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Date: May 11, 1994

FROM/DE:

MINA

REFERENCE/RÉFÉRENCE: Memo RBR-0532 (0676)
of 25 Apr 94

SUBJECT/SUJET: Minister's decision/Décision du Ministre

Croatia: Proposed visit by Croatian Foreign
Minister Mate Granic

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The Minister has agreed to host
a working lunch for Foreign Minister
Granic on May 19.

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Action Memorandum for
The Minister of Foreign Affairs



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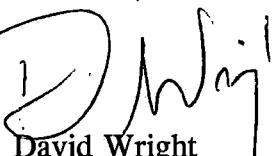
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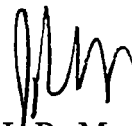
RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to host a luncheon in Dr. Granic's honour or, alternatively, receive him for a 45-minute meeting on May 19 or 20.

*yes but at
another date
A.S.*


David Wright
Assistant Deputy Minister
Europe Branch

*In view of scheduling
difficulties, the minister has
now agreed to host a
working lunch on May 19.*


J. R. Morden

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---CROATIA MONTH IN TRNTO MAY1994

BEGINNING 29APR94 AND DURING MONTH OF MAY NUMEROUS REPS OF THE
CROATIAN GOVT WILL BE ARRIVING IN CDA TO ATTEND VARIOUS FUNCTIONS
SURROUNDING THIS EVENT.

2.THE EVENT IS ORGANIZED BY THE CROATIANEMBASSY IN OTTAWA AND THE
CROATIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

3.FIRST PERSON TO ARRIVE 29APRIL/29APRIL IS (JURKIC) VESNA 15JAN44,
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE. SHE WILL BE STAYING IN OTTAWA
AND TRNTO UNTIL 03MAY.

4.YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE ARRIVAL 02MAY OF (SIMEK) IVAN
02SEP48, DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM, WHO WILL BE IN CDA UNTIL
13MAY.

5.ALSO ARRIVING 02MAY ARE (VUKELJA) SPOMENKA 22FEB53, HEAD OF THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND (NIKIC) GORAZD 23JUN36, PROF, FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ZAGREB
UNIVERSITY. THEIR ITINERARY IS 02MAY ZAG-OTTAWA, 04MAY OTTAWA-TRNTO
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Objet Granic
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April 25, 1994

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---CROATIA: DIPLO BRIEFING BY FOREIGN MINISTER

HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT FOR DIPLO CORPS WILL BE CONVENED 31MAR AT

11:00 LOCAL TIME FOR ONE OF FOR MIN GRANIC'S OCCASIONAL MEETINGS

WITH WHAT IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS "THE CHOIR" (CROATIAN WORD

"ZBOR" MEANS BOTH CORPS AND CHOIR). ON AGENDA WILL BE WSHDC

AGREEMENTS PROCESS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
SERBS FROM THE UNPAS".

2.PLS ADVISE BY 31MAR 090 ANY QUESTIONS YOU WISH RAISED.

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agreed no need to send instructions to
Zagreb for this mtg; no such
instructions have been sent for
previous mtgs. J
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XDC Memorandum 0190 of February 24, 1994

Briefing notes on CROATIA

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Attached are a briefing note and talking points for your meeting on March 4 with the Ambassador-designate of Croatia, His Excellency Zeljko Urban.

2. Also attached is the curriculum vitae for the Ambassador.
3. Graham Green of this division will attend the meeting.

John Di Gangi

John Di Gangi

Director

Central and Eastern Europe

Relations Division

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BRIEFING NOTES ON CROATIA

- Croatia has been active in the Bosnian peace negotiations. The March 1 Washington Agreement envisages a Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia and eventual confederation with Croatia.
- Secretary Christopher and FM Kozyrev will meet in Vladivostok March 14, primarily to discuss Bosnia. The official signing of the federation agreement is planned for March 15 in Washington. Negotiation of details remains extensive and difficult.
- It is unclear how these moves will affect Croat-Serb relations. Zagreb and Belgrade agreed in January to exchange representatives and begin the process of normalizing relations. Serbia has not recognized Croatia's pre-independence borders.
- A cease-fire between Croatian forces and the Krajinan Serbs has been extended to the end of March. There has been no recent progress in political negotiations with the Serbs, who still control almost 30 per cent of Croatian territory.
- Croatia recently deployed more regular army troops in Bosnia to help counter Muslim attacks. The Security Council has threatened to subject Zagreb to "serious measures" (ie, possible sanctions) if Croatian troops are not withdrawn. Such measures are unlikely if the current cease-fire holds and peace efforts succeed.
- Croatia is again threatening to reject a renewal of the UNPROFOR mandate, which expires on March 31. President Tudjman has complained the UN is not doing enough to help restore Croatian sovereignty over the UN Protected Areas.
- There are still important human rights concerns about Croatia, notably the protection of minority rights and freedom of the media. Abuses have been reduced, however, as President Tudjman wants international legitimacy.

Bilateral

- Canada recognized Croatia on 15 January 1992 and established diplomatic relations on 14 April 1993. Ambassador Irwin presented his credentials in October 1993. Sam Hanson is the Chargé d'Affaires resident in Zagreb.
- Although there are no UN trade sanctions against Croatia, we have made it clear to Zagreb that development of our bilateral economic relations will be constrained by the continuing conflict in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- DFAIT does not actively promote trade through PEMD or Renaissance Eastern Europe funding. Croatia remains on the Area Control List. Canadians of Croatian origin have been very active in promoting trade and general relations between Canada and Croatia. Croatia's Ministers of Defence and Transportation & Communications are dual citizens who formerly lived in Canada.
- Our two-way trade with Croatia is modest, estimated at \$20.0 million in 1993. Major sectors of opportunity for Canadian exports are in construction, telecommunications, energy, transportation, medical supplies and technology, environment and tourism.
- Mr. Urban is the first Croatian Ambassador to Canada. Croatia has established an Embassy in Ottawa and will be opening a Consulate in either Toronto or Vancouver. The Department has not agreed to the opening of two Consulates at this time.

TALKING POINTS

- THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS AND THE OPENING OF EMBASSIES IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITAL ARE IMPORTANT STEPS IN CANADA-CROATIA RELATIONS.
- BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD GROW IN STEP WITH OUR POLITICAL TIES, BUT THEIR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONSTRAINED BY THE CONTINUING CONFLICT IN CROATIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA.
- WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THE CURRENT CEASEFIRE IN CROATIA HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER MONTH.
- CANADA WELCOMES THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, INCLUDING THE WASHINGTON AGREEMENT AND THE MUSLIM-CROAT CEASEFIRE.
- WE URGE ALL PARTIES TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO END THE FIGHTING AND REACH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.
- WE BELIEVE IT IS IN YOUR INTERESTS AND ESSENTIAL FOR LASTING PEACE THAT YOU AGREE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE UNPROFOR MANDATE.
- FOLLOWING THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, WE ARE REVIEWING OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN UNPROFOR. THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE ITS DECISION LATER THIS MONTH.
- WE ENCOURAGE CROATIA TO CONTINUE ITS PROGRESS IN FULFILLING ITS CSCE UNDERTAKINGS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS.

(RESPONSIVE)

- WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE UNITED NATIONS TO RE-DEPLOY TO BOSNIA THE CANADIAN BATTALION IN SECTOR SOUTH OF CROATIA.

(RESPONSIVE)

- WE HAVE AGREED TO THE OPENING OF ONE CROATIAN CONSULATE IN ADDITION TO THE EMBASSY IN OTTAWA. IT IS YOUR CHOICE WHETHER TO LOCATE THAT CONSULATE IN TORONTO OR VANCOUVER

(RESPONSIVE)

- IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR CROATIA TO CONTINUE OPERATING ITS MISSISSAUGA OFFICE IF IT OPENS A VANCOUVER CONSULATE.

MR. ZELJKO URBAN

CROATIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE

CURRICULUM VITAE

(Pronounced ZHELL-koh UHR-bahn)

Born July 10, 1931 in Zagreb. Married to Zdenka Urban (born in Serbia). No accompanying children.

Graduate of Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Zagreb (1960), with major in electronics.

Emigrated to Germany in 1961; joined Siemens in Munich.

Moved to USA in 1963; worked at Lynch Communications System before joining research staff at the University of California (Berkeley) in 1964. Taught mathematics and became the principal of a northern California school from 1968 to 1972.

Formed a company for servicing electronic equipment in 1972; became a consultant to electronic service companies from 1978 to 1992.

Returned to Croatia in 1992 (ie, after independence); appointed Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a position he held until his arrival in Canada. He was the principal MFA contact for our Embassy in Zagreb.

Despite his lack of previous experience in international relations or government service, he has shown a natural talent for diplomacy. He is a tough and intelligent negotiator who will not back down from delivering or receiving a strong message.



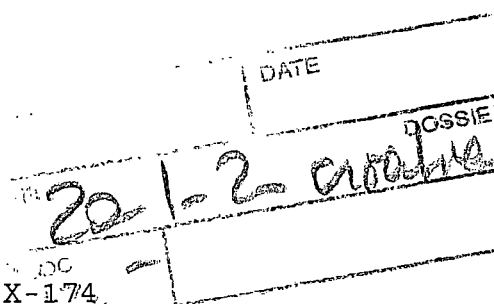
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of 04 February 1994
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In consultation with our BICO, we estimate it would take approximately 20 hours to select and copy relevant unclassified documents on Canada/Croatia relations that were sent to the Department by Canada's representative in Zagreb since January 1992.

2. It should be borne in mind, however, that our office in Zagreb did not have secure communications facilities until the spring of 1993. Thus, much of the material that has been requested, while unclassified, may be excluded from release as it contains information received in confidence from a foreign government.

3. Furthermore, the request refers to "Canada's newly-appointed Chargé d'Affaires". Our representative was only appointed Chargé on 01 July 1993 when Canada opened its Embassy in Zagreb. Prior to that, he was a "Special Representative" and had been in Croatia since early 1992. If the person requesting the information only wants material that was sent since we appointed a Chargé d'Affaires in Zagreb, the time required to select and copy the material would be reduced to approximately 10 hours.

John Di Gangi
John Di Gangi
Director
Central and Eastern Europe
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---CROATIA: REPATRIATION OF DECEASED CDN PEACEKEEPERS

SUMMARY: REPATRIATION OF REMAINS OF TWO CDNS WHO RECENTLY DIED WHILE ON UNPROFOR DUTY IN B-H WAS DELAYED FOR SEVERAL DAYS BY OBSTRUCTIONISM OF CROATIAN AUTHORITIES AT SEVERAL LEVELS. MGEN MACINNIS IS SEEKING TO HAVE UNPROFOR PROTEST AND HAS ASKED THAT EMB DO SAME.

2.REPORT: TWO CANBAT 2 MEMBERS WERE KILLED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT 29NOV. REMAINS WERE TRANSFERRED TO ZAGREB 30NOV, BUT DID NOT/NOT DEPART FOR CDA UNTIL 03DEC. THIS WAS DUE PRIMARILY TO ZAGREB HOSPITAL INSISTING ON PERFORMING AUTOPSIES (CONTRARY TO SOFA, WHICH PROVIDES THAT AUTOPSIES BE PERFORMED ONLY AT REQUEST OF CONTINGENT) BEFORE THEY WOULD ISSUE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR REMAINS TO BE REPATRIATED ON CIVILIAN FLIGHT. IN EVENT, CDN MIL FLT WAS USED. ADDITIONAL EMOTIVE POINT: CONTINGENT WAS PREVENTED FROM PAYING MILITARY HONOURS ON TARMAC PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF FLT.

3.HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM MGEN MACINNIS, RAISING PARTICULAR CONCERN THAT CROATIAN AUTHORITIES FAILED TO RECOGNISE THAT CDN

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Please send
asking Sam
to proceed.
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agreed.
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SOLDIERS, AS MEMBERS OF UNPROFOR, WERE NOT/NOT SUBJ TO CROATIAN LAW. HE ASKS THAT POINT BE STRONGLY MADE TO CROATIANS THAT AUTOPSIES ARE TO BE PERFORMED ONLY AT REQUEST OF CDA, AND THAT APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATES MUST BE ISSUED WHETHER OR NOT/NOT AUTOPSIES ARE CARRIED OUT.

4.ADDITIONAL CONCERNS:

- REMAINS WERE STORED FOR TWO DAYS IN UNREFRIGERATED ROOM IN HOSPITAL BASEMENT, WITH COFFINS STACKED ONE ON TOP OF ANOTHER;
- AIRPORT AUTHORITIES DID NOT/NOT ALLOW HEARSE ONTO TARMAC TO RECEIVE REMAINS ON ARRIVAL; AND
- AIRPORT AUTHORITIES DID NOT/NOT ALLOW MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE ON TARMAC AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED.

5.COMMENT: HOSPITALS PRESUMED CONCERN WITH HEALTH REQUIREMENTS IS HARDLY CONSISTENT WITH STORAGE OF REMAINS IN UNREFRIGERATED ROOM.

6.COPIES OF MGEN MACINNIS LETTER BEING TRANSMITTED BY FAX TO ACTION ADDRESSEES ONLY.

7.PLS ADVISE.

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Croatia officially rejected Cdn military protest about this incident. Cdn Cdr UNPROFOR has not, to my knowledge, asked Cdn Embassy to pursue the matter. J 26/2

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---MIN OUELLET MTG WITH CROATIAN AND BOSNIAN FORMINS

FOR THE RECORD MIN OUELLET MET BRIEFLY WITH BOSNIAN FM

LJUBIJANKIC AND CROATIAN MIN GRANIC TO DISCUSS SITU IN EX-YUGO.

HE LISTENED TO BOTH MINS AND URGED BOTH OF THEM TO CONTINUE TO

NEGOTIATE, EMPHASIZING THAT PROLONGING WAR WAS IN NO/NO ONES

INTEREST. HE MENTIONED HIS CONTACT WITH THESE TWO MINS DURING HIS

MTG WITH THE PRESS.

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---TUDJMAN INVITATION TO AMBS

WE SEE NO CAUSE FOR HEARTBURN IN ACCEPTING INVITATION, AS ZAGRB
ADVISES FELLOW CAPTIVES WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY GOOD COMPANY BUT THE
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- (RESPONSIVE) WE HAVE PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE WORK OF UN COMMISSION OF EXPERTS; CDN INVESTIGATORS WERE PART OF UNCOE TEAM RECENTLY DENIED PERMISSION TO EXAMINE MASS GRAVE IN VUKOVAR.

- (RESPONSIVE) WE WILL BE MAKING DEMARCHE TO SERBIAN AUTHORITIES TO URGE CROATIAN SERBS TO COOPERATE WITH VUKOVAR INVESTIGATION.

2. DURING YOUR CALL, YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE MFA OF INITIAL CDN REACTION TO PRES TUDJMANS 01NOV PEACE INITIATIVE:

- CDA CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THERE CAN BE NO/NO MILITARY SOLUTION IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

- CONTINUED FIGHTING WILL HAVE UNACCEPTABLE HUMANITARIAN CONSEQUENCES WITH ARRIVAL OF WINTER.

- ALL PARTIES MUST RETURN TO NEGOTIATING TABLE TO REACH A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

- WE WELCOME PRES TUDJMANS STATED COMMITMENT TO END THE WAR AND ARE EXAMINING HIS 01NOV PEACE PROPOSAL.

- WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THE AMBITIOUS NATURE OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AS PRES TUDJMAN SUGGESTS.

- ALL SIDES MUST BE FLEXIBLE IF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS TO MOVE FORWARD.

- WE URGE CROATIA AND THE BOSNIAN CROATS TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE INTL MEDIATORS AS THEY SEEK PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

- WE ALSO CALL FOR FULL COOPERATION WITH THE UN AND INTL RELIEF AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO ALL PARTS OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. (SAME POINT WILL BE MADE TO SERBS AND MUSLIMS.)

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---CROATIA: BILATERAL RELATIONS

DURING IRWIN VISIT OTHER INTERLOCUTORS, IN ADDITION TO PRES TUDJMAN, RAISED SUBJ OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON INCREASED ECON COOPERATION. THEY NOTED ROLE OF EMIGRE COMMUNITY AND ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EMB, CDN ROLE IN SEARCH FOR PEACE, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AND PRESENCE OF CCUNPROFOR.

2. TRANSPORT COMMUNICATIONS AND MARITIME AFFAIRS MIN MUDRINIC (OF CDN BACKGROUND) REPEATED, AS HE HAS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, BELIEF THAT THERE IS PLACE IN CROATIA FOR CDN INDUSTRY, NOT/NOT JUST BECAUSE OF CROATIAN MARKET, BUT BECAUSE HE SEES ROLE FOR CROATIA AS VEHICLE TO OTHER CTRIES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. HE SPECIFICALLY RAISED POSSIBILITY OF BILAT AIR TRAFFIC AGREEMENT AND DIRECT RELATIOJNS BETWEEN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. ON FORMER SUBJ, WE NOTED THAT IT WAS CDN PRACTICE TO LET AIRLINES TAKE LEAD IN ANALYSING MARKET AND PROPOSING TO GOVTS ELEMENTS THEY WOULD WISH INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT; MUDRINIC SAID HE WOULD GET CROATIA AIRLINES REVVED UP.

3. PRIME MINISTER VALENTIC STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ECON RELATIONS TO

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CROATIA, AND NOTED THAT NOT/NOT MUCH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR. BILAT
TRADE HAD IN FACT DECREASED SINCE 1991, BUT THERE WERE PROSPECTS FOR
TURNAROUND: MANY CDN BUSINESSES WERE INTERESTED IN TRADE AND
INVESTMENT IN CROATIA, AND CDN EXPORTS TO CROATIA WERE ON INCREASE.
ION FORMER POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF NATL OIL COMPANY INA, HE KNEW
THERE WERE GOOD RELATIONS AND MUCH POTENTIAL TO BE REALISED IN
PETRO-CHEMICAL FIELD.

4.VALENTIC FORMALLY REITERATED (FIRST TIME CROATIAN GOVT HAS DONE SO
IN OVER A YEAR) REQUEST FOR MFN STATUS.

5.AMB RESPONDED THAT TRADE WAS UNAVOIDABLY AFFECTED BY WAR, AND THIS
WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE CDN ATTITUDE AND POLICY ON TRADE
WITH CROATIA.

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---CROATIA: MTG WITH PRES TUDJMAN

YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS IN YOUR MTG WITH PRES
TUDJMAN AFTER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS 05OCT.

A)AS CANADIANS OF CROATIAN ORIGIN MARK 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR
ARRIVAL IN CDA, ACCREDITATION MARKS A NEW LEVEL OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

B)OPENING OF CROATIA'S EMB IN OTTAWA AND THE ACCREDITATION OF
YOUR FIRST AMB TO CDA WILL COMPLETE THIS PROCESS. WE EXPECT
FORMAL APPROVAL OF THESE TWO REQUESTS IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

C)BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHLD GROW IN STEP WITH OUR
POLITICAL TIES, BUT THEIR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CONSTRAINED BY
CONTINUING CONFLICT IN CROATIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA.

D)AS AN EXPERIENCED PEACEKEEPER, CDA UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE
OF AND LIMITATIONS ON THE PEACEKEEPING MISSION. WE WELCOME
EXTENSION OF THE UNPROFOR MANDATE FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS.

E)WE EXPECT CROATIA TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH UNPROFOR; THIS IS IN
YOUR OWN BEST INTERESTS.

F)CDA SHARES THE CROATIAN VIEW THAT ALL RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTIONS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH; FULL RESPECT FOR THE 16JUL

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ERDUT AGREEMENT IS ALSO KEY.

G)WE UNDERSTAND CROATIAS FRUSTRATION WITH SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH KRAJINAN SERBS, BUT THERE CAN BE NO/NO MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE. WE URGE CROATIA TO AVOID ANY FURTHER ACTIONS THAT COULD PROVOKE OR PROLONG HOSTILITIES OR PUT UN PERSONNEL AT RISK.

H)WE THANK YOUR GOVT FOR SUPPORTING JUDGE JULES DESCHENES FOR UN TRIBUNAL; CDA IS COMMITTED TO PROSECUTION OF ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR CRIMES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

I)AS WE MADE CLEAR TO FORMIN GRANIC LAST MONTH, CDA REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF KILLINGS AND DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY CROAT TROOPS IN MEDAK AREA; WE WELCOME CROATIAN ASSURANCES THIS MATTER WILL BE INVESTIGATED FULLY AND THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

J)WE ALSO REMAIN CONCERNED BY CONTINUING REPORTS OF REGULAR CROATIAN ARMY PERSONNEL FIGHTING ALONGSIDE BOSNIAN CROATS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN BOSNIA. ANY SUCH TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT DELAY.

K)WE REGRET THE BOSNIAN PARTIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON A PEACE AGMT. THE STOLTENBERG-OWEN PLAN IS NOT IDEAL, BUT OUR PRIORITY NOW MUST BE TO END THE FIGHTING OR FACE A HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE THIS WINTER.

L)CDA BELIEVES THE 20AUG GENEV PROPOSAL AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS SHLD REMAIN ON THE TABLE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE WITH THE BOSNIAN CROATS IN SECURING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

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---DEMARCHES TO CROATIA AND FRY

DEMARCHE HAS BEEN PARTLY OVERTAKEN BY DPM/FORMIN GRANIC'S DECISION
TO CALL DIPLO CORPS IN AND BRIEF THEM ON SITUATION. I HAVE, HOWEVER,
CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH GRANIC AT 0830 15SEP. GRATEFUL
ANY REVISED INSTRUCTIONS BY 0600 THAT DAY.

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WITH LOCAL SERBS TO BEGIN 30AUG. ON UNPROFOR RENEWAL, HE DESCRIBED

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DIVISION OF MANDATE AS POLITICALLY ESSENTIAL TO UNDERPIN CROATIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

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4.RELEASE OF DETAINEES: GRANIC REVEALED THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING LATER THAT MORNING WITH SENIOR ICRC REP COLOMBE TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJ.

5.STOLTENBERG-OWEN PEACE PLAN: GRANIC DESCRIBE SOPP AS BASICALLY GOOD IN PRINCIPLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO ALL SIDES IN LIGHT OF REALITIES ON GROUND. MANY MISTAKES HAD BEEN MADE, BEGINNING WITH INTERNATL COMMUNITY'S FAILURE TO HALT SERB AGGRESSION. THEN MUSLIMS HAD REJECTED CROATIAN PROPOSALS ON MILITARY AGREEMENT, AND HAD REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE ON CROAT-MUSLIM RELATIONS. BECAUSE INTERCOMMUNAL TRUST WAS AT VERY LOW LEVEL THERE WOULD BE GREAT DIFFICULTY OVER MAPS. IT WAS ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, FIRST TO GET AGREEMENT, AND THEN TO IMPLEMENT IT, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE STRONG INTERNATL PRESENCE ON GROUND.

6.UNPAS: GRANIC SAID THAT CROATIA WAS BASICALLY READY TO ACCEPT LATEST AHRENS-VOLLEBAEK PROPOSAL FOR CEASEFIRE. THIS WAS DETAILED DOCUMENT CONTAINING ALL ELEMENTS OF SCR 802 AND ERDUT AGREEMENT. NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL SERBS WERE EXPECTED TO BEGIN 30AUG: CROATIAN GOVT EXPECTED TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL/ALL SC RESLNS - SOMETHING LOCAL SERBS HAD HITHERTO REFUSED TO DO BECAUSE RESLNS RECOGNIZED CROATIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

7.THIS, ACCORDING TO GRANIC, WAS POLITICAL ISSUE UNDERLYING CROATIAN INSISTENCE ON TRIPARTITE DIVISION OF UNPROFOR MANDATE. CROATIA WAS PREPARED TO SIGN STATUS OF MISSION AGREEMENT, AND WOULD AGREE TO CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNPROFOR HQ AND LOGISTICS BASES IN CROATIA, BUT AGREEMENT ON EXTENSION OF MISSION HAD TO BE FOR CROATIA ONLY. THIS WOULD PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESLNS, AND WOULD SEND CLEAR MESSAGE TO LOCAL SERBS. CROATIA WAS FULLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEES, INCLUDING INTERNATL CONTROL MECHANISMS UNDER CSCE OR OTHER UMBRELLA.

8.NEXT MONTH, ACCORDING TO GRANIC, WOULD BE CRUCIAL FOR BOTH CROATIA AND B-H. IT WOULD BECOME CLEAR WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL SERBS WOULD SUCCEED. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WOULD BE BEST FOR ALL, BUT LATEST MESSAGES FROM BELGRADE WERE NOT/NOT ENCOURAGING. DESPITE MILOSEVIC'S ASSURANCES TO TUDJMAN THAT HE WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO EXERT

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POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON LOCAL SERBS, SOME 6-7 THOUSAND SERB TROOPS FROM B-H AND "VOLUNTEERS" FROM SERBIA HAD BEEN SENT INTO UNPAS. SAME APPLIED TO B-H: EITHER THERE WOULD BE AGREEMENT WITHIN MONTH, OR SERIOUS FIGHTING WOULD BREAK OUT AGAIN.

9.FINAL MESSAGE WAS: "IF WE SURVIVE, CROATIA WILL BE VERY PROMISING COUNTRY FOR INVESTMENT. IT WILL BE OPEN TO ALL. BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW."

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6. UNPAS: GRANIC SAID THAT CROATIA WAS BASICALLY READY TO ACCEPT LATEST AHRENS-VOLLEBAEK PROPOSAL FOR CEASEFIRE. THIS WAS DETAILED DOCUMENT CONTAINING ALL ELEMENTS OF SCR 802 AND ERDUT AGREEMENT. NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL SERBS WERE EXPECTED TO BEGIN 30AUG: CROATIAN GOVT EXPECTED TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL/ALL SC RESLNS - SOMETHING LOCAL SERBS HAD HITHERTO REFUSED TO DO BECAUSE RESLNS RECOGNIZED CROATIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

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7. THIS, ACCORDING TO GRANIC, WAS POLITICAL ISSUE UNDERLYING CROATIAN INSISTENCE ON TRIPARTITE DIVISION OF UNPROFOR MANDATE. CROATIA WAS PREPARED TO SIGN STATUS OF MISSION AGREEMENT, AND WOULD AGREE TO CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNPROFOR HQ AND LOGISTICS BASES IN CROATIA, BUT AGREEMENT ON EXTENSION OF MISSION HAD TO BE FOR CROATIA ONLY. THIS WOULD PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESLNS, AND WOULD SEND CLEAR MESSAGE TO LOCAL SERBS. CROATIA WAS FULLY PREPARED TO ACCEPT MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEES, INCLUDING INTERNATL CONTROL MECHANISMS UNDER CSCE OR OTHER UMBRELLA.

8. NEXT MONTH, ACCORDING TO GRANIC, WOULD BE CRUCIAL FOR BOTH CROATIA AND B-H. IT WOULD BECOME CLEAR WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOCAL SERBS WOULD SUCCEED. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WOULD BE BEST FOR ALL, BUT LATEST MESSAGES FROM BELGRADE WERE NOT/NOT ENCOURAGING. DESPITE MILOSEVIC'S ASSURANCES TO TUDJMAN THAT HE WOULD DO ALL HE COULD TO EXERT POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON LOCAL SERBS, SOME 6-7 THOUSAND SERB TROOPS FROM B-H AND "VOLUNTEERS" FROM SERBIA HAD BEEN SENT INTO UNPAS. SAME APPLIED TO B-H: EITHER THERE WOULD BE AGREEMENT WITHIN MONTH, OR SERIOUS FIGHTING WOULD BREAK OUT AGAIN.

