); 32-Infl; record home ownership. College opp:
HOPE, Pell, work-study. Child health: 5M, highest
immun**

21st C →

- ① Aging Am
- ② Bal work/fam
- ③ Leave the Govt alone
- ④ Low crime

⑤ unity/divinity

Aging of 21st C America

**Save Soc Sec -- 1st Priority- 62% surplus/15 yrs
(2055); work towards 75 yrs (2075)**

Medicare 15% 2020. Reform/prescr drugs

USA Accounts 12% surpl for tax relief ← The credit / (debt) fund
80,000 - The credit 60,000,000

**Pay Down Debt - cut debt 2/3, lowest level publicly
held debt since 1917**

Targeted Tax Cuts - Long term, child care

21st Century Schools → Actions:

Class Size--100K new tchrs. School modernization.

Computers in Classrooms.

Now, Education Accountability Act: Social

Promotion/after school (3x); turn round failing

**schools; trained teachers; discipline; parent
accountability**

Strengthen Families

Child care \$2B; PBOR; FMLA -- extend 10M; Equal

Pay for Equal Work

21st Century Economy

New Markets -- \$15B jobs in inner-cities

Expand Trade -- freer & fairer trade

Crime Bill II

Guns: Brady juveniles; restore 5day wait
50K+ police; drug testing prisoners/parolees

Enviro livability/lands legacy

One America - AmeriCorps, ~~CFR~~, ENDA
Race fix →

Am worky

- ① Leave the our Behind → 92-Defect
→ ee
- ② win Econ
- ③ unity / Diversity

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
4-16-99