9. FINAL MESSAGE WAS: "IF WE SURVIVE, CROATIA WILL BE VERY PROMISING COUNTRY FOR INVESTMENT. IT WILL BE OPEN TO ALL. BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW."

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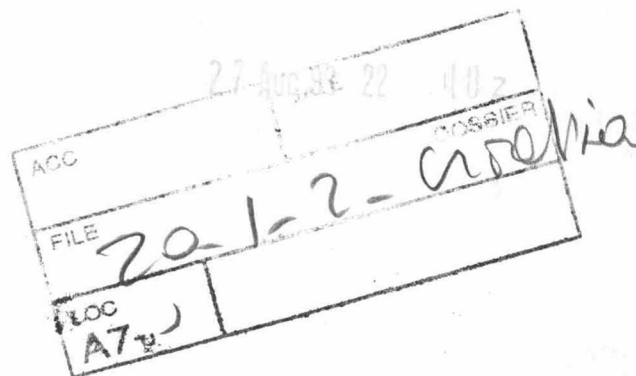
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---CROATIA: ATROCITIES IN MEDAK POCKET

SUMMARY: DISCOVERY OF ATROCITIES BY CDN UNPROFOR TROOPS COULD LEAD

TO ANTI-CDA BACKLASH IN CROATIA, SIMILAR TO MEDIA CAMPAIGN

AGAINST BRITAIN FOLLOWING AHIMICI ATROCITIES IN B-H. THERE HAS AS

YET BEEN NO/NO PUBLIC REACTION BY CROATIAN GOVT. ANY MEDIA ENQUIRIES

WILL BE REFERRED TO UNPROFOR.

2.REPORT: DISCOVERY OF BODIES OF CIVILIANS APPARENTLY KILLED DURING

24-48 HR PERIOD PRIOR TO ENTRY OF UNPROFOR TROOPS INTO AREA CAPTURED

BY CROATIAN FORCES 09SEP, IS COMPARABLE TO ATROCITIES IN AHIMICI

WHERE HVO TROOPS APPARENTLY KILLED CIVILIANS IN OWN HOMES AND BURNED

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3. MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST UK (AHIMICI BODIES WERE DISCOVERED BY BRITISH TROOPS) STARTED WITH SPECULATION ABOUT HOW BRIT MEDIA WERE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO SCENE WITHIN HOURS OF DISCOVERY. THEN THERE WERE SERIES OF STORIES IN GOVT-LINE PRESS ABOUT PRESENCE OF BRIT MERCENARIES AND ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF BRIT INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, WHO WERE ACCUSED OF FOMENTING CONFLICT BETWEEN B-CROATS AND B-MUSLIMS. MOST FULL-BLOWN INSTANCE OF ANTI-UK BACKLASH, HOWEVER, WAS ARTICLE IN FORMERLY-INDEPENDENT "SLOBODNA DALMACIJA", ALLEGING THAT AHIMICI ATROCITIES WERE CARRIED OUT (AND FILMED IN PROGRESS) BY BRIT "PROVOCATEURS". AUTHOR OF ARTICLE, WHEN CONFRONTED BY BRIT AMB, COULD RESPOND ONLY "BUT EVERYBODY'S SAYING IT".

4. ALTHOUGH MANY UNPROFOR CONTINGENTS HAVE COME UNDER MEDIA ATTACK AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, CDN PRESENCE HERE (WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF MACKENZIE ALLEGATIONS) HAS BEEN LARGELY TROUBLE-FREE UP TO NOW. AT ONE POINT A LOCAL REPORTER WAS ASKING WHETHER I WAS A SERB, BUT NOTHING APPEARED IN PRINT. SOMEWHAT LATER THERE WAS PALPABLY RIDICULOUS RUMOUR SPREAD BY MUSLIM COMMUNITY, TO EFFECT THAT ALL/ALL MEMBERS OF CANBAT 1 (FIRST ROTATION) WERE SERBS.

5. FOLLOWING REVELATION OF MEDAK POCKET ATROCITIES, HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CROATIANS WILL ATTEMPT TO EXCULPATE THEMSELVES BY MEANS OF AN ANTI-CDA CAMPAIGN, SIMILAR TO THAT AGAINST BRITS. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE LEFT TO MEDIA TO TAKE LEAD.

6. UNLESS YOU DIRECT OTHERWISE, WE WILL MAKE NO/NO PUBLIC COMMENT,

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AND REFER ANY ENQUIRIES (NONE RECEIVED YET) TO UNPROFOR.

**7.IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS ANY PERSONAL SAFETY IMPLICATIONS. IN
BRIT CASE, I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE AID OFFICER WAS REPATRIATED AFTER
RECEIVING DEATH THREATS.**

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---DEMARCHE TO FM JOVANOVIĆ:KRAJINA

AS INSTRUCTED YOUR REFTEL CHARGE URGED FM JOVANOVIĆ TO

PRESSURE KRAJINA SERBS TO COOPERATE WITH UNPROFOR IN

IMPLEMENTING ERDUT AGMT AND RESLN 802 AND TO EXERCISE UTMOST

RESTRAINT IN VERY DANGEROUS SITU NOW OBTAINING AROUND MASLENICA.

2. JOVANOVIĆ SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED AND UNHAPPY ABOUT

CURRENT SITU IN KRAJINA. YUGO GOVT HAD INVESTED LOT OF CREDIT

IN SEEING ERDUT AGMT SIGNED AND NOW RISKED LOSING PRESTIGE IN

EYES OF KRAJINA SERBS. NOT/NOT SURPRISINGLY HE BLAMED CROATS

FOR NON-FULFILLMENT OF AGMT. YUGO GOVT HE SAID WAS TRYING TO

CONVINCE KRAJINA SERBS NOT/NOT TO ESCALATE. LATTER WERE IN

VERY TENSE MOOD. INDEED BOTH TUDJMAN AND KRAJINA SERBS FACED

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VERY DIFFICULT POLITICAL POSITION. SERBS, HE OFFERED,
LABELLED EACH OTHER AS TRAITOR TOO EARLY. IT WAS DANGEROUS
TO BE STIGMATISED IN THIS WAY.

3.BEST APPROACH TO DEALING WITH KRAJINA ISSUE, JOVANOVIC
BELIEVED, WAS TO MAINTAIN STABILITY, HOWEVER SHAKY, AND TO TRY
FOR STEP BY STEP AGMTS ON PRACTICAL POINTS SUCH AS MASLENICA
AND PERUCA DAM. SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL ISSUES COULD BE LEFT
FOR FUTURE, WHEN TIME WOULD HELP BRING SOLUTION TO BROADER
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SERBS AND CROATS INCLUDING ON KRAJINA.
AT MOMENT THERE WAS NO/NO MAJOR SOLUTION. EACH SIDE HAD CHOICE OF
USING FORCE OR SURRENDERING. NEITHER WAS READY FOR LATTER.
FORMER, RESUMING WAR, WOULD BE CATASTROPHE FOR BOTH. YUGO GOVT
WAS THEREFORE URGING BOTH TUDJMAN AND KRAJINA SERB AUTHORITIES
TO BE PATIENT. BUT HE COULD NOT/NOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY WOULD
LISTEN.

4.KEY QUESTION OF COURSE IS HOW MUCH INFLUENCE MILOSEVIC AND
BGRAD GOVT IN FACT CONTINUE TO EXERCISE OVER KRAJINA SERBS.
ANSWER IS NOT/NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR IN VIEW OF VERY COMPLICATED
LEADERSHIP SITU IN KRAJINA. AS THORNBERRY SAID RECENTLY, IT IS
VERY DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHO IS EXERCISING AUTHORITY IN KRAJINA
FROM WEEK TO WEEK. WILL REPORT ASAP ON THIS ISSUE.

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---CROATIA: DEMARCHE

SUMMARY: DEMARCHE MADE 30JUL 14:00 LOCAL TIME TO ASSISTANT FORMIN
URBAN, WHO RECEIVED IT IN FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE (ALBEIT
SOMETIMES DISINGENUOUS) SPIRIT. CDA AND CROATIA, HE RESPONDED, WERE
IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON 85 PER CENT OF CONCERNS RAISED: (A) CROATIA
VALUED GOOD BILAT RELATIONS; (B) IT FULLY SUPPORTED GENEV
NEGOTIATIONS; (C) IT WAS USING ITS INFLUENCE WITH B-CROATS IN
SUPPORT OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF B-H; (D) IT HAD OFFERED B-H FREE
PORT AT PLOCE; (E) IT OPPOSED DISMEMBERMENT OF B-H, THEREFORE NO/NO
WARNINGS NECESSARY; (F) IT SOUGHT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF 16JUL
AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS INSEPARABLE FROM SCR 802, THEREFORE SERBS MUST
RETURN HEAVY WEAPONS TO UN CONTROL FOR 16JUL AGREEMENT TO BE
IMPLEMENTED; (G) CROATIA WOULD TAKE NO/NO ACTIONS OUTSIDE 16JUL

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AGREEMENT, AND TOOK SERIOUSLY ITS OBLIGATION TO PROTECT UN TROOPS;
(H) THERE WERE NO/NO CROATIAN ARMY UNITS OPERATING IN B-H, ALTHOUGH MANY B-CROATS WHO HAD SERVED WITH HV HAD RETURNED TO JOIN HVO, AND INTL COMMUNITY COULD REASSURE ITSELF ON THIS POINT BY TAKING UP INVITATION TO MONITOR CROATIA/B-H BORDERS; (H) CROATIA HAD REACHED LIMIT OF ITS ABILITY TO ABSORB ADDITIONAL REFUGEES, BUT WOULD AFFORD FULL PROTECTION TO MUSLIMS, DESPITE GROWING SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TENSIONS BETWEEN THEM AND LOCAL POPULATIONS. MUCH OF ABOVE IS RECAPITULATION OF WELL-KNOWN CROATIAN POSITIONS. UNDERLYING IT, HOWEVER, WAS SENSE OF GRIEVANCE THAT OVER HALF CROAT POPULATION OF B-H HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THAT CTRY WHILE MUSLIMS, IN TERMS OF WORLD OPINION, WERE GETTING AWAY NOT/NOT JUST WITH MURDER BUT ETHNIC CLEANSING.

2.REPORT: URBAN AGREED TO RECEIVE ME AT SHORT NOTICE, AND RECEPTION WAS MUCH MORE POSITIVE THAN IN OCT92, WHEN HE REJECTED OUR DEMARCHE CONTAINING MANY OF SAME SUBSTANTIVE POINTS AND REFUSED TO ACCEPT COPY OF MY TALKING POINTS. THIS TIME WHEN, AFTER SOME INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, I READ OUT TEXT OF DEMARCHE AT DICTATION SPEED AND OFFERED COPY OF TALKING POINTS FOR BENEFIT OF NOTE-TAKER, HE ACCEPTED TEXT AND WENT THROUGH IT POINT BY POINT IN RESPONSE.

3.FOLLOWING ARE URBAN'S RESPONSES, IN ORDER OF POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL:

(A) CROATIA ALSO VALUED RELATIONS WITH CDA. FEELING WAS MUTUAL.

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(B) CROATIA ALSO SUPPORTED GENEV NEGOTIATIONS, AND AGREED THAT THEY MUST BE CONDUCTED IN GOOD FAITH. CROATIA HAD PARTICIPATED FROM OUTSET. PRES TUDJMAN WAS THERE NOW. CROATIA WAS 100 PER CENT IN FAVOUR OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION. "I HOPE TO GOD ISSUES ARE RESOLVED BY NEGOTIATION".

(C) WHATEVER INFLUENCE CROATIA HAD WITH B-CROATS (URBAN ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS SOME) WAS AND WOULD BE USED TO PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF B-H. NOT/NOT ONLY WAS THIS CROATIAN POLICY, IT WAS NOT/NOT IN CROATIAN STRATEGIC INTEREST TO SUPPORT DIVISION OR PARTITION: IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN, CROATIA WOULD HAVE GREATER SERBIA ON ITS DOORSTEP. CROATIA WAS, HOWEVER, CONCERNED TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO PROTECT B-CROATS. AT 17 PER CENT (1991 CENSUS) THEY WERE SMALLEST OF 3/3 MAIN NATL GROUPS. THERE HAD BEEN 750,000 CROATS IN B-H: ONLY 350,000 NOW REMAINED. B-CROATS HAD THUS BEEN ETHNICALLY CLEANSED TO GREATER DEGREE THAN OTHER GROUPS. DESTINY OF B-CROATS CERTAINLY CONCERNED CROATIA, BUT CROATIA CERTAINLY SUPPORTED TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF B-H. IT HAD BEEN FIRST TO RECOGNIZE B-H, AND FIRST TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR. CROATIA HAD BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN GETTING B-CROATS TO SIGN SEVERAL AGREEMENTS, EG MEDJUGORJE CEASEFIRE AND MAKARSKA AGREEMENT ON FREE PASSAGE OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

(D) PRES TUDJMAN HAD OFFERED B-MUSLIMS FREE TRADE ZONE IN CROATIAN PORT OF PLOCE. THIS WAS AS FAR AS CROATIA COULD GO, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT AREA WAS HOMOGENEOUSLY CROAT. IT COULD NOT/NOT

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HAND OVER CROATIAN TERRITORY.

(E) CROATIA DID NOT/NOT SUPPORT DISMEMBERMENT OF B-H, THEREFORE NO/NO WARNINGS WERE NECESSARY.

(F) 16JUL AGREEMENT WAS EFFECTIVELY PART OF SCR 802, CALLING FOR CROATIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM AREAS (RE)CAPTURED IN JAN93 OFFENSIVE. 802 ALSO CALLED FOR SERB HEAVY WEAPONS TO BE PUT BACK UNDER UNPROFOR-CONTROLLED LOCK AND KEY. IT HAD BEEN GESTURE OF GOODWILL ON PART OF SERBS NOT/NOT TO BOMBARD MASLENICA PONTON BRIDGE 18JUL. CROATIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM AREA WOULD BE SIMILAR GOODWILL GESTURE. THERE WAS TIME LEFT BEFORE 01AUG. URBAN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT CROATIANS CONSIDERED 16JUL AGREEMENT TO BE INSEPARABLE PART OF SCR 802, AND THAT ALL OPERATIVE POINTS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. SERBS COULD NOT/NOT TAKE WHAT THEY LIKED AND LEAVE THE REST. 5TH POINT OF 16JUL AGREEMENT CALLED FOR COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS, YET SERBS HAD BROKEN OFF VIENNA TALKS.

(G) IN THIS SENSE, SAID URBAN, CROATIANS AGREE WITH US THAT 16JUL AGREEMENT MUST BE "FULLY" IMPLEMENTED. HE URBAN PROFESSED NOT/NOT TO KNOW WHAT WE MEANT BY "FURTHER ACTIONS WHICH COULD RESULT IN RESUMED FIGHTING": CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT TAKE ACTION OUTSIDE AGREEMENT, BUT INSISTED THAT ALL ACTIONS CALLED FOR BE CARRIED OUT. IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THAT CROATIA TOOK SERIOUSLY ITS OBLIGATION TO ENSURE SAFETY OF UN PERSONNEL.

(H) URBAN REITERATED STANDARD CROATIAN LINE THAT THERE ARE NO/NO

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CROATIAN ARMY UNITS OPERATING IN B-H. CROATIANS, HE NOTED, HAD SEVERAL TIMES INVITED UN AND EC TO DEPLOY MONITORS ON BORDERS WITH B-H, BUT OFFER HAD FOR MOST PART BEEN IGNORED AND IN SOME CASES LACK OF RESOURCES HAD BEEN ADDUCED. FACTS COULD BEST BE ESTABLISHED BY TAKING CROATIANS UP ON THIS OFFER. I QUERIED URBAN ON HIS USE OF TERM "CROATIAN ARMY UNITS": THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS OF BUSLOADS - DID EACH BUS CARRY A PLATOON OR THIRTY INDIVIDUALS? THERE WERE NO/NO ORGANISED GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS EITHER, SAID URBAN. BUT THERE WERE MANY B-CROATS, FORMER MEMBERS OF HV, WHO AFTER DEMOBILISATION HAD RETURNED TO B-H TO JOIN HVO.

(I) IT HAD BEEN CROATIAN POLICY FOR SOME TIME, URBAN NOTED, THAT MUSLIM REFUGEES COULD ENTER CROATIA ONLY IF THEY HAD GUARANTEE OF ENTRY INTO THIRD CTRY, OR IF THEY HAD MEANS OF SUPPORT IN CROATIA. CROATIA'S CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL REFUGEES HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED. AUSTRIA HAD BEEN FORCED TO ADOPT SIMILAR POLICY IN 1956, IN DEALING WITH WAVES OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES. 270,000 MUSLIM REFUGEES IN CROATIA (MANY IN TOURIST HOTELS) WERE BECOMING SOURCE OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. LOCAL PEOPLE IN IMMEDIATE AREA WERE NOT/NOT AS WELL ACCOMMODATED AND, SINCE OUTBREAK OF CROAT-MUSLIM CONFLICT IN B-H, THERE WAS RESENTMENT THAT MUSLIM WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE BEING PROTECTED WHILE THEIR MEN WERE KILLING CROATS. NEVERTHELESS, CROATIAN POLICY TO PROTECT THEM WAS UNCHANGED, AND THEY WERE BEING PROTECTED.

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4. IN CONCLUSION, URBAN SAID THAT CROATIAN GOVT FULLY AGREED WITH 85 PER CENT OF CDN CONCERNS. ONLY SERIOUS PROBLEM WAS SITU IN MASLENICA (SECTOR SOUTH). CROATIA DID NOT/NOT DESIRE RENEWED CONFLICT: IT COULD NOT/NOT AFFORD TO HAVE ANOTHER 20,000 YOUNG PEOPLE KILLED. CROATIA WANTED PEACE, BUT WOULD NOT/NOT BE DENIED FULL JURISDICTION OVER ALL OF ITS TERRITORY.

5. IT WAS HOPEFUL SIGN, HE SAID, THAT MORE AND MORE CROATIAN SERBS RECOGNISED THEIR DESTINY AS CROATIANS, WITH LOCAL AUTONOMY, CULTURAL RIGHTS AND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT IN SERB MAJORITY AREAS. CROATIA WOULD INSIST (WITHOUT MAKING IT AN ISSUE OF RECIPROCITY) ON SIMILAR PROTECTION FOR CROAT AND OTHER MINORITIES IN SERBIA. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SERBIA WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY, IT WOULD RECOGNIZE CROATIA'S BOUNDARIES, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD DEVELOP.

6. URBAN DESCRIBED BUILDING OF MASLENICA BRIDGE AS CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE (I REMINDED HIM THAT THIS HAD NOT/NOT BEEN CDN VIEW PRIOR TO ELEVENTH-HOUR AGREEMENT EMERGING LIKE RABBIT FROM HAT LATE 16JUL). HE HOPED THAT SIMILAR PROGRESS WOULD SOON BE MADE ON HIGHWAY THROUGH SECTOR WEST, PIPELINE, ETC.

7. ON B-H, URBAN RETURNED TO CROATIAN CONCERN FOR PLIGHT OF B-CROATS. THEY HAD BEEN THIRD-CLASS CITIZENS IN B-H EVEN BEFORE BREAKUP OF YUGOSLAVIA, AND THIS WAS ONE REASON THEY NOW INSISTED SO STRONGLY ON CO-EQUAL POSITION. WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THEM WAS TRAGEDY OF MAJOR

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PROPORTIONS. MUSLIMS HAD BEEN PUSHED OUT OF THEIR OWN AREAS BY SERBS, AND WERE IN TURN PUSHING CROATS OUT. ETHNIC CLEANSING BY MUSLIMS (IN LAST FOUR MONTHS, HE SAID, MUSLIMS HAD BEEN PRINCIPAL ETHNIC CLEANSERS) AGAINST CROATS HAD BEEN MORE VICIOUS THAN BY SERBS. 190,000 CROATS WERE NOW TRAPPED WITHOUT BASIC NECESSITIES IN 4/4 ENCLAVES. ALL THIS WAS NOT/NOT ONLY BEING IGNORED BY INTERNATL COMMUNITY, BUT PROPAGANDA WAS GOING OTHER WAY.

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---CROATIA: DEMARCHE

IN RECENT WEEKS, SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE GIVEN RISE TO CONCERN
ABOUT CROATIAN APPROACH TO PEACE PROCESS IN BOTH BOSNIA AND
CROATIA. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK MTG 30JUL AT HIGHEST LEVEL
AVAILABLE AT MFA TO CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) CDA VALUES ITS RELATIONS WITH CROATIA AND OUR ESTABLISHING AN
EMBASSY IN ZAGRB IS SIGN OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THOSE RELATIONS.

(B) CDA SUPPORTS FULLY CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS IN GENEV; IT IS
ESSENTIAL NEGOTIATIONS BE CONDUCTED IN GOOD FAITH TO REACH AN
ACCORD ACCEPTABLE TO ALL BOSNIAN PARTIES.

(C) CROATIA MUST USE ITS EXTENSIVE INFLUENCE WITH BOSNIAN CROATS
TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ADOPT A REASONABLE AND FAIR POSITION IN
GENEV AND NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT THAT PRESERVES BOSNIAS
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ADHERES TO LDN CONF PRINCIPLES.

(D) GUARANTEED ACCESS TO SEA FOR BOSNIAN MUSLIMS IS ESSENTIAL TO
ANY PEACE AGREEMENT; WE CALL ON CROATIA TO BE FORTHCOMING IN THIS
REGARD.

(E) G7 LEADERS MADE CLEAR IN TOKYO THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO DISMEMBER
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA WILL NOT/NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN
COMPLETE CUTOFF OF ALL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE,

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INCLUDING RECONSTRUCTION AID, AND INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. AS SSEA INDICATED IN TOKYO QUOTE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO EXACT A PRICE FROM PEOPLE WHO ATTEMPT TO USE FORCE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS UNQUOTE.

(F) CDA HAS DEPLOYED TROOPS WITH UNPROFOR IN SECTOR SOUTH TO HELP IMPLEMENT 16JUL AGREEMENT ON MASLENICA BRIDGE, ZEMUNIK AIRPORT AND PERUCA DAM; WE ARE CONCERNED CROATIAN GOVT APPEARS TO HAVE PUT NEW CONDITIONS ON COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT WHICH COULD RESULT IN RESUMED FIGHTING AND PUT CDN AND OTHER UNPROFOR TROOPS AT CONSIDERABLE RISK.

(G) WE CALL ON CROATIA TO IMPLEMENT 16JUL AGREEMENT FULLY AND TO DESIST FROM FURTHER ACTIONS THAT COULD RESULT IN RESUMED FIGHTING IN UNPAS AND ELSEWHERE IN CROATIA. WE ALSO REMIND CROATIA OF ITS OBLIGATION TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF UN PERSONNEL IN CROATIA.

(H) WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUING REPORTS OF REGULAR CROATIAN ARMY PERSONNEL FIGHTING ALONGSIDE BOSNIAN CROATS AGAINST MUSLIMS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN BOSNIA. CROATIA MUST WITHDRAW ANY SUCH PERSONNEL WITHOUT DELAY.

(I) WE RECOGNIZE CROATIAN GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING PROTECTION TO BOSNIAN REFUGEES, BUT WE URGE CROATIA TO BE FLEXIBLE IN APPLYING RECENTLY ANNOUNCED CONTROLS ON ADMISSION OF MUSLIM REFUGEES IN ORDER TO ALLOW LEGITIMATE TEMPORARY PROTECTION AS REQUIRED.

2. GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE AS SOON AS DEMARCHE HAS BEEN MADE AND CROATIAN RESPONSES.



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---CROATIA: MEDIA COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTER CAMPBELL

FOLLOWING IS OFFICE TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED ON PERSONALITIES PAGE OF SUNDAY "VJESNIK" 18JUN93. IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM WIRE SERVICE AND SIMILAR COVERAGE, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO PHOTOGRAPHS: "THAT" PICTURE, AND ONE APPARENTLY OF LEADERSHIP CONVENTION.

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The Prime Minister Who Knew Why She Had Herself Photographed in the Nude

A provincial lawyer, she entered Canadian politics. She quickly became Minister of Justice, and in 1990 became Canadian Solicitor General. That's when the notorious sexy picture was taken, in which Campbell, shoulders bare, holds her court robes in front of her.

Jasna Zanic-Nardini

In appearance resembling a young Margaret Thatcher, she is extravagant like Pierre Trudeau, politically fresh Bill Clinton and, by the way, a strong feminist like Bill's companion Hillary. This is about the new Prime Minister of Canada, Kim Campbell, currently the only woman in the circle leaders of the seven most-developed countries in the world. A politician who at one time had herself photographed in a sexually-suggestive pose, some have compared her with Madonna, ignoring her brilliant intellect.

Kim Campbell, a provincial lawyer, entered Canadian politics. She quickly became Minister of Justice, and in 1990 became Canadian Solicitor General. That's when the notorious sexy picture was taken, in which Campbell, shoulders bare, holds her court robes in front of her. The picture suggests that Madame Solicitor General doesn't have a rag on. Some say that the picture was Kim Campbell's own idea, that she allegedly maintained that "the pose only works if the shoulders are bare". The unprecedented publicity that followed helped more than it hurt the subject of the nude photo.

The episode clearly demonstrates the Canadian politician's talent for self-promotion. The picture, which was published world-wide, catapulted Kim Campbell farther than her own experience and accomplishments would have taken her. The new head of the Canadian Government is called pathologically ambitious by her enemies, but friends say she is a warm and delightful person.

Don't Mess With Me, I've Got Tanks

It's as if the devil got into her. She plays the violoncello, speaks several languages fluently, performs Bob Dylan songs on the guitar, and lifts weights. Among friends, she does successful impressions of cabinet colleagues, and performs sketches. Her repertoire includes a sketch about people who photocopy their posteriors. She is known for her sharp tongue. "Too bad I didn't get to know him before they performed the lobotomy", she said of one adversary. When she became the first female defence minister, she threatened, supposedly in jest: "Don't mess with me, I have tanks."

Charisma, humour, vivacious image, the fact that she brings something fresh into the grey-suited sea of Canadian politics, all this worked in her favour when, after nine years in power, Brian Mulroney decided to retire. Despite strong competition, his defender Kim Campbell was elected as the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and as the new head of the Canadian Government. Her lack of experience in foreign policy and in the economic field seemed, at that moment, of secondary importance. What the Canadian Conservatives needed was a leader with the particularities of a media star, to stimulate jaded voters. They got one in Kim Campbell.

Even in childhood, today's first lady of Canadian politics was an original personality. At the age of nine she read a biography of Stalin. At twelve, she expressed a wish to become Secretary-General of the UN. At the same time, she decided to change her name - from Avril Phaedra, as her mother named her, to Kim. At that time her mother abandoned the home, and Kim and her sister were left with their father, taking care of the house. There followed a legal, then a political career - and two unsuccessful marriages with significantly older men. The young-looking 46-year old is unusually frank for a politician. "Since I came to Ottawa, my marriage has fallen apart, and I'm far from home. I find that life here is inexpressibly lonely and very difficult", she admitted publicly last fall.

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"Charisma without content is a dangerous thing," said Kim Campbell once, about some rival. Her critics now try to turn that phrase against her. A politician who understands how to handle the media, who climbed to the top too fast to succeed in building a solid reputation. Some maintain that her lightning rise results from despair among Canadian Conservatives - who know that they can only win the next elections if they are led by a fresh, interesting personality.

New Tory, Old Story?

Kim Campbell is a political enigma, about whom not much is known, except that she is conservative on fiscal, and progressive on social questions. There is still a short honeymoon on between her and the voters, after which the trouble begins. "The Canadian Margaret Thatcher" has little time left until general elections this fall. Thanks to an extended recession, the governing Conservatives are in a deep crisis of popularity.

In a similar situation, the British Conservative Party disposed of their chief, Margaret Thatcher, at the end of 1990. With John Major as a new broom at their head, they then again succeeded in winning an election, which would have been hard to imagine if they had still been led by the "iron lady". But it's a large question whether the same trick will work in the hands of their Canadian colleagues. Not long after Kim Campbell's promotion, the witticism "New Tory, same old story" was going around Canada.

Canada's recession still won't go away, and tensions between francophone Québec and the English-speaking parts of Canada still smoulder. The Canadian Liberals, led by the experienced Jean Chretien, are leading in popularity mainly because they haven't been in power for nine years, and haven't been compromised by anything. The question remains whether Kim Campbell - who celebrated her success by pirouetting on stage in a pink outfit from Chanel - will dance for only one summer? Time will soon show whether there is a brilliant new star in the Canadian sky, or a political meteor.

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---CZECH/CDN JOURNALIST INVESTIGATION

14JUL EDITION OF QUOTE LIDOVE NOVINY UNQUOTE, PRAGUE S SECOND
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INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST VLADIMIR BYSTROV ENTITLED QUOTE WAS
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ACCIDENT IN CROATIA 23JUN, CZECH/CDN JOURNALIST JOHN HASEK HAD
BEEN INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF QUOTE CORRUPTION UNQUOTE
INVOLVING CDN UN PEACEKEEPERS.)

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HAVE INFORMED MFA, DEAN, USA DCM, AND UK CHARGE THAT CDA WILL
NOT/NOT ATTEND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, REGARDLESS OF COMPANY.

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2.FORMIN GRANIC'S CHEF DE CABINET EXPRESSED REGRET, AND REITERATED CROATIAN DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH OPENING REGARDLESS (ACCORDING TO MEDIA, BRIDGE COMPONENTS ARE NOW BEING TOWED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION SITE). HE STATED THAT AT THAT POINT GOVT HAD HEARD FROM ONLY ONE OTHER MISSION (USA), WHO ALSO WOULD NOT/NOT ATTEND.

3.USA DCM CONFIRMED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED NOT/NOT TO ATTEND, FOR SECURITY REASONS.

4.UK CHARGE STATED THAT HE ALSO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT/NOT TO ATTEND, AND EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE OVER DEGREE TO WHICH VIRTUALLY COMPLETE EC CONSENSUS OF 15JUL AM HAD EVAPORATED BY 15JUL PM. SOME AMBS WERE APPARENTLY ARGUING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WITH THEIR HQS.

5.I SPOKE TWICE WITH DEAN TODAY. IN AM CONVERSATION HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT/NOT HEARD FROM ANY OTHER EMBS, AND THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH FORMIN AT NOON. WHEN I SPOKE TO HIM AGAIN LATE AFTERNOON, HE ADVISED THAT MEETING WITH FORMIN HAD BEEN CANCELLED IN FAVOUR OF 20:30 MEETING WITH PRES TUDJMAN. DEAN HAD BY THEN HEARD FROM ONLY TWO OTHER EMBS: SLOVENIAN, WHO WOULD BE ATTENDING, AND ITALIAN, WHO WOULD NOT/NOT.

6.ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SECURITY COUNCIL STATEMENT WOULD HAVE SWEPT ASIDE ALL DEBATE. LACK OF EC COHESION IS PUZZLING AND, AT THIS JUNCTURE, DISTURBING.

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---CROATIA:MASLENICA BRIDGE OPENING

YOU ARE NOT/NOT TO ATTEND OPENING UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND
WHATEVER THE COMPANY, AND TO SO ADVISE YOUR COLLEAGUES.

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---CROATIA: MASLENICA BRIDGE OPENING

THORNBERRY COMMENTS IN BGRAD REFTEL HAVE UNDERSCORED OUR
RESERVATIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT 18JUL CEREMONY. GRATEFUL YOU
ADVISE BY 150900 ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON INTENTIONS OF GOOD
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---CROATIA: MASLENICA BRIDGE OPENING

SUMMARY: WHETHER WE ATTEND OR NOT/NOT, WE WILL BE MAKING A POLICY STATEMENT EITHER FOR OR AGAINST CROATIAN INITIATIVE. EC HEADS OF MISSION ARE TO MEET 15JUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND, HOPEFULLY, WORK OUT A CONSENSUS. MOST NON-EC ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT EMERGES. IN MEANTIME, CROATIAN GOVT HAVE CONFIRMED TO UNPROFOR THAT CEREMONY IS TO GO AHEAD, AND REQUESTED UNPROFOR SUPPORT. KNIN AUTHORITIES HAVE TOLD UNPROFOR THAT THEY WILL TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST BRIDGE IF CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.

2.REPORT: APART FROM EC, USA EMB (WHO HAVE NEITHER RECEIVED NOR YET SOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS) ARE NOT/NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE AND PREPARED TO ATTEND BARRING ANY OBVIOUS DETERIORATION IN SECURITY ENVIRONMENT. USA AMB WILL BE IN AREA ON DATE IN QUESTION.

3.FRENCH AMB CONFESSED HE WAS OF DIVIDED MIND, BUT LEANING IN FAVOUR OF ATTENDING UNLESS PARIS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE. PERSONAL SAFETY WAS

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NOT/NOT A CONSIDERATION: HE BELIEVES THAT EVERYONE WHO HAS ACCEPTED A POSTING TO CROATIA HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED ALL ASSOCIATED RISKS. TROUBLING POLITICAL ASPECT WAS THAT KNIN SERBS WOULD TAKE IT AS SIGN OF SUPPORT IF DIPLOS DID NOT/NOT ATTEND CEREMONY.

4. NORWAY, BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, WILL PROBABLY NOT/NOT ATTEND. SWEDISH AMB TOLD ME THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NOT/NOT YET MADE ANY DECISION, BUT EXPECTED INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEND IN GOOD COMPANY.

5. FRENCH AND SWEDISH AMBS WERE CONSIDERING OPTION OF SENDING MORE JUNIOR OFFICER, BUT WERE TROUBLED (PARTICULARLY SWEDE) BY IDEA OF ASKING SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE RISK. FOR NBR OF MISSIONS, OF COURSE (INCLUDING THIS ONE) SUCH OPTION DOES NOT/NOT EXIST.

6. UNPROFOR, IT SEEMS, WERE NOT/NOT INVITED TO MEETING AT CROATIAN MFA, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY ODD IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT ECMM HEAD OF MISSION WAS. UNPROFOR WERE CONTACTED 14JUL, HOWEVER, WITH INVITATION FOR FORCE COMMANDER AND DEPUTY, AND REQUEST (OR RATHER EXPRESSION OF EXPECTATION) THAT UNPROFOR WOULD PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT. THEY WERE REMINDED THAT IT WAS CROATIAN ARMY WHICH HAD PREVENTED DEPLOYMENT OF UNMOS IN AREA, AND IT SEEMS THAT THIS ISSUE IS NOW BEING ADDRESSED.

7. COMMENT: WHETHER BY CROATIAN MALADDRESS OR BY DESIGN, ZAGREB DIPLOS HAVE BEEN LEFT WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF NEUTRAL RESPONSE TO MASLENICA INVITATION. ATTENDANCE WOULD UNAVOIDABLY SIGNIFY SUPPORT FOR CROATIAN INITIATIVE; REFUSAL TO ATTEND WOULD SIGNIFY OPPOSITION.

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not so; refusal to attend would signal unwillingness to be co-opted into PR exercise for Croations. It has no bearing on our view of right or wrong of Croatian govt position re: Masle

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IN EITHER CASE, KNIN REACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE UNDESIRABLE.

8.THERE WAS SHELLING IN AREA 13JUL, AND KRAJINA SERB ACTION COULD CONCEIVABLY REMOVE CENTREPIECE OF CEREMONY PRIOR TO 18JUL. SUDDEN EPIDEMIC OF DIPLOMATIC ILLNESS IS THEORETICAL OPTION, BUT LACKING IN CREDIBILITY AND BOUND TO BE INTERPRETED AS REFUSAL.

9.IN POLICY TERMS, CROATS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE MOST POINTS ON THEIR SIDE. BRIDGE SITE IS WITHIN INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED BOUNDARIES OF CROATIA. BRIDGE IS VITAL TRANSPORTATION LINK AND WOULD, INTER ALIA MAKE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE MORE EFFICIENT. CROATS CLAIM THAT THEIR ACTION IS IN PURSUANCE OF SCR 847: THIS CAN BE QUESTIONED ON GROUNDS THAT RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE IS UNILATERAL ACTION AND NOT/NOT SUBJECT OF AGREED CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES. ON OTHER HAND, CROATS CLAIM THAT ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT HAVE MET WITH SOLID WALL OF SERB INTRANSIGENCE.

10.MY RECOMMENDATION REMAINS TO ATTEND (OR NOT/NOT) IN GOOD COMPANY.

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---CROATIA: MASLENICA BRIDGE OPENING

WE SHARE YOUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT 18JUL CEREMONY
BECAUSE CROATS CLD USE EVENT TO FURTHER THEIR POLITICAL AIMS,
PARTICULARLY IN ONGOING DISPUTE WITH KRAJINAN SERBS.

2. BEFORE WE DECIDE ON ATTENDANCE, GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE INTENTIONS
OF OUR USUAL GOOD COMPANY.

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TO / À • The Under-Secretary of State
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FROM / DE • The Canadian Embassy, ZAGREB

REFERENCE / RÉFÉRENCE • Our telegram QLGR0381, July 2, 1993

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Enclosed please find the original (in both
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The Honourable

**Perrin Beatty,
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Dear Sir,

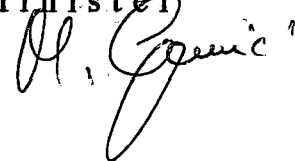
May I congratulate you for your appointment as Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada and wish you every success in the performance of your highly responsible duty.

I am convinced that the relations between our two countries will continue to develop to mutual benefit and satisfaction and that many Croats who live in Canada will greatly contribute to it.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Zagreb, July 1, 1993.

Prof. Mate Granić, M.D., Ph.D.
Minister



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**Perrin Beatty,
Državni tajnik za vanjske
poslove Kanade**

Štovani gospodine,

želim Vam čestitati na Vašem imenovanju na mjesto državnog tajnika za vanjske poslove Kanade i poželiti Vam svekoliki uspjeh u obavljanju Vaše visoko odgovorne dužnosti.

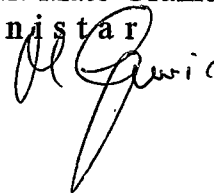
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Molim Vas, gospodine, primite izraze mojeg osobitog štovanja.

Zagreb, 1. srpnja 1993.

Prof. dr. Mate Granić

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---DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA

WE AGREE THAT CDA DAY RECEPTION BE OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN STATUS AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL AND THAT NOTE SHOULD BE SENT TO MFA IN ADVANCE.

2.RECOMMEND FOLLOWING CHANGES TO DRAFT NOTE PROVIDED IN REFTEL:
NOTE SHOULD READ QUOTE THE THEN SSEA OF CANADA UNQUOTE RATHER THAN QUOTE CANADIAN SSEA UNQUOTE AND QUOTE UPGRADED TO THE RANK OF EMB OF CDA UNQUOTE RATHER THAN QUOTE REPLACED BY THE EMB UNQUOTE.
DELETE QUOTE HITHERTO HEAD OF THE SPECIAL MISSION UNQUOTE.
QUALIFIER ON CHARGE SHOULD BE AD INTERIM (AI) RATHER THAN EN PIED.

3.ABOVE TEXT WAS AMENDED IN CONSULTATION WITH XDC.

4.CONGRATULATIONS.

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---CROATIA-CANADA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM MFA:

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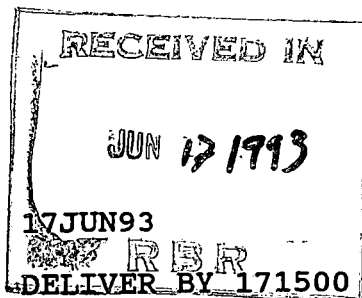
...AND KINDLY REQUESTS ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- CAN PERSONS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP (CROATIAN-CANADIAN) BE MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN CANADA?
- CAN A HONORARY CONSUL BE APPOINTED HEAD OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN CANADA WITH PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATIC STAFF?
- WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS SHOULD THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA TAKE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE OF CANADA TO OPEN ITS EMBASSY AND CONSULATES GENERAL IN CANADA?
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

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2.AS YOU WILL RECALL (REFTEL), QUESTION OF FUTURE CROATIAN ACCREDITATION IN CDA WAS RAISED INFORMALLY DURING RBD VISIT TO

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ZAGREB 01FEB92 AND AT THAT TIME CROATIAN AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED THAT CDA WOULD NOT ACCEPT AS DIP REPRESENTATIVE A PERSON WHO HOLDS CDN CITIZENSHIP. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED A COUPLE OF TIMES SINCE, (BY ASST MIN URBAN, FROM WHOM LATEST NOTE COMES) AND SAME RESPONSE GIVEN.

3.THIS LATEST APPROACH MAY THEREFORE BE PROBE TO DETERMINE WHETHER CDN POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED, NOTWITHSTANDING GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES CURRENTLY IN PROCESS.

4.GRATEFUL YOUR ADVICE ON THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED.

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UNDERSTAND THAT ONCE NON-RESIDENT AMB IS ACCREDITED, STATUS OF
CHARGE IN ZAGREB WILL BE THAT OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A PIED, AS
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2.PLS ADVISE IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF CDN AND INTERNATL PRACTICE.

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May 21, 1993

Mr. Friedlander
Director of Central Eastern
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Dear Mr. Friedlander:

Pursuant to our brief discussion of this past week, I would like to confirm your comments regarding the establishment of full diplomatic relations with Croatia.

The second anniversary of Croatian independence is upon us and the development of increased Canada-Croatia ties is welcome and appreciated.

Could you please advise of the anticipated numbers, level and ranks of officials designated for the proposed consulate?

Any other pertinent information relating to this initiative would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Butland, MP
Sault Ste. Marie

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As requested in your memo under reference, attached please find a response (in both official languages) to a petition by Mr. Bob Horner on the question of recognizing Croatia. It is estimated that some 3.5 hours were required to prepare the response to this petition.

John Di Gangi
John Di Gangi
Acting Director
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RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

PREPARE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH MARKED "TEXT" AND "TRANSLATION"
PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET FRANÇAIS INSCRIVANT "TEXTE" ET "TRADUCTION"

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Canada recognized the Republic of Croatia on January 15, 1992, and since then has supported that Republic's entry into many international bodies, in particular the United Nations and international financial institutions.

On April 5, the head of Canada's Special Mission in Zagreb formally proposed to the Croatian authorities the establishment of diplomatic relations. The Government of Croatia conveyed its agreement on April 14. As of that date, Canada and Croatia established diplomatic relations. The form that Canada's representation in Croatia will take will be decided shortly.

Canada believes that this step will lead to a fruitful relationship between Canada and Croatia.



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Le Canada a reconnu la République de Croatie le 15 janvier 1992 et a, depuis lors, appuyé son adhésion à plusieurs organisations internationales et, en particulier, aux Nations Unies et aux institutions financières internationales.

Le 5 avril dernier, le chef de la mission spéciale du Canada à Zagreb a officiellement proposé aux autorités croates l'établissement de relations diplomatiques. Le gouvernement de Croatie a signifié son accord le 14 avril. Cette date marque l'établissement des relations diplomatiques. La forme qu'y prendra la représentation canadienne sera définie sous peu.

Le Canada croit que cette étape lui permettra d'établir une relation fructueuse avec la Croatie.

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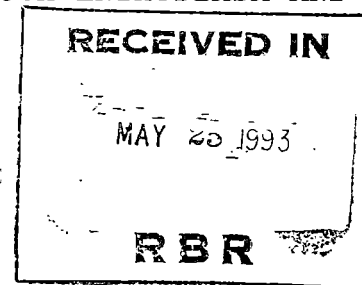
SUMMARY: CROATIAN TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MIN MUDRINIC
EMPHASISED THAT CDN COMPANIES SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE SHOULD
LOOK TO CROATIA, WHICH HAD ALL OF FORMER EAST BLOC AND EC ON ITS
DOORSTEP. THERE WOULD BE PERIOD OF RAPID GROWTH, DRIVEN PARTLY BY
NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN CROATIA AND B-H. DEVELOPMENT OF BILAT
ECON RELATIONSHIP COULD BE HELPED ALONG BY CDN CROAT COMMUNITY. CDA
ENJOYED UNIQUE POSITION, DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF USA OR EUROPE, AND
WAS PREFERRED AS PARTNER TO MANY OTHER CTRIES. ECON DEVELOPMENT
WOULD SUPPORT DEMOCRATISATION. RBD NOTED THAT SOME TRADE
RESTRICTIONS REMAINED IN EFFECT DUE TO CDN CONCERN OVER UNPROFOR
RENEWAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS; MATTER WAS UNDER ACTIVE AND POSITIVE
REVIEW.

2.REPORT: CROATIAN TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MIN IVICA MUDRINIC
IS YOUTHFUL, DYNAMIC AND CHARISMATIC INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVED MUCH OF
HIS LIFE IN CANADA, FOR WHICH HE RETAINS MUCH ENTHUSIASM AND

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AFFECTION. AN EXEMPLAR OF THE PROGRESSIVE, OUTWARD-LOOKING, DEMOCRATICALLY-ORIENTED STREAM IN CROATIAN POLITICS, HE HAS MADE A PRIORITY OF DEVELOPING BILATERAL, AND PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CDA.

3. IN MTG WITH RBD 07MAY, MUDRINIC EXPLAINED THAT CROATIAN POLICY WAS FOR RAPID BUT CONTROLLED GROWTH, IN TANDEM WITH ECON RESTRUCTURING AND PRIVATISATION. CROATIA, HE SAID, HAD LONG TRADITION OF TRADE WITH WEST. DIFFICULTIES IN CONVERTING TO MARKET ECONOMY LAY PRINCIPALLY IN MINDSET OF PEOPLE, EG: THERE WAS LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH FREE CAPITAL, OR OF NOTION THAT UNPROFITABLE, BADLY-MANAGED COMPANIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FAIL.

4. THERE WAS LARGE SMALL-BUSINESS SECTOR IN CROATIA, SAID MUDRINIC: DESPITE ECON DIFFICULTIES, SOME 50-60 THOUSAND SMALL BUSINESSES WERE NOW REGISTERED IN ZAGREB AND NORTHERN PART OF CTRY, MANY WITH 30-40 EMPLOYEES. THERE WAS LARGE POOL OF POTENTIAL ENTREPRENEURS, MANY OF WHOM HAD LIVED IN WEST.

5. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WAS PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO MUDRINIC, AND MUCH OF ECON RESTRUCTURING EFFORT FOCUSED ON BANKING SECTOR. FIRM INFRASTRUCTURE WAS LACKING FOR COMMERCIAL FINANCE: BANKS WERE UNUSED TO ROLE AS SOURCE OF VENTURE CAPITAL. MORTGAGE MARKET WAS STILL AT INITIAL STAGE. THERE WAS TRADITIONAL RELIANCE ON TOURISM INDUSTRY FOR RAPID RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD BE TEMPORARILY AGGRAVATED BY ECON

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RESTRUCTURING, SAID MUDRINIC. STATE COMPANIES HAD TOO MANY EMPLOYEES, AND PRIVATISATION WOULD LEAD TO LAYOFFS. HENCE THE NEED TO MODERATE AND CONTROL THE PRIVATISATION PROCESS: NOT/NOT ONLY WAS CAPITAL MARKET A CONSTRAINT, BUT THERE WERE SOCIAL FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED.

7. INVESTOR CONFIDENCE, ACCORDING TO MUDRINIC, WAS IN GOOD STATE CONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES. TOURISM PICTURE WAS NOT/NOT ALL DISMAL: ISTRIAN RESORTS HAD BEEN FILLED TO CAPACITY IN 1992, AND REPEAT PERFORMANCE WAS EXPECTED THIS YEAR. THERE WERE THREE INTERNATL AIRPORTS ON COAST. DELTA AIRLINES WAS RESUMING SERVICE. COUNTRIES NEAREST TO CROATIA WERE THE LARGEST INVESTORS, ALTHOUGH "THEY ALL HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS". THERE WAS NO/NO POLICY TO LIMIT FOREIGN INVESTMENT (EXCEPT IN SENSITIVE NATIONAL-INTEREST SECTORS) AND REPATRIATION OF CAPITAL WAS GUARANTEED.

8. BILATERAL ECON RELATIONSHIP, MUDRINIC EMPHASISED, WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF BOTH CDA AND CROATIA. CROATIA NEEDED NEW WATER BOMBERS (FORMER FLEET WAS ON JNA INVENTORY AND REMAINS IN YUGO HANDS). DEHAVILLAND SHOULD BE TRYING TO MARKET DASH-8: ANIC AIRWAYS AND NOW CROATIA AIRLINES HAVE ANNOUNCED PURCHASES OF ATR-42). ZAGREB AND OTHER AIRPORTS NEEDED DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING.

9. DEMOCRATISATION, SAID MUDRINIC, NEEDED SUPPORT OF ECON DEVELOPMENT. IN EXISTING CONTEXT, DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WAS PROGRESSING EXTREMELY WELL. THERE WERE PLANS TO ESTABLISH RADIO-TV

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COMMISSION SIMILAR TO CRTC, AND ITS CRITERIA FOR LICENSING PRIVATE BROADCASTERS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO CDN (COPIES OF CDN LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED). THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS FLOWING FROM PRIVATISATION OF NEWSPAPERS, LEADING TO DEGREE OF CONCENTRATION OF OWNERSHIP - PAPERS WERE ON MARKET AND ANYONE COULD BUY THEM. ONE INDICATOR OF FREEDOM OF PRESS WAS FACT THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN OPENLY DEBATED IN PRESS.→

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---DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA

FURTHER TO REFTTEL, SUGGEST I NOW SEND NOTE PROPOSING THAT SPECIAL
MISSION AND CONSULATE CONTINUE SEPARATE OPERATIONS PENDING DECISION
ON CHARACTER OF FUTURE CDN REPRESENTATION IN ZAGREB.

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---QS AND AS FOR APRIL 21/93

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRIEFING NOTE PREPARED FOR THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS TODAY:

QUOTE:

EX-YUGOSLAVIA: GENERAL

VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS; OUR MISSION TO THE UN IN NEW YORK

- CANADA BACKS FULLY THE CREATION OF A QUOTE SAFE AREA UNQUOTE
AROUND SREBRENICA BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE ALSO LOOK TO
THE EXTENSION OF THE CEASEFIRE.
- WE URGE AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND CARNAGE THROUGHOUT
BOSNIA; ITS CONTINUATION IS INTOLERABLE BY ANY MORAL
STANDARD.
- WE SUPPORT STRONGLY THE NEW SANCTIONS TO BE IMPOSED AGAINST
SERBIA-MONTENEGRO AND WILL LEND OUR FULL SUPPORT TO THEIR
IMPLEMENTATION.

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RESPONSIVE

- WE OPPOSE LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO, WHICH WOULD ONLY INCREASE THE BLOODSHED, PROLONG THE CONFLICT AND MAKE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IMPOSSIBLE.
- THE QUESTION OF SELECTED AIR STRIKES MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF ALL FACTORS, INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS AND UNPROFOR PERSONNEL ON THE GROUND.

ASSESSMENT

IN SREBRENICA, THE 72-HOUR DEADLINE FOR THE CANADIAN COMPANY TO DISARM THE MUSLIM FORCES EXPIRED EARLY THIS MORNING, AND BOSNIAN SERB COMMANDERS HAVE REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION EVEN THOUGH APPROXIMATELY A QUARTER OF THE MUSLIM FIGHTERS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP THEIR WEAPONS. BOSNIAN SERB GENERAL MLADIC HAS SAID THAT IF ALL THE MUSLIMS ARE NOT DISARMED IN THE AGREED TIME, QUOTE ALL OBLIGATIONS BY THE SERBIAN SIDE TOWARD THE UNPROFOR WILL CEASE UNQUOTE.

AN UNPROFOR SPOKESMAN (COMMANDER FREWER, A CANADIAN) HAS SAID THE CANADIAN COMPANY WILL DEFEND SREBRENICA FROM ANY ATTACK BY BOSNIAN SERB FORCES. AS OF THIS MORNING, THE CEASEFIRE AT SREBRENICA WAS HOLDING.

A REQUEST TO ALLOW 70 MORE CANADIAN TROOPS TO GO TO SREBRENICA HAS NOT BEEN AGREED TO BY THE BOSNIAN SERBS. THE UNHCR WAS UNABLE TO SECURE PERMISSION FOR A RELIEF CONVOY TO TRAVEL TO SREBRENICA ON TUESDAY AND WILL TRY AGAIN TODAY. FURTHER TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 819, A DELEGATION OF FOUR COUNCIL

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MEMBER STATES (VENEZUELA, NEW ZEALAND, HUNGARY, RUSSIA) IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA ON THURSDAY TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION IN SREBRENICA AND WILL REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

THERE IS HEAVY FIGHTING IN CENTRAL BOSNIA BETWEEN MUSLIM AND CROAT FORCES. UK SPOKESMEN WITH UNPROFOR REPORT AT LEAST 250 KILLED AND MORE THAN 300 WOUNDED IN FIGHTING AROUND VITEZ IN CENTRAL BOSNIA. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF SUMMARY EXECUTIONS AND GANG RAPES. A CEASEFIRE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT LAST NIGHT WAS REPORTEDLY BROKEN OVERNIGHT.

LORD OWEN IS IN BELGRADE TODAY TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO GET THE BOSNIAN SERBS TO SIGN THE VANCE-OWEN PEACE PLAN.

THE UNITED STATES IS CONTINUING TO EXAMINE VARIOUS OPTIONS TO TRY TO BRING FURTHER PRESSURE ON THE BOSNIAN SERBS, INCLUDING RELAXING THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT FORCES. TO DATE, THE USA HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE OTHER KEY SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO AGREE TO THIS.

PRESSURE IS ALSO CONTINUING FOR LIMITED AIR STRIKES AGAINST BOSNIAN SERB SUPPLY LINES OR ARTILLERY POSITIONS IF THEY CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO SIGN THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN. SOME INFLUENTIAL USA SENATORS (BIDEN, SIMON) HAVE SUPPORTED AIR STRIKES, AS HAS FORMER UK PRIME MINISTER THATCHER AND LORD OWEN. UK AND FRENCH DEFENCE MINISTERS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.

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---CROATIA: VIEWS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

ARE FAXING SEPARATELY TO OTT ACTION ADDRESSEES, ZAGRB, BGRAD AND
VIENN TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF ABOVE-REFERENCED INTERVIEW.

2.PUBLISHED PORTION OF INTERVIEW CONFIRMS FOUR POINTS REPORTED
PARA.3 ZAGRB REFTEL.

3.MISSION REP SPOKE WITH SHIFFER. WHOLE INTERVIEW WAS TAPED AND
MAJOR PORTION OF INTERVIEW WAS PUBLISHED.

4.SHIFFER, WHO LIVES IN MILAN, SPEAKS ENGLISH AND WE BELIEVE
GERMAN. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FURTHER (OFF TEL.

39-2-780666; RES TEL. 39-2-58100836) BUT WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR
ADVANCE INDICATION. GRATEFUL THEREFORE THAT YOU CONFIRM WHETHER
YOU WILL WISH FURTHER CONTACT WITH SHIFFER.

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---DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA

FOLLOWING IS LATEST PRESS LINE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
CROATIA:

QUOTE:

- CANADA RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON JANUARY
15,1992.
- ON APRIL 5,1993 THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL MISSION INFORMED THE
CROATIAN AUTHORITIES OF CANADAS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
- ON APRIL 14,1993,THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ACCEPTED CANADAS
PROPOSAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES AS OF THAT DATE.
- CANADA WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT.THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WILL,
WE BELIEVE,BE ADVANTAGEOUS AND FRUITFUL FOR BOTH PARTIES.

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RESPONSIVE ONLY:

- THE STATUS OF CANADAS REPRESENTATION IN THE REPUBLIC WILL BE
DECIDED UPON SHORTLY.



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April 14, 1993

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Dear Mr. Butkovic:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 1993. It was a pleasure to meet you and your colleagues to discuss events in Croatia and the bilateral relationship between Canada and the new republic.

By now I am sure you know that on April 5, the head of Canada's Special Mission in Zagreb formally proposed to the Croatian authorities the establishment of diplomatic relations. We look forward to a positive response to our proposal and, like you, believe that this step will lead to a fruitful bilateral relationship.

As we noted during our meeting, the need for a review of the UNPROFOR mandate is evident. It will be a part of the discussions aimed at the renewal of the mandate. These talks are continuing in Geneva and the present mandate has been extended for three months to permit them to continue. We believe that recent comments by the parties involved are indicative of a positive approach and may herald a successful conclusion to the negotiations.

With regard to the disbursement of Canada's contribution to the international relief effort, this has been left to the agencies to which it was given. As we said during our meeting, we believe that the UNHCR, the International Federation

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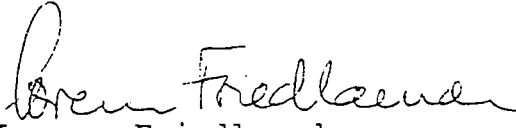
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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and their like, have the experience, the knowledge, and the personnel to ensure that the assistance goes where it is most needed.

You may be interested to know that the UNHCR and the International Committee of the Red Cross will disburse as much as 55% of their total assistance budget for this year in Bosnia. Another 19% will be utilized in Croatia and approximately 13% is allocated for Serbia. The remainder is destined for other affected areas and international projects. We have no doubt that the final distribution fairly reflects the need of the different communities.

Thank you for taking the time to write. My colleagues and I look forward to meeting you again.

Yours sincerely,


Lorenz Friedlaender
Director
Central and Eastern Europe
Relations Division

P.S. We have now had confirmation that Croatia has agreed to the establishment of diplomatic relations; these are now in effect

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia presents its compliments to the Special Mission of Canada in Zagreb and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note No. 029, dated April 5, 1993.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia agrees to the proposal of the Special Mission of Canada that the mentioned Note and this affirmative Reply constitute an agreement for the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Croatia and Canada and that the date of this Note of Reply be considered as the date of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Mission of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration. J.S.

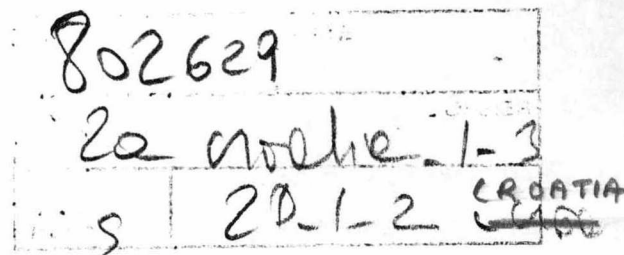
Zagreb, April 14, 1993.



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Zagreb, April 14, 1993.



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---DIP RELNS:CROATIA

THE ATTACHED PRESS LINE ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
CROATIA WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

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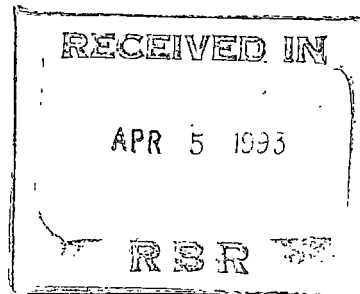
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
PRESS LINE

- CANADA RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON JANUARY 15, 1992.
- SINCE THAT TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL MISSION IN ZAGREB AND FOLLOWED CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS IN CROATIA.
- ON APRIL 5, THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL MISSION INFORMED THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES OF CANADA'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WE AWAIT THEIR FORMAL RESPONSE.

RESPONSIVE ONLY

- THE TIMING OF THIS DECISION WAS RELATED TO OUR CONCERNS OVER THE CONTINUATION OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN PROTECTION FORCE (UNPROFOR).
- THESE CONCERNS WERE MET BY THE EXTENSION OF UNPROFOR'S MANDATE TO THE END OF JUNE.
- WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE DEMONSTRATED BY CROATIAN AUTHORITIES TOWARD THE VANCE/OWEN PEACE PLAN FOR BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA.
- THE STATUS OF CANADA'S REPRESENTATION IN THE REPUBLIC WILL BE DECIDED UPON SHORTLY.

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---DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA

I SPOKE 05APR 0900 WITH KAZIMIR BRUNOVIC (HEAD OF MFA DEPARTMENT FOR ASIA, AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA -- TEMPORARILY REPLACING URBAN, WHO IS ON LEAVE), AND CALLED ON HIM AT 1400 TO PRESENT NOTE PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS. TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PARAS OF NOTE IN CONCLUDING PARA OF THIS TEL.

2. BRUNOVIC RECEIVED NOTE WITH PLEASURE. HE SAID THAT FORMIN SKRABALO HAD BEEN INFORMED AT MFA MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING THAT MORNING. HE AGREED THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES IN ZAGREB WAS BEST WAY TO PROCEED. I CAN EXPECT TO BE CALLED IN WITHIN FEW DAYS TO RECEIVE RESPONSE.

3. I LEARNED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT CROATIAN CABINET WERE MEETING 05APR

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AFTERNOON. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT SKRABALO WILL INFORM HIS COLLEAGUES AT THAT TIME.

4. QUESTION OF LEVEL AND CHARACTER OF OUR FUTURE REPRESENTATION IN ZAGREB WAS NOT/NOT RAISED. WHEN CROATIAN RESPONSE IS RECEIVED,

HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND THAT WE PROPOSE THAT SPECIAL MISSION AND CONSULATE CONTINUE OPERATING IN PRESENT (FORMALLY SEPARATE) MODE, PENDING DECISION ON FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PARAS OF NOTE. COPY BY FAX TO RBR ONLY.

QUOTE

THE SPECIAL MISSION OF CANADA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND, WITH REFERENCE TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, HAS THE HONOUR TO ADVISE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT WITHOUT DELAY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL REGARD THIS NOTE, AND AN AFFIRMATIVE FORMAL REPLY BY THE MINISTRY, AS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
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- CANADA RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON JANUARY 15, 1992.
- SINCE THAT TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL MISSION IN ZAGREB AND FOLLOWED CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS IN CROATIA.
- ON APRIL 5, THE HEAD OF THE SPECIAL MISSION INFORMED THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES OF CANADA'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WE AWAIT THEIR FORMAL RESPONSE.

RESPONSIVE ONLY

- THE TIMING OF THIS DECISION WAS RELATED TO OUR CONCERNS OVER THE CONTINUATION OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN PROTECTION FORCE (UNPROFOR).
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---DIPLO RELATIONS WITH CROATIA

PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INSTRUCT YOU
TO PROPOSE TO GOVT OF CROATIA THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS
BETWEEN CDA AND CROATIA.

2. YOU SHOULD PREPARE DIP NOTE REFERRING TO GOVT OF CROATIAS
COMMUNICATIONS TO GOVT OF CDA ON THIS ISSUE AND INFORMING MFA OF
CDAS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH DIPLO RELATIONS WITHOUT DELAY. FORMAL
REPLY TO YOUR NOTE WOULD CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
DIPLO RELATIONS.

3. FYI ONLY, ONCE DIPLO RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED, IT IS OUR PLAN
TO ADAPT STATUS OF SPECIAL MISSION TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES. PROPOSAL
GOING TO MINS CALLS FOR ZAGRB TO BECOME EMB HEADED BY CHARGE,
REPORTING TO NON-RESIDENT AMB IN BPEST. IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD SAY

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THAT ISSUE OF FORM OF CDN REPRESENTATION IN ZAGRB IS UNDER ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION.

L. Friedlaender

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Further to your request, please find attached a few lines explaining our position on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Croatia.

Lorenz Friedlaender
Lorenz Friedlaender
Director
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ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA
CANADIAN POSITION

- CANADA RECOGNIZED THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON JANUARY 15, 1992.
- THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE LARGER ISSUE OF THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND CROATIA'S ROLE IN IT.
- THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE BARBARA MCDOUGALL, HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN PROTECTION FORCE (UNPROFOR) IN CROATIA AND ITS CONTINUING POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS NOW TAKING PLACE.
- CANADA IS THE SECOND LARGEST TROOP CONTRIBUTOR TO UNPROFOR I (CROATIA).

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---CROATIA AND CANADA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

MATTER OF CDN ACQUIESCENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA IS RAISED VERY FREQUENTLY BY CROATIAN DIPLOMATS AND CROATIAN CANADIANS. OUR RESPONSE IS BASED BROADLY ON FIRST OF THE TWO POINTS YOU MADE. FYI WILL FIND ATTACHED MOST RECENT ARTICULATION OF OUR POSITION.

2.AMB ZUZUL WOULD SEEM TO BE VERY WELL PLACED TO PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO STATE OF GENEVA TALKS. GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFO HE MAY PROVIDE IN FUTURE CONTACTS.

3.CROATIAN DEFMIN IS INDEED CDN NATIONAL. HE LIVED IN OTTAWA FOR SOME YEARS WHERE, WE UNDERSTAND, HE OPERATED SUCCESSFUL PIZZA PARLOUR. MIN OF COMMUNICATIONS (PTT) IS CDN AS WELL.

4. COMCENTRE, PLEASE FAX ATTACHED 1/1 PAGE.

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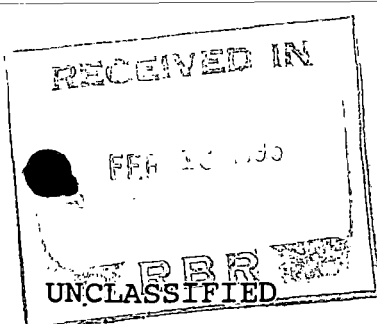
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PRESUMABLY, IF THAT IS CASE, HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ORDERING
RECENT CROATIAN OFFENSIVE IN KRAJINA.

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CROATIA PROTOCOL HAS CIRCULATED NOTE TO DIP/CONSULAR CORPS

REQUESTING WIND ORCHESTRA SCORE (SEPARATE MUSIC PARTS FOR EACH INSTRUMENT) AND SOUND RECORDING OF EACH CTRY'S NATL ANTHEM.

2.HAVE PROVIDED COPY OF PIANO CONDUCTOR SCORE AND LYRICS ON HAND.

PLS BAG ORCHESTRA SCORE AND RECORDING.

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We have just been informed that the leader of the ethnic Croatian community in Bosnia-Herzegovina (and self-proclaimed President of the "Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosnia") Mr. Mate Boban (DOB 12Feb40 in Sovici Grude), accompanied by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mr. Mile Akmadzic (DOB 01Oct39 in Pec Mlinime) have requested visitor visas at the Consulate General in New York. For your information, Canada does not recognize the "Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosnia" and while we recognize the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, we have not yet established diplomatic relations with it.

According to the Consulate General, Messrs Boban and Akmadzic have indicated that the purpose of their visit is to call on Father Ljubo Krasic at the "Queen of Peace Croatian Center", 9118 Churchill Blvd, Norval, Ontario, phone 416-456-3203. They have indicated that they plan to arrive by air (no arrangements made yet) in Toronto from New York on Saturday, February 27, 1993, around 1200 hrs, and leave in the opposite direction, on Sunday February 28, 1993, in late morning/early afternoon. No accommodation arrangements would have been made yet.

Given the state of war in the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, we believe there is a very real level of risk for the safety of the two officials.



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STATEMENT ISSUED BY SSEA ON 27JAN93. WILL FIND BELOW COMPANION

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2. - QUOTE

- THESE EVENTS CAST A MOST UNFORTUNATE SHADOW OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN CROATIA AND RUN THE RISK OF COMPROMISING EFFORTS BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CARRY FORWARD THE MANDATE OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE (UNPROFOR) IN THE REGION.

- ON JANUARY 25, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEMANDED, IN ITS RESOLUTION # 802, THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES BY CROATIAN ARMED FORCES WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THE UN PROTECTED AREAS

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IN CROATIA, AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF CROATIAN FORCES FROM THESE AREAS. THE RESOLUTION ALSO DEMANDS THAT HEAVY WEAPONS SEIZED BY CROATIAN SERBS FROM UNPROFOR-CONTROLLED STORAGE AREAS BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY. TOGETHER WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, CANADA EXPECTS BOTH PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY

- THE MANDATE OF UNPROFOR IN CROATIA IS TO BE RENEWED IN FEBRUARY. WE EXPECT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA, TO ACCEPT THE RENEWAL OF UNPROFOR'S MISSION. WE ALSO EXPECT THE CROATIAN SERBS TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MANDATE, INCLUDING DEMILITARIZATION OF THE REGION, THUS ALLOWING FOR THE RETURN OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES. UNQUOTE

3. FOR BGRAD: WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY VIEWS FROM YUGO AUTHORITIES ON HOW THEY SEE SECOND PART OF UN RESOLUTION 802 (SERBS TO RETURN HEAVY WEAPONS) BEING IMPLEMENTED (IE. CONDITIONNALLY AS WELL ?) HOW SITUATION IN UNPAS CAN EVOLVE IF CROATIAN SERBS REFUSE DEMILITARIZATION, AND WHAT MEASURES HAVE BEEN/ARE BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT PRIVATE MILITIAS FROM TRAVELING TO CROATIA.

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---CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

FOLLOWING TELCON WITH FRIEDLAENDER 22JAN, I EXPLAINED OUR POSITION
TO MFA. THEY LATER ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD NOT/NOT ISSUE STATEMENT
AND, IF ASKED, WOULD QUOTE US.

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---CROATIA: DIP REL

FOR THE RECORD, WANT TO CONFIRM THAT WE DO NOT/NOT CONCUR WITH
SUGGESTION THAT CDN AND CROATIAN MFAS QUOTE COORDINATE UNQUOTE
THEIR PRESS LINES ON ISSUE OF DIP RELATIONS. OUR PRESS LINE IS THE
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---CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: LETTER TO CROATIAN AUTHORITIES

WHEN URBAN (WHO, AT HIS OWN DECISION, IS MY PRIMARY CONTACT AT MFA) REQUESTED LETTER, HE SUGGESTED THAT ADVANCE COPY BE SENT TO FAX MACHINE ON DIRECT LINE IN HIS OFFICE.

HAVE THEREFORE FAXED FOLLOWING LETTER, AND WILL DELIVER ORIGINAL AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

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23 January, 1993

Mr. Željko Urban
Assistant Minister
of Foreign Affairs
Markov Trg 2
41000 ZAGREB, Croatia

Dear Mr Urban,

As you know, Canada was among the first countries to recognize officially the independence of the Republic of Croatia on January 15, 1992. Since that day, our two governments have exchanged views on many occasions about the situation in your republic and the violent disintegration of the former Yugoslavia. Many discussions have also been held with regard to the issue of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries.

The Canadian Government believes that the establishment of diplomatic relations with Croatia is inseparable from the larger issue of the continuing crisis in the former Yugoslavia and Croatia's role in it.

I have been instructed to inform you that the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, has agreed in principle to the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Croatia. This, however, could only take place subject to the agreement of the Government of the Republic of Croatia to the renewal of the mandate of the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Croatia and its continuing positive approach to the Geneva negotiations on the former Yugoslavia.

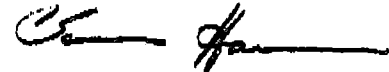
I also have been instructed to inform you that my government has received with great concern reports of the military actions undertaken by the Croatian Army on Friday, January 22, 1993. These events cast a most unfortunate shadow over the

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prospects for a peaceful settlement of the situation in Croatia and run the risk of compromising efforts by the international community, including Canada, to carry forward the mandate of the UN peacekeeping force in the region. Canada will monitor with particular attention developments such as these in the period leading to the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries.

Yours sincerely,



Sam Hanson
Special Representative

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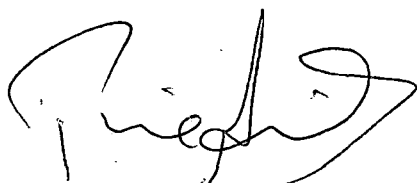
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---CROATIA: DIP RELATIONS. LETTER TO CROATIAN AUTHORITIES
WILL FIND BELOW TEXT OF LETTER EXPLAINING CANADIAN POSITION ON THE
ISSUE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CROATIA AND CANADA. THIS
LETTER WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY ASSISTANT FORMIN URBAN. GIVEN
RELATED EVENTS OF 22JAN93, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD SEE
THAT THIS LETTER BE DELIVERED TO YOUR USUAL CONTACTS, UNDER YOUR
SIGNATURE, ON 23JAN93.

2. QUOTE AS YOU KNOW, CANADA WAS AMONG THE FIRST COUNTRIES TO
RECOGNIZE OFFICIALLY THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON
JANUARY 15, 1992. SINCE THAT DAY, OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE
EXCHANGED VIEWS ON MANY OCCASIONS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN YOUR
REPUBLIC AND THE VIOLENT DISINTEGRATION OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.
MANY DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. PARA. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE

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---CROATIA: STATUS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

WILL FIND ATTACHED LATEST UPDATE ON CANADA'S POSITION WITH REGARD
TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH REP OF CROATIA. FOR
YOUR INFO.

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- Canada recognized the independence of Croatia on January 15, 1992.
- We believe that the establishment of diplomatic relations with Croatia is inseparable from the larger issue of the continuing crisis in the former Yugoslavia and Croatia's role in it.
- The Secretary of State for External Affairs has agreed in principle to the establishment of diplomatic relations, subject to the agreement of the government of Croatia to the renewal of the mandate of the UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Croatia and its continuing positive approach to the Geneva negotiations on the former Yugoslavia.
- The UNPROFOR mandate is scheduled for renewal by February 21, 1993.

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February 11, 1993

Mr. Maurice Marnika
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Dear Mr. Marnika:

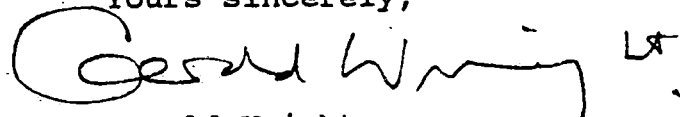
I wish to thank you for your letter of September 2, 1992, to Mr. Kevin Phillips. Mr. Phillips has since left Mrs. McDougall's office and I am responding in his place. I regret the delay in replying.

We remain actively engaged with the question of the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Republic of Croatia. It is inseparable from the larger issue of the continuing crisis in the former Yugoslavia and Croatia's role in it.

In this context we welcome the positive Croatian approach to the Geneva negotiations chaired by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen and we are urging the authorities in Zagreb to take positive action on the issue of the renewal of the UNPROFOR mandate when it comes due.

Please extend the Minister's best wishes to the members of your organization. We hope that Canada will be in a position to establish diplomatic relations with the Republic of Croatia in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Gerald Wright
Special Assistant

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CANADIAN CROATIAN INFORMATION CONGRESS

September 2, 1992

Mr. Kevin Phillips
Special Assistant to the Minister
Secretary of State for External Affairs
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa Ont K1A 0G2

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cc mma/wright

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Further to our meeting of August 13th in Ottawa, our Congress has again been approached by a number of Croatian-Canadians who have enquired about the status of Canada extending diplomatic relations with the Republic of Croatia.

I have informed our community that you had stated at that meeting that "the Minister would be re-visiting the question very soon". As we had indicated at the meeting, we see nothing apparent that should be holding up the establishment of diplomatic relations. The Republic of Croatia has adhered to all international guidelines and criteria set forth by the various world bodies, and has already established relations with numerous western states.

We trust that this question will be resolved promptly, and look forward to hearing from the Minister's office shortly.

Yours respectfully,

Maurice Marnika
Chairman-Political Affairs Division
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---LETTER FROM PM GREGURIC

GREGURIC IS NO/NO LONGER PRIME MINISTER AND, AS YOU NOTE,
CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED DRASTICALLY IN MONTHS THAT HAVE PASSED.
NUMBERS REQUIRING ASSISTANCE ARE NOW AT LEAST DOUBLE THOSE REFERRED
TO IN LETTER.

2.I SUGGEST THAT NO REPLY BE PREPARED. IF ASKED ABOUT IT, I COULD
SIMPLY SAY THAT OUR VARIOUS PLEDGES OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH
MULTILATERAL AGENCIES CONSTITUTE THE RESPONSE.

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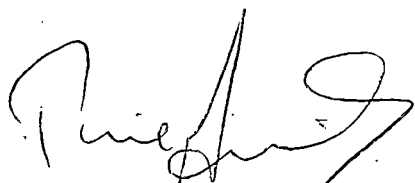
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MOST UNFORTUNATELY, LETTER FROM PM GREGURIC (COPY ATTACHED) JUST
RECENTLY RE-SURFACED. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON NECESSITY TO
PROVIDE REPLY NOW THAT SO MANY MONTHS HAVE PASSED AND THAT
CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED SO DRASTICALLY.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Prime Minister

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Zagreb, 18 April 1992

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Dear Sir,

Croatia is now facing extreme consequences of an escalating aggression against the sovereign and independent Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina carried out by the Serbian-led Yugoslav army and Serbian paramilitaries. Along an already large number of internally displaced persons in Bosnia & Herzegovina, an increasing number of refugees are finding refuge in our country.

An estimated number of internally displaced persons in Bosnia & Herzegovina has exceeded 150,000, mainly Muslim Slavs.

According to the reports by the governmental Office for Displaced Persons and Refugees in the Republic of Croatia, the total number of registered refugees from Bosnia & Herzegovina reached 87,019 on 15 April 1992.

According to field reports, the refugees from Bosnia & Herzegovina, mainly women, children, elderly and sick persons are continuously arriving mostly to the war devastated regions of Slavonia and Dalmatia. The latest estimated number of refugees from Bosnia & Herzegovina accommodated in the Republic of Croatia is believed to be more than 100,000, mainly Croats and Muslim Slavs. An exact number of refugees cannot be ascertained since it grows by the hour. The most recent acts of aggression in Bosnia & Herzegovina by Serbian forces allow us to expect an increasing number of refugees in near future.

The Republic of Croatia willingly and readily offers its maximum in providing for refugees from Bosnia & Herzegovina. Unfortunately, in the situation when we still have to provide for 300,000 persons displaced during the war in the Republic of Croatia, our possibilities to accommodate refugees have been substantially reduced.

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By now the Republic of Croatia has used all its available accommodation capacities to their full extent. Humanitarian assistance is urgently needed to provide minimum humane life conditions.

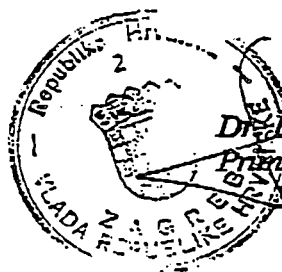
The Government of the Republic of Croatia has reached the limits of its abilities to support refugees. Therefore, in the very near future an uncontrollable wave of refugees from Bosnia & Herzegovina to other countries, primarily neighbouring European ones, may be expected.

To effectively meet the growing refugee problem in Croatia, we urgently need the following:

- 1. food;*
- 2. hygiene supplies;*
- 3. medical supplies, as specified by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia;*
- 4. assistance in equipment for emergency accommodation capacities (beds, blankets, kitchen utensils and similar equipment);*
- 5. financial support for providing additional accommodation facilities, as well as for alleviating the existing accommodation costs the Croatian government is meeting (the estimated costs for housing the present number of refugees have exceeded US \$ 6.5 million per month).*

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, and my own, I kindly ask for your immediate response to this grave humanitarian problem Croatia is facing.

Please, Sir, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



*Dr. Franjo Gregurić
Prime Minister*

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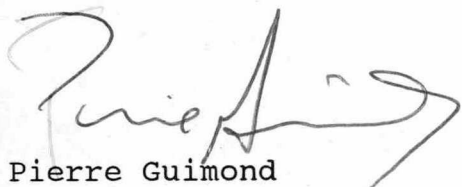
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---CROATIA: DIPLO RELS

FOR YOUR INFO: RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL 08JAN93 FROM ANDRE
FISTONIC, QUOTE REPRESENTATIVE, OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
UNQUOTE IN OTTAWA, ENQUIRING ABOUT WHAT HE COULD DO TO SPEED UP
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CDA AND CROATIA. DESK
OFFICER WHO TOOK THE CALL HAD IMPRESSION THAT FISTONIC'S INTEREST
WAS NOT/NOT PROMPTED BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM ZAGRB BUT RATHER WAS
PERSONAL INITIATIVE TO START NEW YEAR AND AS 15JAN ANNIVERSARY OF
RECOGNITION APPROACHES.

2. LINE CONTAINED IN RBD REFTL WAS GIVEN TO FISTONIC WHO EXPRESSED
SURPRISE AT THE CDN POSITION (QUOTE GIVEN THAT ALL OTHER MAJOR
PLAYERS IN UNPROFOR ALREADY ESTABLISHED DIP RELATIONS WITH CROATIA
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3. WE SHALL AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.

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---CROATIA:DIPLO RELS

YOU WILL SEE FROM REFFAX THAT DIPLO RELS WITH SLOVENIA ARE BEING
ESTABLISHED.GIVEN RECENT CROAT INDICATIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT
ACTION ON THIS FRONT RESPECTING THEIR COUNTRY,THIS NEW SITUATION
MAY WELL PROMPT AUTHORITIES IN ZAGREB TO RAISE ISSUE STILL MORE
VIGOROUSLY.

2.IF APPROACHED YOU SHLD ARTICULATE FOLLOWING POSITION AS YOU
CONSIDER MOST EFFECTIVE:

-QUESTION OF DIPLO RELS IS INSEPARABLE FROM LARGER ISSUE OF
CONTINUING CRISIS IN FORMER YUGO AND CROATIAS ROLE IN IT;
-UNPROFOR EXTENSION IS MATTER OF SPECIFIC PRESENT CONCERN;
-NOT/NOT TO RENEW UNPROFOR MANDATE,OR ANY ATTEMPT TO RECOVER
OCCUPIED TERRITORY BY FORCE,WLD MAKE DIFFICULT OUR ESTABLISHING

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RELS;

-QUESTION OF RELATIONS REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GOVT OF
CDA, WE WELCOME POSITIVE CROAT APPROACH TO GENEV NEGOTIATIONS AND
WE URGE POSITIVE ACTION ON UNPROFOR RENEWAL.

3. IF ISSUE OF SPECIAL CROAT MFA MISSION TO CDA TO DISCUSS RELS IS
RAISED, YOU SHLD SAY THAT WE DO NOT/NOT CONSIDER THAT SUCH
UNDERTAKING IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

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---MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TUDJMAN: FOLLOW-UP

SUMMARY: I WAS ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED
MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER MATIC TO REVIEW
SOME SUBJECTS RAISED BY PRES TUDJMAN AT MTG WITH FOREIGN REPS, AND
TO MAKE POINTS IN YOUR REFTEL. DISCUSSION COVERED SITUATION IN B-H,
OWEN STATEMENT, UNPROFOR, CROATIA-SERBIA RELATIONS, AND REFUGEES.
2.REPORT: REGARDING CLASHES BETWEEN B-H CROATS AND MUSLIMS IN B-H,
MATIC SAID THAT TUDJMAN HAD WRITTEN TO A NBR OF HEADS OF STATE ABOUT
PRESENCE OF FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS AND EXTREMISTS. MUJAHEDDIN FROM IRAN,
MATIC NOTED, HAD ATTACKED HVO UNITS IN SOME CASES, BUT THEY WERE
NOT/NOT PRIMARY CAUSE OF CLASHES. IN SOME CASES, THERE HAD BEEN
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CLASHES OVER SHARING OF SUPPLIES (SOME LOCAL UNITS WERE LITTLE MORE THAN GROUPS OF BANDITS) AND ON ONE OCCASION IT WAS OVER RAISING OF FLAGS IN PRIJEDOR. ALL INCIDENTS, ACCORDING TO MATIC, HAD OCCURRED ON HVO (B-H CROAT) CONTROLLED TERRITORY; THERE HAD BEEN NO/NO CROAT ATTACKS ON B-H MUSLIM (TO) TERRITORY.

3. AT LATEST MTG BETWEEN TUDJMAN AND IZETBEGOVIC, ACCORDING TO MATIC, TUDJMAN WAS ASKED TO EXERT INFLUENCE OVER CROATS IN B-H, BUT THERE WAS REAL QUESTION WHO WAS IN CONTROL OF SOME UNITS, JUST AS B-H GOVT DID NOT/NOT SEEM TO HAVE CONTROL OF ALL TO UNITS. TUDJMAN HAD NO/NO DIRECT CONTROL OR INFLUENCE OVER HVO, BUT COULD EXERT SOME POLITICAL INFLUENCE.

4. IZETBEGOVIC'S POSITION, MATIC ADDED, WAS NOT/NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. RUMOURS THAT EJUP GANIC WAS ATTEMPTING SOME SORT OF INTERNAL COUP HAD BEEN DENIED, BUT IZETBEGOVIC HIMSELF (WHO HAD STATED THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING OFFICE WHEN HIS TERM ENDS IN DEC92) SEEMED FATALISTIC AND TIRED. PRO-SERB MUSLIMS (BASIC AND FILIPOVIC) WERE ALSO A DESTABILISING FACTOR; THEY SEEMED TO HAVE HAD SOME ROLE IN PERSUADING GENEV CONF SUB-COMMITTEE TO DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS ALONG LINES WHICH THEY HAD. COMBINATION OF NON-ETHNIC REGIONS, DECENTRALISED POLICE AND CENTRALISED ARMED FORCES WAS, IN MATIC'S VIEW, UNWORKABLE. ARMY WOULD SOON BECOME POLITICAL POWER IN ITSELF.

5. REGARDING LORD OWEN STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION SANCTIONS
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AGAINST CROATIA, MATIC THOUGHT THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTEMPT TO EXERT PRESSURE ON CROATIA. IF SO, IT COULD BACKFIRE: TUDJMAN CAME FROM SAME AREA AS TITO. CONF SPOKESPERSON, MATIC NOTED, HAD ALREADY STATED THAT OWEN HAD NOT/NOT BEEN EXPRESSING OFFICIAL VIEW.

6.I REMINDED MATIC THAT IN CDN VIEW THERE WAS NO/NO STRONGER SUPPORTER OF UN THAN CDA. WE FULLY SUPPORTED UNPROFOR AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE ITS MANDATE AND IMPLEMENT VANCE PLAN. WHILE WE HOPED THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN ORIGINALLY-MANDATED PERIOD, IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBILITY THAT PROCESS WOULD NOT/NOT BE COMPLETE BY MAR93.

7.MATIC EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MATTERS WOULD NOT/NOT COME TO CRUNCH IN MAR, BUT CROATIAN CONCERN WAS THAT ANY EXTENSION OF MANDATE WOULD WORK IN FAVOUR OF SERBS "CREATING FACTS" IN UNPAS. TIME WAS WORKING IN THEIR FAVOUR AND THEIR HOPE WAS TO OBSTRUCT UN FOR TWO OR THREE YRS, BY WHICH TIME ETHNIC PICTURE WOULD BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT - A FAIT ACCOMPLI JUSTIFYING RE-DRAWING OF BORDERS. CROATIA WOULD NEVER ACCEPT THIS. ACCORDING TO MATIC, INFO RECEIVED FROM UNPAS INDICATED THAT 80-90 PERCENT OF POPULATION WERE WILLING TO COME TO ARRANGEMENT WITH CROATIAN GOVT UNDER CONDITIONS OF GUARANTEED AUTONOMY (ALREADY LEGISLATED). BUT SOME 5-10 PERCENT OF ARMED PEOPLE (SOME NOT/NOT EVEN FROM UNPAS) WERE MAKING POLICY. THERE WAS ALSO COSIC'S REMARK AT LAST MTG: "WE ARE READING VANCE PLAN DIFFERENTLY".

8.ACCORDING TO MATIC, SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON

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NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS WITH SERBIA. PROBLEM WAS THAT PANIC AND COSIC WERE POLITICALLY INCAPACITATED, AND WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY DELIVERING ON ANY AGREEMENT. AT MOST RECENT MTG, FOR EXAMPLE, SOME OF COSIC'S ADVISERS HAD APPEARED WILLING TO AGREE TO LANGUAGE COMMITTING SERBIA TO CEASE MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO SERBS IN UNPAS, BUT COSIC HAD REJECTED THIS, TELLING HIS OWN PEOPLE THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RETURN TO BGRAD IF HE ACCEPTED SUCH LANGUAGE. ULTIMATELY MILOSEVIC, IF HE FOUND HIS POSITION THREATENED, WOULD PLAY KOSOVO CARD. ANY ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH SERBIA RATIONALLY WOULD THEN BE IMPOSSIBLE.

9.ON REFUGEES, I TOLD MATIC THAT CDA UNDERSTOOD AND SYMPATHISED WITH CROATIA'S PLIGHT IN SHELTERING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES ALREADY ON ITS TERRITORY. SPECTACLE OF COLUMNS OF EXHAUSTED B-H REFUGEES BEING TURNED BACK AT CROATIAN BORDER, HOWEVER, COULD HARDLY EVOKE ANYTHING OTHER THAN STRONGLY NEGATIVE REACTION. MATIC RESPONDED THAT ONE OF THINGS WHICH THOSE CONDUCTING ETHNIC CLEANSING WANTED MOST WAS GUARANTEES THAT REFUGEES WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN OTHER CTRIES. PREFERRED SOLUTION WAS THUS TO DIRECT REFUGEES TO RELATIVELY SAFE REGIONS OF B-H UNDER CROAT OR MUSLIM CONTROL, EG POSUSJE. CROATIA, HE SAID, WAS FULL TO BRIM. IT WAS COSTING CROATIAN GOVT USD 3 MILLION PER DAY TO CARE FOR REFUGEES, AND GOVT WAS RECEIVING NO/NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THIS. TUDJMAN LETTER TO SECGEN WOULD MAKE POINT THAT REFUGEE BURDEN WAS HAVING WORSE EFFECT ON CROATIA THAN SANCTIONS WERE ON SERBIA.

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---MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TUDJMAN

APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING FOUND TIME TO PROVIDE YOU WITH MORE
COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE FOR ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING.

2. AS YOU KNOW, VANCE PLAN, SITUATION IN UNPAS, AND CROATIA'S
ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS ARE MAJOR SUBJECT OF PREOCCUPATION HERE.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM THIS MEETING THAT CROATIA REMAINS COMMITTED TO
PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS IN UNPAS AND THAT UN PEACEKEEPERS
WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY USEFUL ROLE FOR ALL CONCERNED, CROATIANS
AND SERBS ALIKE.

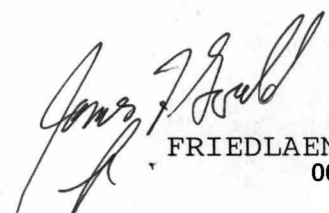
3. ONE SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO US AT THIS TIME COMES FROM
ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES OF 31OCT92 FROM WHICH IT APPEARS THAT NOT
ONLY DOES CROATIA REFUSE ENTRY TO REFUGEES (UNDER INTERNATIONAL
LAW) ON GROUNDS THAT IT HAS NO MONEY TO CARE FOR THEM, BUT THAT
UNPROFOR MAY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PRACTICE. GEN NAMBIAR
IS QUOTED AS SAYING: QUOTE WE HAVE HAD THESE REFUGEES COMING IN



Pierre Guimond

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Action Memorandum for:
The Secretary of State for External Affairs

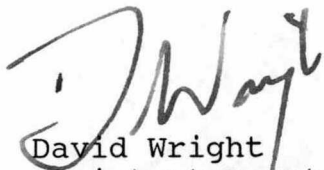
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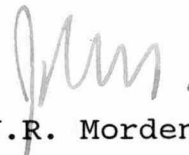
RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Canada establish immediately diplomatic relations
with Slovenia and Croatia.

That if you nevertheless do not wish to proceed with
Croatia, we move quickly on Slovenia.



David Wright
Assistant Deputy Minister
Europe Branch



J.R. Morden

4/11 RGB: Discussed issue with SSEA this
morning. She agrees with recommendation
J.R.M.

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CONSIDERATIONS

Canada recognized Slovenia and Croatia in January 1992. We stated at the time that diplomatic relations would follow when their governments produced assurances respecting their international human rights commitments. Both have done so formally. All Western countries except Canada have now established relations.

The human rights situation on the ground in Slovenia is good and we have no concerns. It is imperfect in Croatia, where part of the country is controlled by force by secessionist Serbs, but there has been progress. Political uncertainties involving Croatia are also likely to continue in the region with Bosnia being the main focus.

We have unofficial contact with the authorities in both countries, including a Canadian representative in Zagreb. The lack of diplomatic relations has, however, become an anomaly and the reasons for it are no longer understood.

If you agree, we propose that Mr. Rod Irwin, our Ambassador to Albania and Bulgaria and Ambassador-designate to the new Yugoslavia, who is currently in Vienna, be accredited to both Slovenia and Croatia. He would then be able to better assist you in pursuing Canadian policy goals in this troubled region. He would bring our concerns about Croatia to the presence of that country's authorities, including at the highest level.

No valid comparison can be made between Slovenia and Croatia on the one hand and Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia on the other. We have recognized Bosnia but it is in the midst of a civil war. Macedonia remains unrecognized because of the dispute with Greece over its name. Our allies have not moved in either case.

COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

The Slovenian and Croatian communities in Canada would be pleased by a decision to establish relations. There will be no criticism whatsoever of establishing relations with Slovenia. There could be very limited criticism of establishing relations with Croatia by human rights groups but this is not certain. We will be using, in any event, our increased avenues to bring our concerns to the attention of the Croatian authorities. If we were to establish relations with Slovenia only, we could expect rigorous lobbying by Croatian Canadians.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTION:

A press release announcing diplomatic relations will be issued if you decide to proceed. A draft, which would be modified if you wish to proceed only with Slovenia, is attached. A Q & A format briefing note will be prepared when the announcement is made.

**CANADA ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH SLOVENIA AND CROATIA**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today announced that Canada will proceed immediately to establish diplomatic relations with Slovenia and Croatia.

Canada recognized the two states on January 15, 1992.

"Because of the turmoil in the former Yugoslavia, it is important that Canada be able to conduct as effective a dialogue as possible with these new states", Mrs. McDougall said. "We will be active on issues of concern to Canadians, including the fighting in the region, refugees, humanitarian assistance and human rights."

The Secretary of State for External Affairs



Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures

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Mr. Kerim Reis
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Dear Mr. Reis:

I am writing to follow up the meeting on August 13 in Ottawa between representatives of the Canadian Croatian Democratic Coalition, members of my staff and officials of the Department of External Affairs. I welcome such opportunities for the exchange of views with the Canadian Croatian community and its representatives, which have taken place on a regular basis in the past year.

Events have moved on since then, and new means have been devised by the international community in pursuit of the goal of bringing an end to the bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia and promoting a negotiated, political solution. The London Conference of August 26-28, called by British Prime Minister John Major, brought together under European Community and United Nations co-chairmanship the countries and institutions principally concerned. I led the Canadian delegation there and expect the follow-on process of this Conference to serve as the focal point for efforts to resolve the crisis.

Against this background, I am pleased to address the points raised in the position paper left with my staff at last month's meeting.

Let me begin by confirming that I am currently reviewing the issue of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Croatia. I recognize your deep interest in this question and can assure you that the government is treating it as a matter of importance.

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You will be aware of Canada's support for a more active United Nations role in the area of peacekeeping, and of our decision to offer 1200 additional Canadian troops for an expanded UNPROFOR force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. This will make it possible to provide enhanced protection to humanitarian relief missions. It reflects our determination to contribute to helping the civilian population, whose suffering has deeply disturbed us all.

In the context of the London Conference, Bosnian Serb leaders undertook to concentrate their heavy weapons around four specific locations. Despite difficulties, this process is now under way. Once implemented, it should lead to an improvement in the control and supervision exercised over the use of these weapons.

What we have learned of the existence of detention camps, of the appalling conditions in which people have been held and of the atrocities committed has served as a shocking reminder of the worst excesses of inhuman behaviour. I have expressed Canadians' revulsion and condemnation of these practices. Canada has committed \$5 million to the Red Cross for its work on investigating the camps and assisting those detained there. I have also directed that Canadian officials should participate in CSCE missions to investigate the camps and make recommendations on action to release the detainees safely. We shall work actively to end this particularly reprehensible violation of individual rights and freedoms.

At the London Conference, I called for the creation of an international criminal court to bring to justice those responsible for violations of humanitarian law. Prime Minister Major took up this call, and the co-chairmen of the Conference are pursuing the issue. My Department's legal branch is assessing how best to proceed, and work is advancing toward that end.

Canada supports measures to ensure the effective implementation of economic sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro and is participating in both the naval monitoring in the Adriatic and in the supervision of river-borne trade on the Danube. I agree that it is important that sanctions be effective to attain the result that we are pursuing, real change in the policies of the authorities in Belgrade. Additional steps are under consideration.

Canada's humanitarian assistance efforts focus on the international agencies and institutions that are best able to provide relief on the ground. To date, we have committed \$25.25 million to the United Nations joint appeal and the Red Cross. I consider that this remains the best way to provide assistance to the refugees in the region.

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All Canadians can take pride in the contribution of our peacekeepers, led by Major General Lewis Mackenzie, in opening up Sarajevo airport for relief flights. I met General Mackenzie on his return to Canada and reviewed with him his assessment of the situation and the prospects in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The war that continues in that unfortunate country requires the active interest of the international community. That is why the government of Canada has decided to step up our own contribution to United Nations efforts there and to keep up the diplomatic pressure for a negotiated solution that protects the rights of all parties.

As I write, efforts are still being made to resume relief flights to Sarajevo. But much remains to be done. I am well aware of the impact of the approach of winter on the daily lives of the millions of people displaced and uprooted as a result of this tragic conflict. I count on you, as a representative of a community in Canada with special ties and privileged access to its country of origin, to do your part in support of the voices of conciliation and negotiation. That is the way out of this crisis. I call on you to speak out in this sense.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed by
Barbara McDougall
a signé l'original

Barbara McDougall


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FROM/DE RBR (through RBR)
SUBJECT/SUJET Cdn Croatian Community:

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POSITION PAPER-Ottawa meeting

August 13, 1992

As representatives of the Canadian-Croatian community, we are distressed at the lack of progress on the part of the international community in bringing a resolution to the conflict in the republics of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The evidence continues to mount of an orchestrated and premeditated attempt by the Serbian leadership to "ethnically cleanse" large regions of those two republics of the non-Serb population through the use of terror and intimidation. It is vividly clear that the Serbs are attempting to alter the demographics of the area to reflect an ethnically-pure Serb area.

While some steps have been taken by the United Nations to secure relief aid to the city of Sarajevo and a number of select areas, these efforts fall quite short of what is necessary to bring an end to the conflict. We feel that the Canadian government must take a more vocal position amongst the members of the international community. This is not simply a European problem. The tide of refugees will only increase in the coming months if the Serbs are allowed to get away with their brutal policies. More significantly, the potential for a wider-scale conflict looms large as the Serbian leadership will inevitably turn their guns on the ethnic-Albanians of Kosovo in an attempt to continue their policy of "ethnic cleansing", as well as threatening to step in to regions of the republic of Macedonia. This would undoubtedly involve not only the state of Albania, but a number of other neighbouring states. As a community, we feel that the choice is clear. The western nations must act now and send a message to the Serbian leadership before it is too late.

As a community, we are demanding a response to the following outlined issues:

- That Canada immediately establish diplomatic relations with the republics of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Numerous nations have already set up formal ties with those republics (including the United States). There seems to be little reason stopping Canada from also following suit.**
- That the Canadian government push for a more forceful role for troops under the United Nations flag, which includes securing safe passage for humanitarian aid deliveries to all regions affected by the conflict.**
- At the same time, force should be used to neutralize Serbian artillery and mortar positions which threaten any U.N. operation. Troops should also be used to dismantle any existing death and concentration camps, and international officials should begin steps to set up tribunals to prosecute those responsible for setting up and running such facilities.**
- In the event that Serb forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina fail to co-operate with international authorities, that direct military force be utilized to neutralize Serbian ammunition depots and supply centres.**

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- That forces under the flag of the United Nations be utilized to enforce the sanctions on the republics of Serbia and Montenegro. These measures should include deploying troops on the borders of the two republics, and the increasing of naval strength in the Adriatic Sea. The international sanctions will only prove successful if they are monitored properly. This has not occurred to date.
- That the Canadian government play a more proactive role in alleviating the suffering of the refugees trapped in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Although the acceptance of refugees into Canada is a noble gesture, it plays into the hands of the Serbian leadership by assisting with the cleansing of non-Serbs from the region. A more effective means of helping would be to ship over supplies of wheat to Croatia, which could then be used as a distribution area for supplying relief to those regions which are most neediest.
- That Canadian government officials speak to the recently returned Brigadier-General Lewis Mackenzie about numerous comments he has made regarding the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. We are unhappy with his comments that United Nations troops and money could be better spent elsewhere on peacekeeping initiatives (i.e. the civil war in Somalia).
- General Mackenzie also professed that he had no direct knowledge of the Serb-run concentration camps, yet officials of the United Nations had been informed of their existence nearly 5 months ago. General Mackenzie has continually attempted to lay blame on all sides equally in this conflict. It is not necessary to point out who is the aggressor and who is the victim amidst the aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- By making comments such as the Bosnian forces have been shelling their own people in order to lengthen the conflict and bring in western military intervention, show a degree of irresponsibility and callous disregard for the actual reality of the scenario. Mackenzie has also commented that putting diplomatic pressure on the Bosnian government to negotiate with the Serbs was more important than relying on western military intervention.



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TO / À . JPD

FROM / DE . RBD

REFERENCE . Your memorandum ORCP-0052, January 20, 1992
RÉFÉRENCE

SUBJECT . HONORARY CONSUL IN ZAGREB:
SUJET . FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

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As you may be aware, there are proposals under consideration to establish an embassy office in Zagreb headed by a chargé d'affaires, thus bringing the existing honorary consulate and special mission (hitherto formally separate) under one roof.

2. This raises (in a somewhat different manner than in your memorandum under reference), the question of future considerations regarding the honorary consul in Zagreb.

3. We are not alone in this. The British honorary consulate in Zagreb was upgraded in July to the level of a full embassy with resident ambassador. The British ambassador told our special representative in late August that he had inquired of London what the future role of the British honorary consul was to be, and that he had as yet received no reply.

4. At this stage, we wish to ask whether it would be possible in terms of existing conventions and practice, to maintain the honorary consul under the supervision of the chargé d'affaires. If it were, it might be possible to offer certain consular services (eg service of documents) without drawing unduly on the time of the single Canada-based officer.


L. I. Friedlaender
A/Director General
Central and Eastern Europe
Bureau

TO / A

• The Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs (INP)

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• The Canadian Special Mission
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In the above-mentioned updates, there is frequent reference to Croatian army forces in Bosnia-Hercegovina. Given that in the area there are several military organisations with differing subordination, it would be useful, where possible, to distinguish explicitly between them.

2. The ethnic Croat forces involved are:

Croatian Army (Hrvatska Vojska -HV): regular armed forces of the Republic of Croatia, subordinate to President Tudjman and the Croatian Government. Individual members are granted leave to join the fighting in Bosnia-Hercegovina. There have been reports of formed units under orders crossing into Bosnia-Hercegovina.

Croatian Defence Council (Hrvatsko Vijece Obrane - HVO): forces of the Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna, in theory subordinate to the government of Bosnia-Hercegovina and President Izetbegovic, in practice more directly controlled by B-H Croat leader Mate Boban.

Croatian Defence Forces (Hrvatske Obrambene Snage - HOS): political party militia of the Croatian Party of Rights (Hrvatska Stranka Prava - HSP). In Bosnia, these forces have theoretically been subordinated to President Izetbegovic, but in practice probably accept such subordination only while it coincides with the agenda of their party and its leader Dobroslav Paraga.

3. This confused situation is not made any clearer by the prevalent phenomenon of "re-badging". Also, HOS members tend to hand out shoulder patches much as if they were calling cards, and members of other units have been known to don them for the sake of the popular cachet which they are thought to provide. Ex-GDR camouflage uniform is generic to all three forces.


Special Representative



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Your request of September 3, 1992

Canadian conditions for establishment
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Since Canada recognised the independence of Croatia on January 15, 1992, that country has made significant progress on many of the issues of greatest concern to us: adherence to the fundamental principles of the CSCE, and respect for human rights and the protection of minorities.

- At the cost of some friction with extremist elements in both Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the government has clearly stated that it recognises and respects the **sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina**. A joint statement by Presidents Tudjman and Izetbegovic (made partially in response to representations made in Zagreb by our special representative) confirmed this.

- Croatia extensively revised and strengthened its **constitutional law** providing local autonomy for predominantly-Serb areas. This was done at some domestic political cost, and it did not satisfy hard line Serb elements in those areas who seek nothing less than independence from Croatia. Implementation of the legislation will have to wait until Croatian Government authority in those areas is restored.

- Croatian **cooperation with the UN peacekeeping operation** has been satisfactory. The Croats have maintained sustained pressure on UNPROFOR to complete the implementation of the Vance plan within the original mandate period of one year. President Tudjman has publicly declared that Croatia would not accept an extension, but our special representative has been told by a senior Croatian diplomat that this is another pressure tactic.


Lorenz Friedlaender
Director
Central and Eastern Europe
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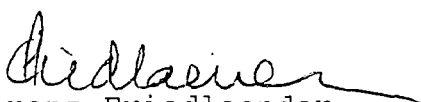
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September 3, 1992

RBR-1850

Action Memorandum for
The Secretary of State for External Affairs
The Minister for International Trade

cc: Minister for External Relations and International
Development

ISSUE: Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with Croatia,
Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina

RECOMMENDATION:

That Canada propose immediately the establishment of
diplomatic relations with the republics of Croatia, Slovenia and
Bosnia-Herzegovina and that trade measures imposed on Croatia and
Bosnia-Herzegovina by Canada on November 8, 1991, be removed.

David Wright
Assistant Deputy Minister
Europe Branch

J.R. Morden

John M. Weekes
Assistant Deputy Minister
Trade Policy Branch

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CONSIDERATIONS

The positive participation by Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina at the ministerial meeting of the London Conference on the former Yugoslavia, August 26 and 27, 1992, provides us with the most appropriate opportunity to date to establish diplomatic relations between Canada and these three new states.

We indicated earlier (our memorandum RBR-1684) that Croatia and Slovenia have provided us with sufficient assurances that they would observe international human rights commitments, although the implementation of these commitments remains somewhat incomplete. On the other hand, conflict-related Canadian activities in Bosnia (the refugee issue and humanitarian activities) also make it advisable to establish such relations with that country, even if assurances similar to those offered by Croatia and Slovenia have not been provided. We also indicated earlier that the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the three former Yugoslav states means that Canada remains the only major Western country not to have taken this step. We have thus lost any prospect of using the withholding of relations as a form of pressure to encourage better behaviour by these states.

If you agree, we propose that our Ambassador-designate to Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, Mr. Rod Irwin, who will soon take up residence in Vienna until normal relations are restored with Yugoslavia (Serbia-Montenegro), be accredited to Zagreb (Croatia), Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina), at least on an interim basis. Other normal embassy functions for Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina would be covered by staff from our mission in Belgrade, while our special representative in Zagreb and the staff of our consulate there will continue to cover Croatia. Given clearly expressed Croatian and Slovenian (and presumably Bosnian) reservations about any diplomatic accreditation to their countries from Belgrade, the accreditation strategy would have to be revised once circumstances are such that you are prepared to authorize Mr. Irwin to move to Belgrade.

In order to normalize our relations with Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the trade measures imposed unilaterally by Canada on November 8, 1991, (withdrawal of General Preferential Tariff, requirement of a permit for all exports to these countries, suspension of trade promotion activities) should be lifted at the same time as diplomatic relations are established. These measures were already lifted on Slovenia in February 1992.

Draft letters to Foreign Ministers Skrabalo, Rupel and Siladzic are attached.

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COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

We expect the Croatian, Slovenian and Bosnian (Muslim and Croat) communities in Canada to be happy with the announcement of diplomatic relations, which would confirm our support for the existence and integrity of these new states and facilitate consular and other services. Some Canadians of Croatian-Serb and Bosnian-Serb origin may be displeased with this announcement, but given the position of moderate elements in Yugoslavia on possible mutual recognition of former Yugoslav states we do not expect major difficulties. As the future appointment of Mr. Irwin to Yugoslavia is already in the public domain, the Croatian, Slovenian and Bosnian authorities may make it known that they would not accept the eventual accreditation of our Ambassador out of Belgrade.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTION

A communiqué should be issued on the occasion of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Another communiqué should be issued when Mr. Irwin is appointed as Canadian Ambassador to Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina (no mention will be made of his future appointment in Belgrade). This should be done as early as possible after the letters attached are dispatched and agrément is received, as these three governments may be expected to use this news item quickly to publicize increasing acceptance by the international community. A press line will also be prepared to explain the particular circumstances of this diplomatic appointment.



The Secretary of State for External Affairs

Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures

Canada



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His Excellency Professor Zdenko Skrabalo, M.D., Ph.D.
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Croatia

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Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 1992, in which you proposed the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Croatia.

Since we formally recognized the independence of Croatia on January 15, 1992, the government of Canada has delayed the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries until we were satisfied about Croatia's commitment to the principles of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and its positive contribution to the solution of the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. We have noted the efforts made by the Croatian government to adapt its legislation to reflect these international human rights standards, and the other commitments made by your government, and we urge you to continue on this course. We also appreciated the cooperation offered by Croatia to UNPROFOR in carrying out its mandate from the UN Security Council and expect that, despite the current difficulties, this cooperation will be maintained until this mandate is fulfilled.

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In view of the above, I have decided to agree to your proposal and have instructed my Department to forward to your Ministry a diplomatic note requesting the establishment of diplomatic relations and seeking agrément for Mr. Rodney Irwin as Ambassador to Croatia, with initial residence in Vienna. Mr. Irwin will subsequently seek an early opportunity to travel to Zagreb to present his credentials. For the foreseeable future, we expect to maintain our consular mission as well as a diplomatic representative in Zagreb.

I trust that the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Croatia will allow for the speedy development of numerous and varied contacts between the Canadian and Croatian peoples.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara McDougall

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---GPT AND MFN: CROATIA

AS DISCUSSED IN REFTTELCON, AM WITHOLDING REPLY TO CROATIAN NOTE
REQUESTING GPT PENDING DEVELOPMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF BILAT RELNS.

2. YOU WILL HAVE NOTED ANNOUNCEMENT IN LDN 27AUG, THAT USA WOULD
PLACE CROATIA ON MFN LIST. ACCORDING TO KAT REFTTEL, CROATIA
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We have arranged with the Under Secretary's office that the Department's services can be drawn upon in preparing replies to letters which the Prime Minister has received on foreign affairs.

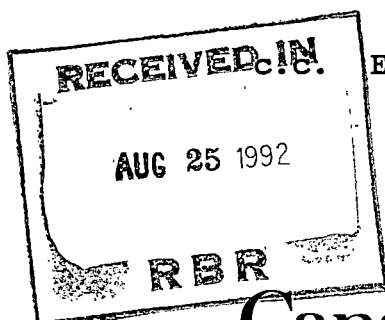
I would be grateful if you could arrange for a reply (within seven working days) to the attached letter for signature at the appropriate level within the Department of External Affairs and with copies to PMO/Correspondence and External Affairs/CMG. I would also welcome your advice on alternative ways of dealing with the matter, if appropriate.

If you have any questions, please call me at 957-5485.

[signature]

John McNee

Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat



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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
ZAGREB, 8. MAJA 42**

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Zagreb, 5 August 1992

Mr. BRIAN MULRONEY
Prime Minister of the government
of Canada
OTAWA - C A N A D A

Re: Appeal for rebuilding
the destroyed hospitals in
the Republic of Croatia

Dear Sir,

The Government of the Republic of Croatia had extended to you on 19. March 1992 an appeal concerning the possibility and opportunity to assist and support the reconstruction or reparation of some Croatian health facilities, being either destroyed or damaged during the war imposed to the Republic of Croatia.

As the war goes now to its end, more and more refugees and displaced persons are daily coming back to their homes in the crisis areas of the Republic of Croatia being needy, inter alia, of appropriate health care and health services in their areas.

Therefore, I would appreciate very much any information about your standpoints and decisions in this matter.

For your information you will find here enclosed a copy of the letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia to Mr Manfred Woerner, NATO Secretary General in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Andrija Hebrang, M.D., D.Sc.

Minister of Health



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

41 000 ZAGREB; Visoka ulica 22
Phone: 041/443-012 - Fax: 041/427-594

Mr. Manfred Wörner
NATO Secretary General
Brussels

28 July 1992

Dear Mr. Wörner,

I would like to remind you of the conversation we had in the course of your meeting with our President, Dr. Tudman, and the members of the Croatian delegation at the CSCE.

On that occasion I briefly acquainted you with the deplorable state of Croatian hospitals, a great number of which (20) has been either completely destroyed or severely damaged in the course of war operations. The Government and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Croatia propose the following solution for the problems caused by the severe lack of hospitals and other medical facilities:

1) Proposed short-term solution: we have been informed that NATO disposes of a number (50 odd) of mobile field hospitals that were prepared first for the East-West conflict and later for the Gulf War but were - fortunately - never used. These prefab hospitals are allegedly stored somewhere in the vicinity of Bremen, Germany.

In case that it would be possible for us to obtain a number of these hospitals as medical aid to our devastated country and our severely damaged health care institutions, we would install them in places where hospitals were either completely destroyed or severely damaged (such as: Karlovac, Lipik, Osijek, etc.). The medical staff (which Croatia has in sufficient numbers) would immediately start working in these hospitals. Simultaneously, construction or repair work would slowly proceed on the sites of the destroyed or damaged old hospitals. In this way there would be no delay in the provision of adequate health care to our population and the great number of refugees and displaced persons in the areas in question.

2) Proposed long-term solution: in February and March of this year, the Prime Minister of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Gregurić, and the Croatian Minister of Health, Prof. Dr. Andrija Hebrang, wrote to the presidents of the countries who had recognized the Republic of Croatia asking them for help in the reconstruction of destroyed or damaged Croatian hospitals. In their letters they proposed the following :

- individual hospitals in the countries prepared to render medical help (f.i. from Hamburg, London, New York or Vienna) would associate themselves with individual destroyed or damaged Croatian hospitals (f.i. the ones in Karlovac, Lipik , Osijek, etc.) on the principle

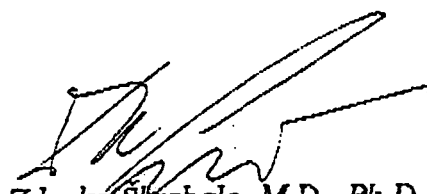
of "twin hospitals", which means that they would collect and send material aid for the construction or repair of the destroyed hospitals on one hand and establish cooperation on the professional level and training programmes for their medical staff over a number of years, on the other. In that manner friendly relations would be established between the two nations, between two cities or regions as well as among people from the medical profession and among scientists.

Unfortunately, to this day there has been no reply (enclosed you will find the addresses to which the letters were sent).

Dear Secretary General, being well acquainted with your efforts to help Croatia, I am taking the liberty to ask you to see personally to it that these projects - provided that you consider them feasible - are put into practice.

Thanking you in advance in the name of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for any form of assistance, I remain

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Zdenko Škrabalo, M.D., Ph.D.
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic Croatia

- Encl. ① Copies of the letters addressed to President Bush and Chancellor Kohl
② List of addresses to which the similar letters were sent
③ Descriptions of the destroyed hospitals (enclosed with the above letters)
④ "Diabetics in War"
⑤ Croatia: Hospital on Target, publication
⑥ War Against Croatia - Facts, publication
⑦ Croatian Medical Journal, War Suppl. 1 and 2/1992
⑧ Mass Killing and Genocide in Croatia 1991/92, book

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CORRESPONDENCE TRANSMITTAL FORM
FORMULE D'ACHEMINEMENT DE LA CORRESPONDANCE

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Dr. Franjo Greguric, President
NOM DU CORRESPONDANT: Republic of Croatia

ACCESSION NUMBER:

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**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

The President

Zagreb, 19 March 1992

*Mr. Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada
O t t a w a - Canada*

Your Excellency,

Please find enclosed the letter of Dr. Andrija Hebrang, the Minister of Health in the Croatian Government.

We kindly ask you to examine the letter of our Minister containing the appeal for help in the rebuilding of hospitals which have been greatly damaged and destroyed during the aggression by the army of former Yugoslavia.

We are looking forward to future friendly relations between our countries.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Dr. Franjo Greguric
President of the Government*

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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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Zagreb, 20 February 1992

Mr. Brian Mulroney
Prime-Minister of the Government of Canada

O t t a w a - Canada

RE: Appeal for rebuilding
the destroyed hospitals
in the Republic of Croatia

Your Excellency,

We appeal to you to consider the possibility of providing funds for the rebuilding of one of the destroyed hospitals in the Republic of Croatia.

The aggression on Croatia by the Yugoslav Army and the Republic of Serbia and the ensuing destruction have left a great number of health care institutions completely destroyed and many badly damaged. With so many health care facilities destroyed in the war, providing even the most essential health care for the refugees when they return will pose a problem. I can inform you that the Republic of Croatia has suffered terrible destruction in this war, which is still going on, and that without foreign help it will not be able to rebuild the destroyed health institutions.

Thus, we ask that you consider the possibility of helping us, as much as it is in your power, to rebuild the destroyed hospitals.

We are enclosing a report on the damage to health care facilities which includes eight hospitals on which we have all the required information, they are: the Vinkovci Medical Center, the Pakrac Medical Center, the Vukovar Medical Center, the Osijek General Hospital, the Special Hospital in Lipik, the Nova Gradiška Medical Center, the Šibenik Medical Center and the Gospić Medical Center. Another eight hospitals have been destroyed, along with a large number of facilities which provide general health care services, however, information on the extent of the damage is not yet accessible, thus we are unable to present it at this time. If you are interested, we would like to send you this information in the shortest possible time. The enclosed report provides information on particular health care institutions with reference to the scope of the health care services provided and the size of the population each served.

I would appreciate if you would inform us of your good intentions. In case that your decision is auspicious we would expect you to send your experts, who would determine on the spot the manner and the time of the reconstruction of any of the above mentioned health care institutions.

I ask your Government to take upon itself the reconstruction of one of the hospitals, we on our part will ensure that this is acknowledged in an appropriate and dignified way. The hospital would be a gesture of humanity and lasting friendship between our countries.

Allow me to express my deepest gratitude for your support and understanding in making a decision for which the people of Croatia will be enormously grateful.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Health of the Government
of the Republic of Croatia

Professor2 Andrija Hebrang, M.D., D.Sc.



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TO/À: FOREIGN AND DEFENCE POLICY

LETTER FROM/LETTRE DE: Dr. Franjo Greguric

SUBJECT/SUJET: Appeal for rebuilding the destroyed hospitals
in the Republic of Croatia

CC: Messrs. Tellier, Shortliffe, Bilodeau, Wright, d'Ombain, BF, Our files

LETTER DATE/
LETTRE DATEE DU: March 19, 1992

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Government of Canada
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Gouvernement du Canada
Bureau du Conseil privé

Ottawa, Canada
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Date: 22.4.92

MEMORANDUM TO:

RBR / Friedlander

Letter to the Prime Minister from:

PMO Ref. No. 20980/8/8458

We have arranged with the Under Secretary's office that the Department's services can be drawn upon in preparing replies to letters which the Prime Minister has received on foreign affairs.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for a reply (within seven working days) to the attached letter for signature at the appropriate level* within the Department of External Affairs and with copies to PMO/Correspondence and External Affairs/CMG. I would also welcome your advice on alternative ways of dealing with the matter, if appropriate.

If you have any questions, please call me at 957-5485.



John McNee

Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat

c.c. EA/CMG

* By the SEA, as discussed with

Ms. ROSSER. Mary

THANKS

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---CROATIA-CDA RELATIONS

ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER URBAN (ADM EQUIVALENT, RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH CDA) HAS ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM AT 11:00 24AUG, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS LONDON CONFERENCE AND CURRENT BILAT QUESTIONS.

(WE HAVE AGREED TO MEET APPROX MONTHLY TO REVIEW CURRENT QUESTIONS.)

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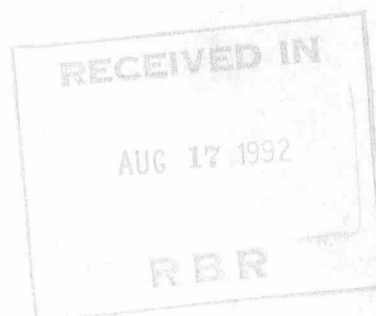
LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, WHO IS A PERSONAL FRIEND, HAS INVITED US TO A
DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE CROATIAN AMB ON 27AUG. AS I UNDERSTAND OUR
POLICY, WE HAVE OFFICIAL DELAINGS WITH CROATIA BUT WE HAVE NOT/NOT
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IMMEDIATE REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FRASER

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Mary Mosser
Deputy Director
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Action Memorandum for
The Secretary of State for External Affairs

cc: Minister for International Trade
Minister for External Relations and International
Development

ISSUE: Ex-Yugoslavia: Diplomatic Relations with Croatia,
Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina

RECOMMENDATION:

That Canada move immediately to establish diplomatic
relations with the three new republics.

M.D. Bell
M.D. Bell
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Europe Branch

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CONSIDERATIONS:

With the announcement August 6 by President Bush that the USA will establish diplomatic relations with Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Hercegovina, Canada now remains the only major Western country not to have taken this step. Lack of regular diplomatic relations has been creating complications and anomalies in our relations with those governments. The increased contacts we will be having with them, at a time when issues affecting them are the focal point of international attention, make more pressing the case for normalizing our relations.

When Canada recognized Croatia and Slovenia on January 15, 1992 we stated that diplomatic relations would follow when their governments produced assurances that they would observe international human rights commitments. Both governments have done so. There are no major concerns with regard to Slovenia. We also believe that the Croatian government has made real progress in implementing human rights, despite continuing doubts about its role in the Bosnian civil war and uncertainty as to its intentions with regard to the Serb-occupied areas of Croatia. The presidential and general elections of August 2 in Croatia are generally considered to have been free and fair.

In the period since recognition we have had very active contacts with Slovenian and especially with Croatian authorities, through unofficial channels: their representatives here in Canada and our Embassies in Vienna (for Slovenia) and Belgrade (for Zagreb), neither of course accredited. We have also had an official from this department assigned to Zagreb since January. He has been granted the status of "special diplomatic mission" by the Croatian cabinet.

In the case of Bosnia-Hercegovina, which we and other governments recognized in early April, the escalating civil war has precluded any extensive contacts. Nevertheless refugee-related issues, humanitarian activities and consular questions will require increased links with Bosnian authorities.

We believe that the time is now right to normalize diplomatic links with all three republics. The establishment by other Western governments of diplomatic relations with them has effectively ended any additional leverage on human rights

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performance Canada might have retained by continuing to withhold this step. It should be stressed that establishing diplomatic relations **does not** imply approval of the conduct of the governments concerned. Indeed, we and other governments maintain diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro), whose conduct we strongly condemn.

Diplomatic relations **would** ensure that normal channels of political contact are established. This would eliminate the anomaly of having diplomatic relations with some parts of the former Yugoslavia but not with others. (The case of Macedonia, another anomaly, must be addressed separately.) It would also remove the practical problem of our Embassy in Belgrade retaining consular and immigration responsibility for countries with which we have no diplomatic relations. It would permit our Canadian Forces Attaché to resume essential coverage of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia.

If you agree, we would propose that accreditation to Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and eventually Macedonia would be from Belgrade, with Slovenia covered from Vienna. Our office in Zagreb would remain for the time being, with a Canada-based Chargé d'Affaires.




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DIRECTOR GENERAL RAP, CSIS, CHUCK SVOBODA WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED
IN MEETING WITH SB HANSON ON HIS VISIT TO OTTAWA 19 AUG - 19 SEP
TO DISCUSS CSIS ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS RE BALKANS.

ANY ARRANGEMENTS YOU CAN MAKE TO FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE
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You may wish to raise with the SSEA the question of Canadian diplomatic relations with Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. We have recognized all three republics, but have not yet proceeded to establish regular diplomatic relations with them. This is giving rise to unnecessary complications and anomalies in our contacts with them.

2. When Canada recognized Croatia and Slovenia on January 15, 1992, we, like other Western countries, indicated that diplomatic relations would follow when those governments provided assurances that they would observe international human rights commitments. Most Western governments except the USA and Canada have now gone ahead to establish diplomatic relations with Slovenia and Croatia. We recommended a few weeks ago to the SSEA that Canada do likewise. Her preference at that time however was to continue to withhold diplomatic relations. She was not convinced of the Croatian government's commitment to human rights and was concerned that to establish diplomatic relations with Slovenia alone and not with Croatia would be deeply resented by the Croatian-Canadian community.

3. On April 8 we recognized Bosnia-Herzegovina and flagged to the SSEA at the time that diplomatic relations would have to be addressed. Our contacts with the Bosnian authorities since that time have been limited. Our more extensive political/diplomatic contacts with the Croatian government have been carried on through a temporary special representative from Ottawa, based in Zagreb. He is *de facto* accredited to Croatia but does not have consular authority. We have contacts with the Slovene authorities through their unofficial representatives in Ottawa and Toronto.

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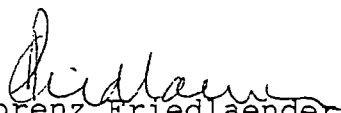
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4. Given our active role in helping to promote a peaceful settlement of the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, we believe the time is now right to establish normal diplomatic relations with all three republics. Doing so does **not** necessarily imply approval of the conduct of their governments; indeed we maintain diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) whose role in the Bosnian civil war we strongly condemn. What establishing diplomatic relations would do is ensure that normal channels of political contact are available. It would eliminate the anomaly of our Embassy in Belgrade retaining consular coverage of countries with which we have no diplomatic relations. It would permit the Canadian Forces Attaché in Belgrade to resume essential coverage of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

5. Once the SSEA's current views with regard to diplomatic relations are known, we can address separately the options for diplomatic representation. Our current thinking is that accreditation to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and eventually Macedonia would be from Belgrade with Slovenia covered from Vienna.

6. Would you wish to raise this with Mrs. McDougall?


Lorenz Friedlaender
Director
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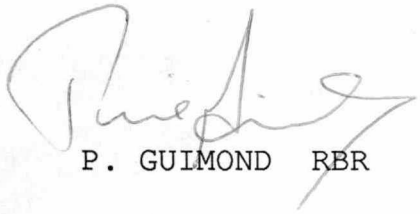
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--- CROATIA: BILATERAL RELATIONS

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WITH REGARDS TO VOTING TAKING PLACE IN CDA FOR CROATIAN
ELECTIONS, 02AUG92. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED ORALLY OF
FOLLOWING POSITION AND WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT SOON.
YOU COULD ALSO INFORM ORALLY/ORALLY YOUR CONTACTS IN MFA ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

- CDA HAS NO OBJECTION TO CDN RESIDENTS VOTING IN CROATIAN
GENERAL ELECTIONS;


P. GUIMOND

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- NO OBJECTION TO POLLING STATION BEING INSTALLED IN OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND TO A QUOTE REASONABLE NUMBER UNQUOTE OF OTHER STATIONS BEING LOCATED IN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND SIMILAR PLACES;
- CDA WOULD NEITHER ENCOURAGE NOR DISCOURAGE PARTICIPATION OF CDN CITS IN THESE ELECTIONS;
- IT WOULD NOT/NOT BE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA OR PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFICE TO BE INVOLVED IN AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN, ALTHOUGH THESE PERSONS CAN MAKE THE FACT OF THE ELECTION KNOWN, INFORM OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, LOCATION OF POLLING STATIONS, ETC;
- CDA EXPECTS ELECTION CAMPAIGN TO BE CONDUCTED IN LOW-KEY MANNER .

2. DUAL-CITIZENSHIP DIPLOMATIC REPS: ONCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED (AND THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS YET ABOUT WHEN THIS COULD BE), WE DO NOT/NOT EXPECT TO GRANT DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO ANY CDN CITIZENS. THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT APPLY TO HON CON.

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---CROATIA: BILATERAL RELATIONS

SUMMARY: DURING INTRODUCTORY MTG WITH NEW ASST FORMIN, LATTER
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUING LACK OF DIPLO RELATIONS, AND I
REVIEWED OUR CONCERNS RE HUMAN AND MINORITY RIGHTS, BOSNA-
HERCEGOVINA AND DEMOCRATISATION. CROATIANS HOPE THAT THEIR CITIZENS
IN CDA WILL BE ABLE TO CAST ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

2.REPORT: I MET 01JUL WITH NEW ASSISTANT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(ADM EQUIVALENT) ZELJKO URBAN, AT HIS REQUEST. (MY INITIAL RESPONSE
TO REQUEST, THAT 01JUL WAS CDA DAY, APPEARED TO MAKE NO/NO
PARTICULAR IMPRESSION, ALTHOUGH URBAN DID LEAD OFF BY EXPRESSING
BEST WISHES.)

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3.URBAN STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO CROATIA OF RELATIONS WITH CDA, AND HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE FULL RANGE OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES ONCE DIPLO RELATIONS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THIS STEP HAD NOT/NOT ALREADY BEEN TAKEN.

4.FURTHER TO REFTELCON, I RESPONDED THAT WE CONTINUED TO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT PROTECTION OF HUMAN AND MINORITY RIGHTS (HR/MR), CROATIAN INVOLVEMENT IN BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA, AND DEMOCRATISATION/FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. I ADDED THAT HR/MR ISSUES WERE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO SSEA.

5.ON HR/MR, URBAN REFERRED TO AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL (CONSTITUTIONAL) LAW ON MINORITIES (REF MYTEL QLGR0114 11MAY92). THIS WAS NOW LAW OF LAND, AND GOVT POLICY. I SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN PLEASED TO SEE THIS LEGISLATION PASSED, AND WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. HE OFFERED INFO ON REPRESENTATION OF DIFFERENT MINORITIES IN GOVT STRUCTURES.

6.ON B-H, URBAN REFERRED TO IZETBEGOVIC INTERVIEW OF APPROX 3/3 WEEKS AGO, IN WHICH B-H PRES HAD STRESSED THAT CROATIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL (HVO) FIGHTERS WERE UNDER COMMAND AND AUTHORITY OF B-H PRESIDENCY. SOME INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN HVO WERE B-H CITIZENS WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM SERVICE WITH CROATIAN ARMY (HV) SO THAT THEY MIGHT JOIN HVO.

7.I ASKED FOR COMMENT ON HSP LEADER PARAGA'S CLAIMS THAT HIS HOS MILITIA WERE FIGHTING IN B-H TO EXTEND CROATIAN FRONTIER TO DRINA

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RIVER. PARAGA, SAID URBAN, MADE ALL SORTS OF EXTRAORDINARY CLAIMS. HOS WAS NOT/NOT A SIGNIFICANT FORCE THERE, ALTHOUGH SOME WORE THEIR INSIGNIA (I HAVE BEEN TOLD INDEPENDENTLY THAT HOS MEMBERS CARRY GENEROUS SUPPLY OF SHOULDER PATCHES AND HAND THEM OUT TO ALL WHO WILL ACCEPT THEM). SITUATION IN B-H WAS VERY FLUID AND IZETBEGOVIC HAD LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT HELP FROM ANYONE WHO OFFERED IT. CROATIA, URBAN EMPHASISED, DID NOT/NOT SEEK FRONTIER ON DRINA.

8.ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, URBAN NOTED THAT CHARGES AGAINST SATIRIST TANJA TORBARINA HAD ALREADY BEEN DROPPED. HE WOULD NOT/NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY ON OTHER CASES BEFORE COURTS, BUT NOTED THAT IN ALL COUNTRIES THERE WAS PROVISION FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN SLANDERED OR LIBELLED TO SEEK LEGAL REMEDIES. I RESPONDED THAT CIVIL SUITS WERE ONE THING, AND CRIMINALISATION OF EXPRESSION SOMETHING ELSE.

9.URBAN RAISED SUBJECT OF FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, INDICATING THAT FOR FIRST TIME THERE WOULD BE PROVISION FOR ABSENTEE VOTING. INTENTION WAS TO ENABLE CROATIAN CITIZENS RESIDENT ABROAD TO VOTE IN PLACES WHERE THEY NORMALLY CONGREGATED, OR IN OFFICES OF CROATIAN REPRESENTATIVES. HE ASKED FOR FORMAL CONFIRMATION THAT THIS WAS NOT/NOT PROHIBITED BY CDN LAW. I AGREED TO SEEK CONFIRMATION AND ASKED THAT WE BE INFORMED IN DUE COURSE OF WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE PROPOSED.

10.AT THIS POINT, NOTE-TAKER ODRLJIN REFERRED TO CROATIAN REP FISTONIC AS QUOTE PLENIPOTENTIARY UNQUOTE. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO

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REITERATE CDN POSITION THAT AGREEMENT WOULD NOT/NOT BE GRANTED TO CDN CIT AS AMB OF ANOTHER CTRY. URBAN SAID THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT/NOT SURPRISED; USA HAD TAKEN SAME POSITION. I AGREED TO VERIFY WITH YOU WHETHER THIS ALSO APPLIED TO OTHER MISSION OFFICERS.

11.I PROVIDED URBAN WITH COPY OF NOTE SEEKING EXTENSION OF MISSION. HE ANTICIPATED NO/NO PROBLEMS.

12.AS WE WERE LEAVING; ODRLJIN ASKED WHETHER I COULD ESTIMATE WHEN DIPLO RELATIONS MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED. I SAID THAT I COULD NOT/NOT, BUT THAT POSITIVE BREAKTHROUGH IN B-H OR IN BRUSSELS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD OBVIOUSLY HELP.

13.PLS ADVISE ON QUESTIONS OF ABSENTEE VOTING AND DUAL-CIT DIPLO OFFICERS.

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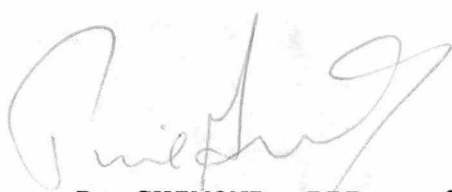

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--- CROATIA: NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

GIVEN THAT WE HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CROATIA AT THE
MOMENT, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT SSEA SEND CONGRATULATORY MSG
TO NEW CROATIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SKRABALO.

2. HOWEVER, IN DUE COURSE, WOULD APPRECIATE CV OF DR SKRABALO.

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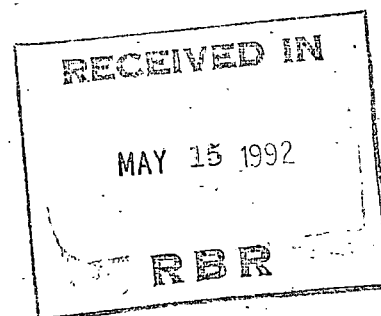
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---DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FORMER YUGO REPUBLICS

GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE ON HOW EMBASSY SHLD HANDLE RELATIONS WITH
EMBASSIES OF FORMER YUGO REPUBLICS. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED
LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM CROATIAN AMBASSADOR TO ESTABLISH
QUOTE PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL RELATIONS UNQUOTE.

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---CROATIA: LETTER FOR PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT

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---CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

SUMMARY: I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS PROPOSAL IN PLAY TO EXTEND ZAGRB MISSION FOR APPROX ONE YR OR MORE, PROBABLY BEYOND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS, DEPENDING ON WHEN DECISION TO DO SO IS TAKEN. DURING THAT TIME, ASSUMING THAT DURABLE PEACE IS ESTABLISHED AND SITUATION NORMALISES, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, DEMOCRATISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN AND MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEES, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME REALISTIC PROJECTIONS OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY AND DRAW CONCLUSIONS AS TO WHAT KIND OF CONTINUING RESIDENT PRESENCE, IF ANY, IS WARRANTED. ERUPTION OF CONFLICT IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA, AND QUESTION OF CROATIAN INVOLVEMENT THERE IS, HOWEVER, COMPLICATING FACTOR.

2.REPORT: IN REFTTEL, I SUGGESTED THAT RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COULD BE MADE ON BASIS OF BENCHMARKS RELATED TO SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT OF UNPROFOR AND ADOPTION BY CROATIAN GOVT OF SUFFICIENTLY BROAD AND CONCRETE MEASURES TO PROTECT HUMAN AND

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MINORITY RIGHTS (HR/MR). IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH APPROX 30/30 PER CENT OF CROATIAN TERRITORY OCCUPIED AND/OR UNDER UN PROTECTION,

IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE GUARANTEES IS NOT/NOT AT SOLE DISCRETION OF CROATIAN GOVT.

3.SINCE DESPATCH OF REFTEL, COMPLICATING FACTOR HAS ARISEN IN FORM

OF CONFLICT IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA AND CROATIAN INVOLVEMENT THERE.

IT IS NOT/NOT CLEAR THAT THIS INVOLVEMENT REFLECTS DELIBERATE INTERVENTION ON PART OF CROATIA, BUT AT VERY LEAST THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE WILLINGNESS TO TOLERATE ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO MAY NOT/NOT BE ACTING WITH GOVT AUTHORITY.

4.WHILE I AM RELUCTANT TO SUGGEST THAT AT THIS STAGE WE ADOPT ADDITIONAL CRITERION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS WITH CROATIA, QUESTION OF CROATIAN INVOLVEMENT IN B-H IS ONE FACTOR WHICH WE MAY NEED TO BEAR IN MIND AS WE PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT EVENTUAL DECISION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS. PHASED APPROACH MIGHT WELL BE

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INDICATED, BASED NOT/NOT ONLY ON PROGRESS IN PEACE PROCESS,
NORMALISATION OF SITUATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HR/MR
GUARANTEES

(OUR PREVIOUS BENCHMARKS), BUT ALSO ON DEVELOPMENTS IN B-H AND,
EVENTUALLY, DEMANDS OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY.

4.GIVEN OUR APPROACH TO QUESTION UP TO THIS POINT, ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLO RELATIONS WILL, IN CROATIAN EYES, CONSTITUTE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BY CDA THAT CROATIA HAS MET CRITERIA SET BY INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY.

5.RESIDENT EMBASSY IS OF COURSE ARDENTLY DESIRED BY CROATIAN GOVT

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AND PARTICULARLY BY SMALL CDN-ORIENTED CIRCLE WITHIN IT. IN MY VIEW, MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY CONTINUING CDN PRESENCE IS THAT IT BE MOST EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE WAY OF DEALING WITH PROGRAM DEMANDS. THERE IS LIKELY TO BE HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN POLITICAL RELATIONS SECTOR FOR FIRST YEAR OR SO OF NORMAL INDEPENDENCE, AS MULTITUDE OF BILATERAL CONTACTS ARE ESTABLISHED AT VARIOUS LEVELS, AND AS CROATIAN FOREIGN POLICY IS DEFINED AND PUT INTO OPERATION. IN ADDITION, DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION WILL BE IN STATE OF FERMENT AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND PROBABLY FOR SOME TIME AFTERWARD.

6.THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF IMMIGRATION AND CONSULAR WORK, AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIAL AND INCREASING LEVEL OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, BOTH PROGRAMS APPEAR TO BE MANAGEABLE ON NON-RESIDENT BASIS BY VISITING CDA-BASED OFFICERS WITH ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL STAFF. I SEE NO/NO IMMED REQUIREMENT FOR ZAGRB-BASED OFFICER TO BE TASKED WITH PPT/VISA ISSUING RESPONSIBILITIES.

ONLY CHANGE WHICH WOULD NOW APPEAR TO BE INDICATED IS ADDITION OF LOCALLY-ENGAGED COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT. STABILISATION OF SITUATION COULD WELL RESULT IN MAJOR INCREASES IN ACTIVITY, BUT AT THIS POINT ONE CAN ONLY SPECULATE.

7.I WOULD AGREE THAT CDA-BASED PRESENCE MAY BE REQUIRED TO

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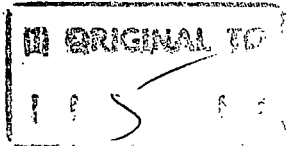
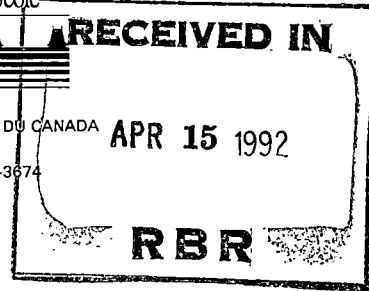
POLITICAL SITUATION, EITHER UNTIL PEACE SETTLEMENT IS ACHIEVED, UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THAT SOME OTHER SITUATION HAS BECOME THE NORM. FOR PERIOD IN QUESTION, THIS WOULD ENTAIL CONTINUING PRESENT SET-UP, ASSUMING THAT CROATIANS AGREE TO CONTINUING SPECIAL MISSION BEYOND ORIGINALLY-SPECIFIED SIX MONTHS AND POSSIBLY BEYOND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS. IF THEY DO NOT/NOT, THEN SOMETHING ELSE CAN PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT INVOLVING NOT/NOT MUCH MORE THAN CHANGE OF DESIGNATION.

8.THIS TEL DISCUSSED WITH BGRAD AND, IN EARLIER VERSION, WITH VIENN.

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Dear Mr. Guimond:

Could you please forward the following letter addressed to Dr. Zarko Domljan, President, Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, through our diplomatic channels. I have also enclosed a copy for your information.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

Hélène M. Lauzon

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Sam
Could you do this, please
Thank you
Phil



CANADA

April 9, 1992

Dr. Zarko Domljan
President
Parliament of the Republic of Croatia
Zagreb
Croatia

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you bring to our attention the current tragic situation in the Republic of Croatia.

Canadians remain convinced that the United Nations peacekeeping operations and the successful resumption of the peace conference are the first steps to a resolution of this conflict which has caused so much suffering. As you know, Canada is a major participant in the United Nations peacekeeping operations and has contributed over 1200 Canadian troops to the effort. We are confident that in due course the Canadian Government will be taking into consideration assistance to Croatia in its task of reconstruction.

We can assure you that Canada will continue to work within the United Nations to help find a peaceful settlement to this terrible crisis.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Charbonneau
Speaker of the Senate

John A. Fraser
Speaker of the House of Commons

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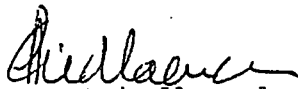
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REFERENCE MINA/Phillips request, April 14/92
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SUJET Diplomatic Relations: Situation in Croatia

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As requested, attached is a situation report on Croatia.


Lorenz Friedlaender
Director
Central and Eastern Europe
Relations Division

Att.

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SITUATION IN CROATIA

- There are continuing violations of the ceasefire agreement in **Croatia** as both Croatian and Yugoslav forces are trying to gain strategically significant territory before the full deployment of UN peacekeeping forces, scheduled for mid-May. The Croatian government defends its actions by claiming that it has to respond to provocation and that it has a legitimate right to act against foreign occupation of its territory.
- Armed formations from Croatia are also involved in the fighting in neighbouring **Bosnia-Herzegovina**. Canadian members of the EC Monitoring Mission report that Croatian soldiers in Bosnia do not hide their affiliation with Zagreb. The Croatian government flatly denies that it is involved in Bosnia despite the threat to the Croatian community in that republic. It argues that indeed soldiers may be coming from Croatia but that these are ethnic Croats from Bosnia returning to defend their homeland. Croatia has recognized Bosnia-Herzegovina while Serbia has not.
- Croatia is proceeding satisfactorily toward implementing its commitment on **human and minority rights**, although it has not provided new legislation yet. New assurances have been given by President Tudjman that the Constitutional Law will be amended according to these commitments. The Croatian government is aware of the international attention to its human rights record, particularly following a report by Helsinki Watch.
- Australia, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, and the Scandinavian countries have already established diplomatic relations with Croatia. **France's** position is evolving and contacts in the French Foreign Ministry indicate that an Ambassador has been appointed and that an exchange of documents on diplomatic relations is expected to take place at the end of April. On the day it recognized Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia, the **USA** indicated that consultations would begin immediately on establishing diplomatic relations. **Britain** is not ready to move until provisions for human and minority rights included in the EC proposal at the Peace Conference are put into legislation. According to their information, this could take place in the next few weeks.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: RBR/Friedlaender
FROM: MINA/Phillips *KP*
DATE: April 14, 1992
SUBJECT: Situation in Croatia

As just discussed with Pierre Guimond, the SSEA would like to have an up-date on the situation in Croatia before she answers RBR-0660.

2. The note should concentrate on the situation in Croatia, including our assessment of the Croatian government's role in events. It should expand on "Considerations" para 3 of the current memo.

3. Can this be managed for Wednesday afternoon, when the SSEA leaves Ottawa for the week? Thanks.



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--- SLOVENIA/CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

SSEA IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING OFFERING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIP

RELATIONS TO SLOVENIA AND CROATIA. WE HAVE NO/NO PARTICULAR

PROBLEMS WITH SLOVENIA, BUT GOVT OF CROATIA'S BEHAVIOUR OF

LAST SEVERAL WEEKS ON CROATIAN BATTLEFRONTS AND IN BOSNIA

RAISES NEW CONCERNS, IN ADDITION TO LIMITED PROGRESS TO DATE

ON CONCRETE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FOR MINORITIES.

2. IN ORDER TO UPDATE INFO AVAILABLE TO MINISTER, WOULD

APPRECIATE YOUR REPORTING ON CURRENT THINKING IN THE QUAI AND

AT FCO ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIP RELATIONS BY FRANCE AND UK. FOR

EXAMPLE, UNDERSTAND FROM ZAGRB/HANSON THAT FRANCE IS IN NO

HURRY TO ESTABLISH DIP REL WITH CROATIA BUT THAT FRENCH

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DIPLOMAT IS PRESENT IN ZAGRB ON QUOTE SPECIAL MISSION UNQUOTE
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---CROATIA: DIPLO RELATIONS: CRITERIA

SUMMARY: REVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF OUR BENCHMARKS FOR

ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELNS WITH CROATIA YIELDS REASONABLY

POSITIVE BALANCE, WITH ONE MAJOR EXCEPTION. EXPECTED UNSC DECISION

TO PROCEED WITH FULL DEPLOYMENT OF UNPROFOR MAY BE TAKEN AS

CONFIRMATION THAT FIRST OF OUR CRITERIA HAS BEEN LARGELY SATISFIED,

ALTHOUGH CEASEFIRE IS MORE DELICATE THAN EVER AND SOME ELEMENTS OF

STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT REMAIN TO BE SETTLED. CROATIAN ATTITUDE

TOWARD PEACE PROCESS APPEARS CONSTRUCTIVE, ALTHOUGH THEY CAN BE

EXPECTED TO BE INTRANSIGENT ON BORDERS. RECOGNITION OF BOSNA-

HERCEGOVINA SHOULD HELP TO REMOVE CONCERNS ABOUT NON-INTERVENTION

THERE. MAJOR OUTSTANDING QUESTION IS CROATIAN INTENTIONS RE

LEGISLATION ON HUMAN AND MINORITY RIGHTS.

2.REPORT: DECISION BY UN SECGEN TO RECOMMEND THAT FULL DEPLOYMENT
OF UNPROFOR PROCEED INDICATES THAT NO/NO MAJOR OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN
RAISED BY CROATIAN SIDE. IT APPEARS THAT VEXED QUESTION OF LEGAL
REGIME IN UNPAS IS NOW REGARDED AS POLITICAL ISSUE TO BE DEALT WITH

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IN AT BRUSSELS CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH NOT/NOT ALL DETAILS OF STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN SETTLED, IT WOULD SEEM THAT NO/NO MAJOR PROBLEMS REMAIN.

3. EVENTS OF PAST WEEKEND, AND CONTINUING ARTILLERY ATTACKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS, PROVIDE YET MORE PROOF (IF ANY WERE NEEDED) THAT CEASEFIRE IS ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL RATHER THAN MILITARY. VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED ON BOTH SIDES. ATTITUDE OF CROATIAN GOVT MAY BE JUDGED, HOWEVER, BY DECISION TO RELIEVE OSIJEK SECTOR COMMANDER OF HIS POST FOR FAILING TO PREVENT HIS FORCES FROM RETURNING FIRE.

4. CROATIAN APPROACH TO BRUSSELS CONFERENCE APPEARS TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE HARD (NOT/NOT TO SAY INTRANSIGENT BARGAINERS ON POINTS WHICH PARTICULARLY AFFECT THEIR VITAL INTERESTS. SINCE ARBITRATION COMMISSION ADVISED THAT FORMER REPUBLICAN BOUNDARIES SHOULD BE NOW BE CONSIDERED CROATIAS INTL BORDERS, CROATIANS BELIEVE THEIR LEGAL CASE TO BE UNASSAILABLE. THIS, OF COURSE, IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO QUESTION OF WHOSE WRIT SHALL RUN IN UNPAS: IN CROATIA THIS IS NOT/NOT JUST LEGAL BUT POLITICAL AND HIGHLY EMOTIVE QUESTION, AND CROATIAN GOVT DOES NOT/NOT HAVE MUCH ROOM TO MANOEUVRE.

5. ON BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA, PRES TUDJMAN IN BRU REITERATED CROATIAN COMMITMENT TO SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF B-H, AND ANNOUNCED AT LATEST PRESS CONF THAT CROATIA WOULD RECOGNISE B-H WHEN EC AND USA DID. THIS SHOULD DO MUCH TO DISPOSE OF CONCERNS

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9.SATISFACTION OF OTHER CRITERIA IS DEPENDENT TO LARGE DEGREE ON EXTERNAL FACTORS. MEANS TO DEAL WITH HR/MR QUESTION, HOWEVER, ARE MAINLY WITHIN HANDS OF CROATIAN GOVT. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR MOST IMPORTANT CRITERION IN REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE OUR CLOSE ATTENTION.

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Svijet

Specijalna misija u Hrvatskoj

O ulozima kanadske misije u Zagrebu i o tome kada će Kanada uspostaviti diplomatske odnose s Hrvatskom govori Sam Hanson, jedini član te misije

■ Karlo PAPIĆ



Sam Hanson

Kanada je ponudila u Hrvatsku prihvatiti kanadsku Specijalnu misiju sa sjedištem u Zagrebu. Sukladno Konvenciji Ujedinjenih naroda o specijalnim misijama, ova kanadska ima privremeni karakter. Njezin temeljni zadatak je suradnja s Vladom Republike Hrvatske u razdoblju do uspostave punih diplomatskih odnosa, a to bi trebalo trajati najduže 6 mjeseci, može i kraće, zavisno od razvoja situacije na terenu. Jedini član ove Misije je gosp. Sam Hanson. U ovom prijelaznom razdoblju konzularni odnosi će se odvijati preko kanadskog konzulata u Beogradu i počasnog konzula u Zagrebu.

Prema riječima gosp. Hansona, kanadska Specijalna misija nije ni diplomatska ni konzularna. Njezina uloga je specifična, zadatak joj je, prije svega, nadgledanje prekida vatre, pomoć pri razmještanju mirovnih snaga Ujedinjenih naroda a poglavito suradnja s Kanadancima koji služe u Promatračkoj misiji Europske zajednice i časnicima za vezu u postrojbama Ujedinjenih naroda, poticaj političkom rješenju rata u Hrvatskoj i na kraju, ljudska i manjinska prava u Hrvatskoj. Stoga je gosp. Hanson već posjetio Osijek i Gospić. U stalnoj je vezi sa srpskom manjinom u Hrvatskoj, te židovskim i muslimanskim vjerskim zajednicama. Nije loše ovom prigodom pripomenuti da u Hrvatskoj, pored srpske manjine postoje i druge: mađarska, češka, slovačka, rusinska... bilo bi dobro osvrnuti se i na njihove manjinske i ljudske probleme, kao i na probleme ostalih vjerskih zajednica u Hrvatskoj.

- Kakva je uloga kanadske Specijalne misije s obzirom na njezino ograničeno trajanje? - upitah smo gosp. Hansona.

- Uloga Specijalne misije je povezivanje s Vladom Republike Hrvatske u ovom ograničenom razdoblju i utvrđivanje možebitnih diplomatskih odnosa između Hrvatske i Kanade.

Vi mislite da rok, tj. za odgoda od 6 mjeseci može biti skraćena ili produžena, zavisno od situacije na terenu?

- Ovu smo Misiju utemeljili za razdoblje od 6 mjeseci, maksimalno. Ako to ne bude dovoljno tada ćemo, naravno, odlučiti treba li produžiti mandat Misiji ili donijeti drugačije odluke.

Znači li da će Kanada, poslije 6 mjeseci utvrditi diplomatske odnose s Hrvatskom na razini ambasada?

- Do sada nije donesena nikakva odluka kada će odnosi biti ustanovljeni. Taj problem stalno razmatramo.

Zašto Kanada tretira Hrvatsku na taj način?

- Kanada je, poput nekih drugih zemalja koje su odlučile priznati Hrvatsku, odlučila odgoditi ustanovljenje diplomatskih odnosa do rješenja nekih pitanja: nastavak prekida vatre, uspješan razmještaj mirovnih snaga Ujedinjenih naroda, političko rješenje rata u Hrvatskoj te ljudska i manjinska prava.

Kanadska Vlada pozdravlja jamstva hrvatske Vlade u zaštiti ljudskih i manjinskih prava. Očekujemo to i od hrvatskog zakonodavstva.

Na pitanje o prvim dojmovima gosp. Hanson je odgovorio da žitelji okrutno pate.



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ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS:
SLOVENIA AND CROATIA

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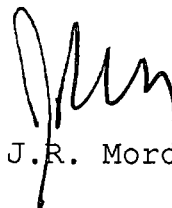
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David Wright
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May 22, 1992

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Republic of Slovenia
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Excellency:

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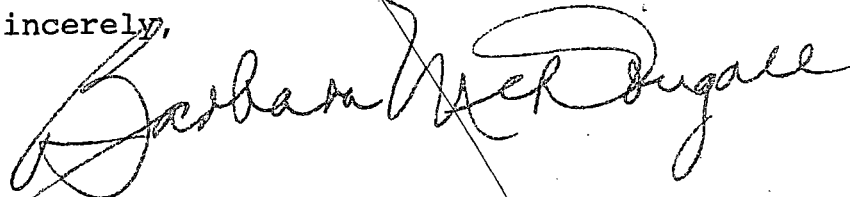
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Yours sincerely,

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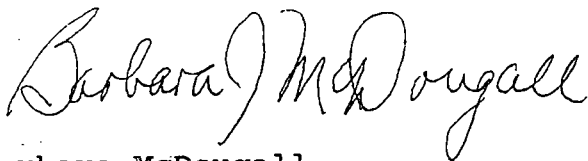
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It is our earnest hope that the necessary protection for human and minority rights will be incorporated into Croatian legislation without further delay. We also look to your Government for full cooperation with the UNPROFOR now being deployed in Croatia and within the Peace Conference on Yugoslavia, chaired by Lord Carrington. Within this peace process and as a new member of the Conference on Security and Cooperation, we expect Croatia to respect the integrity of its neighbours, particularly the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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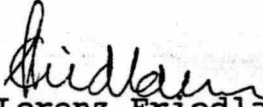
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I understand that Mrs. McDougall and Dr. Granic had the opportunity to meet briefly on the margin of the CSCE meeting. Any information that Dr. Granic would have been unable to pass to Mrs. McDougall in Helsinki could certainly be communicated to her through the Head of our Special Mission to Croatia, Mr. Sam Hanson. Mr. Hanson can be contacted at the Hotel Esplanade in Zagreb.

Yours sincerely,


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Director
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cc. Sam Hanson
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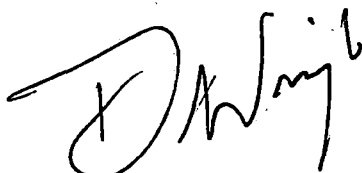
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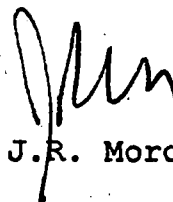
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It is our earnest hope that the necessary protection for human and minority rights will be incorporated into Croatian legislation without further delay. We also look to your Government for full cooperation with the UNPROFOR now being deployed in Croatia and within the Peace Conference on Yugoslavia, chaired by Lord Carrington. Within this peace process and as a new member of the Conference on Security and Cooperation, we expect Croatia to respect the integrity of its neighbours, particularly the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

I trust that the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Croatia will allow for the speedy development of numerous and varied contacts between the Canadian and Croatian peoples. Canada will support the full participation of Croatia in the international community, and particularly in the CSCE, the United Nations system and the international financial institutions.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara McDougall

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---CROATIA:STATUS OF SPECIAL MISSION

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(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)...AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL OF THE CDN GOVT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL MISSION WITH ITS SEAT IN ZAGREB.

BY THE SAME DECISION, THE NOMINATION OF MR SAM HANSON, OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA AS HEAD OF THE SPECIAL MISSION, WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE UN CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS OF 16DEC69, WAS ALSO ACCEPTED.

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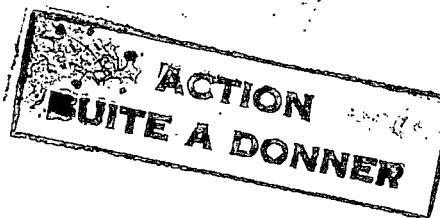
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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
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Zagreb, March 20, 1992



Cabinet of H.E.
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Due to the absence of the Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Zvonimir Šeparović who is currently visiting several Far East countries the Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Mate Granić will be representing Croatia at the CSCE Follow-up Meeting in Helsinki. Dr. Granić would greatly appreciate a meeting with H.E. Barbara Mc Dougal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada during the CSCE meeting in Helsinki.

The Deputy Prime Minister wishes to discuss important matters concerning the war in Croatia, Bruxelles Conference and the arrival of UN peace keeping force in Croatia. Dr. Granić is arriving to Helsinki on Monday March 23, 1992 at 3 p.m., and will be staying at the Conference on 24 and 25 March.

Mr. Ante Babić the spokesman for the Ministry will contact your delegation in Helsinki on Monday morning 23, March 1992 regarding any messages in relation to our request. Mr. Babić will be staying at "Grand Marina" Hotel, Phone No. 16661 from Saturday evening, March 21, 1992.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada the assurances of its highest consideration.

Marjan Kombol

Chef de Cabinet

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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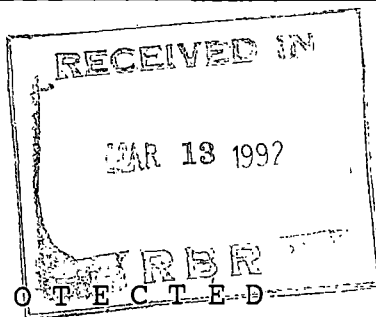
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---CROATIA: COURTESY VISIT BY NEW CROATIAN AMB IN VIENN

SUMMARY: DURING COURTESY VISIT BY NEW CROATIAN AMB IN VIENN,
LATTER REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM CDA FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF
CROATIA AND PRINCIPALLY FOR REHOUSING OF SOME OF 700,000
CROATIAN REFUGEES, MANY OF WHOM HAD SEEN THEIR HOUSES
DESTROYED DURING CIVIL WAR IN REGIONS NOW CONTROLLED BY SERBS.
HE EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES AND TIME THAT WILL BE NECESSARY TO
REBUILD COUNTRY. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT TENSE SITUATION IN
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND THOUGHT THAT CROATS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF
HERZEGOVINA, WHERE THEY FORMED MAJORITY, WERE TOO NATIONALIST
AND WANTED TO BE ATTACHED TO CROATIA.

2. REPORT: NEW CROATIAN AMB IN VIENN, WHO WAS FORMERLY

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YUGOSLAV AMB HERE, REQUESTED TO PAY COURTESY VISIT ON 11MAR. HE ADMITTED CANDIDLY THAT HE RECEIVED FEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY, DUE IN PART TO CHAOS IN MINISTRY AND PRIORITY GIVEN TO COUNTRIES THAT HAD NOT YET RECOGNISED CROATIA. HE WAS PREPARING HOWEVER VISIT NEXT WEEK OF ONE OF FOUR CROATIAN DEPUTY-PRIME-MINISTERS AND IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN EXCHANGES OF MANY VISITS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND CROATIA.

3. HE HAD VAGUE IDEAS ABOUT STATUS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CDA AND CROATIA AND WE INFORMED HIM OF MAJOR EVENTS IN THIS RESPECT SINCE CDAS RECOGNITION OF CROATIA. WE ALSO MENTIONED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT CDN AMB IN VIENN BE ACCREDITED TO CROATIA BU THAT FINAL DECISION ABOUT TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS STILL BEING CONSIDERED IN CDA AND WOULD DEPEND MAINLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF MINORITIES IN CROATIA.

4. CROATIAN AMB EMPHASISED BLEAK ECONOMIC SITUATION OF CROATIA AND THOUGHT THAT CDA COULD HELP. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE 700,000 REFUGEES WAITING TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. MANY OF THEM HAD SEEN THEIR HOMES DESTROYED IN WAR AND GOVT WAS FACING MAJOR PROBLEMS IN TRYING TO REHOUSE THESE PEOPLE. IN AREAS UNDER SERB CONTROL, IN PARTICULAR, HOMES OF CROATS HAD BEEN

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PILLAGED AND DESTROYED EXTENSIVELY. HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM (CERTAINLY MORE THAN 30 DAYS) AND IT WOULD NOT BE SIMPLY MATTER OF REFUGEES RETURNING HOME AFTER ARRIVAL OF UN TROOPS SINCE FOR MANY, THERE WAS NO HOME TO RETURN TO. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST, IN PARTICULAR, IN CHEAP PREFABRICATED HOUSING, A FIELD IN WHICH HE THOUGHT CDA HAD GREAT EXPERTISE.

5. RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD SYSTEM, AND INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DESTROYED DURING WAR WILL ALSO BE COSTLY. TO PUT AGRICULTURE BACK INTO PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY IN EASTERN SLAVONIA, WILL BE DIFFICULT. HE THOUGHT THAT UN TROOPS THAT WILL BE DEPLOYED IN AREA (INCLUDING CDN CONTINGENT) WILL HAVE TO ASSIST IN REMOVING MINES IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS BEFORE LIFE COULD RETURN TO NORMAL.

6. ON RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN CROATIA, HE SAID THAT GOVT HAD ADOPTED EXTENSIVE LEGISLATION AND THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH DOCUMENTATION IN THIS RESPECT. CROATIA WAS PREPARED TO TREAT ITS MINORITY WELL.

7. AMB WAS WORRIED ABOUT SITUATION IN BOSNIA WHERE LEVEL OF TENSION BETWEEN THREE COMMUNITIES WAS VERY HIGH. IF VIOLENCE EXPLODED, IT WOULD BE UNCONTROLLABLE, HE CONSIDERED BECAUSE COMMUNITIES ARE INTIMATELY MIXED TOGETHER, PARTICULARLY IN

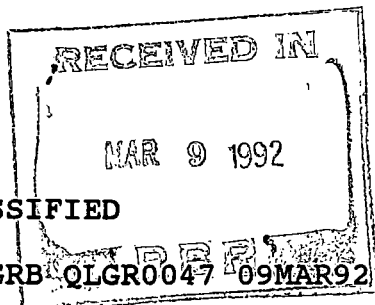
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SARAJEVO WHERE ONE WOULD BE LIKELY TO

SEE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE COMMUNITIES LIVING AS
NEIGHBOURS. EVERYBODY SPEAKS SAME LANGUAGE AND, EVEN FOR
YUGOSLAVS THEMSELVES, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH MEMBERS
OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, AS HE RECALLED FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE AS
YUGOSLAV TRANSPORT MINISTER WHEN HE HAD TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY
IN AREA. HE INDICATED ALSO THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT CROAT
COMMUNITY IN CERTAIN PARTS OF HERZEGOVINA WHERE THEY FORM
MAJORITY OF POPULATION. THEY WERE HARD NATIONALISTS AND WANTED
TO BE ATTACHED TO CROATIA. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE APPROX
10,000 OF THESE HERZEGOVINIAN CROATS IN AUSTRIA (OUT OF TOTAL
NUMBER OF 170,000 CROATS IN VIENNA) AND THAT THEY
WERE ALREADY GIVING HIM SOME DIFFICULTIES. BECAUSE OF NATURE
OF MIXED COMMUNITIES IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, HE DID NOT BELIEVE
THAT SEPARATION OF COMMUNITIES ON A CANTONAL SYSTEM SIMILAR TO
SWITZERLAND WAS PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO DEFUSE TENSION BETWEEN
VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

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---CROATIA:DIPLO RELATIONS:CRITERIA

SUMMARY:I BELIEVE THAT RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH DIPLO
RELATIONS AT CHARGE LEVEL CAN BE MADE ONCE: (A) UNPROFOR
DEPLOYMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND (B) WE ARE SATISFIED WITH CROATIAN
GOVT COMMITMENT TO AND PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN AND
MINORITY RIGHTS. FIRST CONCERN RELATES TO LINGERING POSSIBILITY
THAT PEACEKEEPING OPERATION MIGHT BE HELD UP BY CROATIAN ATTEMPTS
TO ATTACH CONDITIONS TO DEPLOYMENT. SECOND INVOLVES MINORITY
SPECIAL-STATUS LEGISLATION SUFFICIENT TO REMOVE BADINTER REPORT
RESERVATIONS, AS WELL AS ADOPTION OF NEW ELECTORAL LAW. HUMAN
RIGHTS PROVISIONS IN CONSTITUTION SEEM GENERALLY ADEQUATE,
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME OMISSIONS. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUARANTEES WE SEEK IS NOT/NOT AT SOLE
DISCRETION OF CROATIAN GOVT. IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE SEEN AS
GUIDE TO DEVELOPMENT, RATHER THAN ESTABLISHMENT, OF DIPLO
RELATIONS, IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF
CTRIES WHICH HAVE TAKEN SIMILAR APPROACH TO OURS.

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HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL, THAT BEFORE ESTABLISHING DIPLO RELATIONS WITH CROATIA WE WILL WISH TO BE SATISFIED WITH CROATIAN GOVT PLANS FOR ADHERENCE TO FUNDAMENTAL CSCE PRINCIPLES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF SERBIAN AND OTHER MINORITIES. OUR CONCERN GOES BEYOND CROATIAN GOVT ACCEPTANCE OF THESE PRINCIPLES, TO A NEED TO KNOW IN CONCRETE TERMS HOW THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS ENTAILS ADOPTION OF CERTAIN BENCHMARKS OR MILESTONES WHICH, WHEN ACHIEVED, WILL CLEAR WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS AT SOME LEVEL.

3. OTHER CTRIES, AMONG WHICH UK AND FRANCE HAVE HIGHEST LOCAL PROFILE, HAVE ALSO TAKEN POSITION THAT THEY WISH TO BE SATISFIED ON QUESTION OF HR/MR PROTECTION BEFORE THEY TAKE STEP OF ESTABLISHING DIPLO RELATIONS. THEIR VIEWS, AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENTS, WILL BE RELEVANT TO OUR OWN CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE. IN THIS CONTEST, HOWEVER, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT 15/15 CTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED DIPLO RELATIONS, INCLUDING SUCH TRADITIONAL GOOD COMPANY AS NORDICS AND AUSTRALIA.

4. IN MY VIEW, FIRST MILESTONE TO BE PASSED IS ONE WHICH IS IN NATURE OF PREREQUISITE FOR PROGRESS ON HR/MR PROTECTION: CROATIAN ACCEPTANCE OF PLAN FOR UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION. THIS PROBLEM AROSE AFTER RECOGNITION 15JAN AND HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY DISPOSED OF. I SAY QUOTE LARGELY UNQUOTE, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH CROATIAN GOVT WAS PERSUADED WITH SOME DIFFICULTY TO ACCEPT (AND RE-ACCEPT) VANCE ...3

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PLAN UNCONDITIONALLY, CONDITIONS WHICH IT SOUGHT TO IMPOSE MAY NOT/NOT HAVE BEEN LIFTED ENTIRELY. CROATIANS MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO TRANSFER AT LEAST SOME OF THESE CONDITIONS TO NEGOTIATION OF UNPROFOR STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (REF YOURFAX RBR0472 02MAR92). SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS AGREEMENT SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED OUR FIRST BENCHMARK.

5.NEXT BENCHMARK, IN MY VIEW, SHOULD BE LIFTING OF RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED IN BADINTER REPORT, WHICH CONCLUDED THAT CROATIAN QUOTE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW UNQUOTE OF 04DEC91 (REFFAX) DID NOT/NOT INTEGRALLY COVER ALL PROVISIONS OF 01NOV91 PROPOSED PEACE AGREEMENT. THIS RESERVATION RELATES SPECIFICALLY TO SUB-ARTICLE 2-C ON SPECIAL STATUS. REPORT INVITES CROATIAN AUTHORITIES TO AMEND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ACCORDINGLY, AND AMENDMENTS (AS WELL AS SEPARATE LAW TO ESTABLISH SELF-GOVERNING COUNTIES) ARE BEING DEBATED. ONCE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ADOPTED HERE, IT WILL PRESUMABLY BE INCUMBENT ON ARBITRATION COMMISSION TO ADVISE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE WHETHER NEW LEGISLATION SATISFIES TERMS OF PROPOSED PEACE AGREEMENT.

5.WE COULD DECIDE THAT ACCEPTANCE BY BRUSSELS CONF OF CROATIAN LEGISLATION PROVIDING SPECIAL STATUS FOR MINORITIES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CLEAR WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN CAREFUL UNTIL NOW NOT/NOT TO MAKE OUR DECISION EXCLUSIVELY OR EXPLICITLY DEPENDENT ON HAGUE/BRUSSELS PROCESS.

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ALTHOUGH LIFTING OF BADINTER RESERVATIONS IS NOW PROBABLY A NECESSARY CONDITION, IT SHOULD NOT/NOT BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF. OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF NEW AND AMENDED LEGISLATION, AS WELL AS LOCAL (ESPECIALLY MINORITY) REACTION SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

6. THIRD POSSIBLE BENCHMARK CONCERNS ACCESS TO POLITICAL PROCESS AT NATIONAL LEVEL. PROPOSED NEW ELECTORAL LAW WOULD ESTABLISH PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM UNDER WHICH A PARTY WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE MINIMUM OF 5/5 PER CENT OF VOTES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SEAT IN SABOR. VOTES OF PARTIES WHICH FAILED TO MEET THIS THRESHOLD WOULD BE REDISTRIBUTED AMONG THOSE WHICH PASSED IT. IF ELECTORAL RESULTS UNDER THIS SYSTEM CORRESPONDED TO RECENT POLL, ONLY RULING CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (HDZ), CROATIAN PEOPLES PARTY (HNS), CROATIAN SOCIAL-LIBERAL PARTY (HSLs) AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) WOULD BE REPRESENTED. ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING SERBIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CROATIA (SDSH) WOULD BE LEFT OUT. SOME COMMENTATORS HAVE OBJECTED THAT UNDER PROPOSED SYSTEM FOUR OR FIVE SMALL PARTIES COULD EACH RECEIVE AROUND 4/4 PER CENT OF POPULAR VOTE, WITH RESULT THAT 15/15 TO 20/20 PER CENT OF ELECTORATE WOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT. WE MIGHT THEREFORE WISH TO EVALUATE ELECTORAL SYSTEM AS EVENTUALLY ADOPTED AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL (ESPECIALLY MINORITY) REACTION.

7. ON MORE GENERAL QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CONSTITUTION PROVIDES ...5

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FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL OR OTHER OPINION, NATIONAL OR SOCIAL ORIGIN, ETC; EQUALITY BEFORE LAW, MINORITY RIGHTS (INCLUDING LANGUAGE); ACCESS TO LEGAL PROCESS. RIGHT TO LIFE AND LIBERTY IS GUARANTEED AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT EXCLUDED. PROVISION IS ALSO MADE FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, RIGHT OF PRIVACY, FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION, FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION, EQUALITY BEFORE LAW OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, AND RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY. THERE IS NO/NO ENTRENCHMENT CLAUSE SUCH AS WOULD EXCEPT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FROM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR GROUP RIGHTS AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ARE LACKING. OTHERWISE, ENUMERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONSTITUTION SEEMS GENERALLY ADEQUATE, ALTHOUGH YOU WILL WISH TO REVIEW THEM WITH REFERENCE TO CSCE AND OTHER STANDARDS.

8.ABOVE BENCHMARKS DEPEND ON ADOPTION OF DECISIONS, LEGISLATION OR AGREEMENTS, AND COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS. IF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS IS TO DEPEND ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTION OF MINORITIES, HOWEVER, IT COULD TAKE MUCH LONGER. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR SERB COOMUNITIES WOULD REQUIRE DELIMITATION OF COUNTIES IN OCCUPIED AREAS (KNIN, GLINA) WHERE CROATIAN WRIT DOES NOT/NOT PRESENTLY RUN. DEPLOYMENT OF UNPROFOR AND ESTABLISHMENT OF UNPAS IS EXPECTED BY MID-APRIL, BUT IT SEEMS AN OPEN (AND HIGHLY VEXED) QUESTION

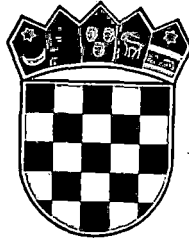
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WHETHER CROATIAN GOVT AUTHORITY WOULD BY THEN BE SUFFICIENTLY ESTABLISHED IN THOSE AREAS TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL SELF-GOVERNMENT. THIS MIGHT NOT/NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL PEACE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED HOME, AND NEW NATIONAL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD. IMPLEMENTATION IS THUS NOT/NOT AT SOLE DISCRETION OF CROATIAN GOVT.

9.I WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT RECOMMENDATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELATIONS AT MINIMUM, IE CHARGE LEVEL, BE BASED ON ACHIEVEMENT OF BENCHMARKS OUTLINED IN PARAS 4-6 ABOVE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF CTRIES WHICH HAVE ADOPTED SIMILAR APPROACH TO OURS. PACE AND LEVEL AT WHICH RELATIONS ARE SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED SHOULD BE GUIDED BY HR/MR IMPLEMENTATION AS WELL AS PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

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You are cordially invited to a reception for the opening of the Office of the Republic of Croatia in Ottawa. Special guests from the Government of Croatia will be present for this occasion.

At this time, we would also like to express our gratitude to all who have contributed towards the recognition of Croatia.

Reception will be held: Monday, March 9, 1992 at 6:30 p.m.
in The Reading Room 237-C, Centre Block, Parliament Hill.
Wine and cheese will be served.

R.S.V.P. - 230-7351 by Saturday, March 7, 1992.

Sincerely Yours,

Andre Fistonc
Authorized Representative

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---YUGOSLAVIA REPUBLICS: RECOGNITION/REPRESENTATION

CANADA HAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVENIA AND CROATIA (15JAN92) BUT HAS NOT/NOT ESTABLISHED DEPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EITHER REPUBLIC. CND CONSULATE IN ZAGREB (STAFFED BY HON CON) CONTINUES TO FUNCTION UNDER FORMER CONSULAR MANDATE. SPECIAL MISSION (SAM HANSON) SERVES POLITICAL LIAISON FUNCTION REPORTING TO HQ. THIS DOES NOT/NOT CONSTITUTE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

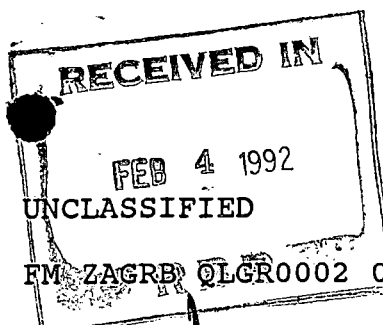
2. FYI CDN OFFICIAL (RBD) VISITED LUJBLJANA AND ZAGREB JAN31-FEB3 TO PRESENT PM LETS RE ORGANIZATION TO PRES KUCAN AND PRES TUDJMAN AND TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN DUE COURSE. CDA WILL WISH FIRST TO BE ASSURED OF SLOVENIAN AND CROATIAN GOVTS INTENTIONS TO IMPLEMENT CSCE HUMAN MINORITY RIGHTS COMMITMENTS, AND TO BACK UN PEACE PLAN, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH DEPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. NO/NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS TO WHICH EMBS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SLOVENIA AND CROATIA.

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---CROATIA: DIPLO RELATIONS

SUMMARY:AT BOTH POLITICAL AND OFFICIAL LEVELS,RBD EXPLAINED CDN INTENTIONS RE BILATERAL DIPLO RELATIONS,INCLUDING OUR CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEES,CROATIAN ASSUMPTION OF INTL OBLIGATIONS,AND DESPATCH OF SPECIAL REP TO CONTINUE PREPARATORY PROCESS.RBD ALSO EMPHASISED IMPORTANCE OF DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE AND NEED FOR SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT.YUGO INTERLOCUTORS MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO RBD AND DEL IN FAVOUR OF RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL DIPLO RELNS AT LEVEL OF RESIDENT AMBS.CROATIANS INTEND TO OPEN SMALL EMB IN OTT CONSULATE IN TORONTO AND POSSIBLY HONORARY CONSULATES IN MONTREAL AND WESTERN CDA(PROBABLY VANCOUVER).PRES TUDJMAN INDICATED THAT SPECIAL REP WOULD BE SENT TO CDA TO PREPARE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELNS.

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IVICA MIDRINIC (CROATIAN CDN RECENTLY RETURNED AFTER LIVING IN CDA SINCE EARLY 1960S) MADE ARTICULATE PRESENTATION ON WIDE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES NOW OPENING UP, AND ON STRONG POSITION WHICH INDEPENDENT CROATIA WOULD BE IN TO PENETRATE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN MARKETS. CROATIA GOVT AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY WERE EXTREMELY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD CDA AND CDN FIRMS WOULD HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES OPENING UP TO THEM. WE NOTE THAT NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF CDN BUSINESS VISITS TO CROATIA IS ALREADY IMPRESSIVE.

3. DURING MTGS AT MFA, VICE-MIN GAGRO TOOK NOTE OF RBD EXPOSITION OF CDN POSITION AND INTENTIONS, ESPECIALLY OUR CONCERNS RE HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEES AND ASSUMPTION BY CROATIA OF INTL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND SHARE OF YUGO DEBT. REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, GAGRO STATED THAT CROATIA WAS PREPARED TO OFFER ALL POSSIBLE GUARANTEES, AND THAT CROATIAN CONSTITUTION AND LEGISLATION WOULD MEET HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

4. ON SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS, GAGRO STATED THAT CROATIA WISHED TO INITIATE PROCESS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF HAGUE CONFERENCE, AND EXPECTED THAT SPECIAL COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH MATTER WOULD SOON BE ESTABLISHED. CROATIA WAS PREPARED TO ASSUME PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS FLOWING FROM PREVIOUS DESPENSATION. CROATIA WOULD ABIDE BY ALL APPLICABLE INTL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, UNTIL AND UNLESS THESE WERE CHANGED (HE RECEIVED FROM RBD LIST OF THOSE CONCERNING CDA).

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5. REGARDING INTL DEBT, GAGRO STATED THAT CROATIA HAD NO/NO PROBLEM WITH ASSUMING ITS SHARE OF YUGO DEBT, BUT NOTED THAT SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED BY WAR. WITHOUT ELABORATING OR DRAWING DIRECT LINK, HE NOTED THAT REPARATIONS MIGHT BE DUE TO CROATIA. CROATIA WOULD BE APPROACHING INTL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND HOPED FOR CDN SUPPORT IN INTEGRATING INTO INTL FINANCIAL AND ECON ORDER.

6. GAGRO EMPHASISED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO ENTER INTO FULL DIPLO RELATIONS ASAP, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CDA WOULD OPT FOR ESTABLISHMENT AT AMB LEVEL. HE WELCOMED APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REP AS REINFORCING CDN PRESENCE. BILAT RELATIONSHIP WOULD NOT/NOT BE COMPARABLE TO THAT BETWEEN CDA AND FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. LARGE AND WELL-ORGANISED CROATIAN COMMUNITY IN CDA (HE PUT NBR AT 300,000) WAS NOW MOBILISED ON QUESTION AND WAS EXERTING PRESSURE ON CROATIAN GOVT TO ESTABLISH FULL RELATIONS. CROATIA EXPECTED TO ESTABLISH CONGEN IN TORONTO, SMALL EMB IN OTT AND SUBSEQUENTLY HONORARY CONSULATES IN MONTREAL AND WEST (PROBABLY VNCVR).

7. MTGS WITH FORMIN SEPAROVIC AND PRES TUDJMAN DELAT PRINCIPALLY WITH NEED FOR DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, BUT THEY ALSO EMPHASISED NEED FOR WIDE-RANGING BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND KEY ROLE OF CDN CROATIAN COMMUNITY. TUDJMAN RESPONDED TO INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL REP BY INDICATING THAT CROATIA WOULD ALSO BE TAKING SIMILAR STEP.

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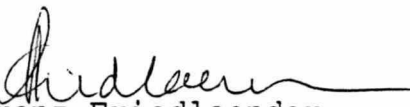
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Further to the procedure for accreditation outlined in the referenced memorandum, the Legal Advisory Division (JLA) points out that the question of treaty succession will be an aspect of Canadian relations with Croatia and Slovenia. JLA requests that we raise the issue of bilateral treaties which were in force between Canada and the former Yugoslavia, and which relate to Croatia and Slovenia as successor states.

Given the speed of events and the other pressing issues which these two states must address, a definitive position may not be possible now. However, a commitment in principle from them to succeed to the treaties which the former Yugoslavia had with Canada would be desirable, as part of the package of assurances being sought in the context of the establishment of diplomatic relations. I attach a list of the relevant bilateral treaties.

JLA is prepared to provide the necessary briefing material to whomever may be designated to pursue this matter in detail with Croatia and Slovenia.


Lorenz Friedlaender
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YUGOSLAVIA

AIR

Air Transport Agreement
Belgrade, **November 16, 1984**
Entered into force:
Provisionally: November 16, 1984
Definitively: March 21, 1985
CTS 1985/3

CLAIMS

See Property - December 23, 1948

COMMERCE

Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia
London, **May 12, 1927**
Entered into force February 9, 1928
BTS 1928/6

NOTES:

Canada acceded only to the Trade Clause by notice under Article 30

MFN treatment granted by Canada August 30, 1928; by Yugoslavia August 9, 1928, effective August 9, 1928

Suspended April 15, 1941; resumed July 7, 1945

Trade Agreement
Belgrade, **October 24, 1973**
Entered into force May 17, 1977
CTS 1977/18

CULTURE

Agreement on Film and Video Co-productions (with Rules of Procedure)
Montreal, **February 11, 1988**
In force October 3, 1988
CTS 1988/32

EXTRADITION

Treaty between the United Kingdom and Serbia for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals
Belgrade, **November 23 and December 6, 1900**
Entered into force August 13, 1901
BSP 92/41

INVESTMENT INSURANCE

Agreement on the Protection of Investments
Belgrade, **December 21, 1979**
Entered into force October 28, 1980
CTS 1980/36

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Convention between the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia regarding *Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters*
London, **February 27, 1936**
Entered into force August 18, 1937

NOTE:

Extended to Canada as of February 1, 1939 by an Exchange of Notes dated December 1 and 27, 1938 (CTS 1939/4)

PROPERTY

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia concerning Compensation for British Property, Rights and Interests affected by Yugoslav Measures of Nationalisation, Expropriation, Dispossession and Liquidation (with Exchanges of Notes)
London, **December 23, 1948**
Entered into force December 23, 1948
CTS 1948/29; UNTS 81/121

VISAS

Exchange of Notes concerning the Waiver of Visa Fees for Non-Immigrant Travellers between the two countries
Belgrade, **September 19, 1966**
Entered into force January 1, 1967
CTS 1967/24

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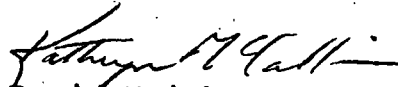
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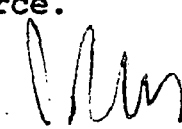
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ISSUE: Croatia and Slovenia: Next Steps

CURRENT SITUATION:

1. An official of this Department, Mr. Rodney Irwin, will be travelling to Croatia and Slovenia at the end of January to present letters from Prime Minister Mulroney to Presidents Tudjman and Kucan. He will initiate discussions on the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and these two states.
2. If Mr. Irwin reports that they have satisfied Canadian concerns about respect for human rights and protection of minorities, we will recommend to you that Canada establish diplomatic relations with Croatia and Slovenia. Our current planning is that our Ambassador in Vienna could be accredited to Slovenia and our Ambassador in Budapest to Croatia, if you agree.
3. Canada now has a Consulate in Zagreb with an Honorary Consul. A Canadian official, Mr. Sam Hanson, will arrive in Zagreb next week to provide a Canadian presence there for the next few months. He will serve as a "listening post," to protect the interests of Canadians and to liaise with the Canadian contingents of the EC monitoring mission, the UN liaison mission and, eventually, the UN peacekeeping force.


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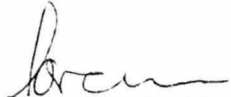
Dear John:

Diplomatic Relations with Slovenia and Croatia

Attached are the proposed texts of letters from the Prime Minister to the Presidents of Slovenia and Croatia.

The letters follow a similar line to that used in the draft letters to the Presidents of ex-Soviet republics, which were forwarded to you last week.

Yours sincerely,


Lorenz Friedlaender
Director
Central and Eastern Europe
Relations Division

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Dear Mr. President,

On January 15, 1992, Canada was pleased to be among the first countries to recognize Slovenia as an independent state. Canada is enriched by the presence of a large number of Canadians of Slovene heritage who have made an important contribution to the cultural diversity of our country.

We look forward to developing our relations with your country. Prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations, Canada will wish to be satisfied with respect to Slovenia's plans for adherence to the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and other CSCE documents, particularly regarding full respect for human rights and the protection of minorities. Canadian representatives will seek an early opportunity to discuss these matters with your government.

It is our earnest hope that Slovenia will take an active part in developing stable and constructive relations among the states of the former Yugoslav federation.

Canada is ready to support Slovenia in becoming a full member of the CSCE at the earliest opportunity. We are also prepared to play our role in helping Slovenia to integrate itself into the international economic system.

I do not underestimate the challenges Slovenia now faces. We wish the people of Slovenia every success as they chart their new course. Slovenia can count on Canada's full support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Milan Kucan
President
Republic of Slovenia
Ljubljana, Slovenia

Dear Mr. President,

On January 15, 1992, Canada was pleased to be among the first countries to recognize Croatia as an independent state. Canada is enriched by the presence of a large number of Canadians of Croatian heritage who have made an important contribution to the cultural diversity of our country.

We look forward to developing our relations with your country. Prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations, Canada will wish to be satisfied with respect to Croatia's plans for adherence to the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and other CSCE documents, particularly regarding full respect for human rights and the protection of the Serbian and other minorities in Croatia. Canadian representatives will seek an early opportunity to discuss these matters with your government.

Canada is ready to support Croatia in becoming a full member of the CSCE at the earliest opportunity. We are also prepared to play our role in helping Croatia to integrate itself into the international economic system.

Canadians have been deeply moved and disturbed by the tragic violence which has engulfed Croatia. We continue to believe that the best opportunity to bring an end to this conflict lies in the early deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping force. Canada is ready to do its part and my government has stated its willingness to participate in such a force. It is our earnest hope that Croatia will take an active part in developing stable and constructive relations among the states of the former Yugoslav federation.

I do not underestimate the challenges Croatia now faces. We wish the people of Croatia every success as they chart their new course. Croatia can count on Canada's full support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Franjo Tudjman
President
Republic of Croatia
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Canada may act, Croatsians told

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Prime Minister Brian Mulroney hinted strongly Thursday that Canada is preparing to take some form of action on civil strife in Yugoslavia.

Stopping to talk to two of the approximately 100 Croatian-Canadian students who waited outside Government House to speak with him, the prime minister was sympathetic with their pleas for Canada to recognize Croatia's declaration of independence from Yugoslavia.

"You can count on Canada doing every conceivable thing to help Croatia," Mulroney told George Kovacic, president of the Edmonton Croatian Student's Association.

"Canada was the first industrialized country in the world to recognize Ukraine and we won't hesitate to do it in other circumstances if we feel this is the only way we can advance the cause of peace."

However, at a press conference later, Mulroney admitted it's unlikely recognition of Croatia's sovereignty by Canada, or any other industrialized country, will bring about peace.

"If simple recognition could do it, it would have been done . . . a long time ago."

Mulroney said he still hopes a United Nations peacekeeping force that includes Canadians could bring about peace and stability.

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"But I suppose it's also true, if it's going to break down continually, you can't wait forever and Canada would not propose to stand idly by and do nothing," he told reporters.

Although Canada can't solve the problem by itself, "we can do some things and we won't hesitate to do them in the interest of protecting innocent Croatian lives who are being slaughtered by a rogue army that's completely out of control."

Mulroney wouldn't detail what that action could be but he said the federal government is getting impatient with the Serbian-led Yugoslavian army.

"This is a communist army that is out of control, strictly seeking to protect its own privilege and position in a republic that has disintegrated."

Mulroney's comments outside Government House Thursday evoked strong applause from the Croatian-Canadian crowd, who wished him "a good day" as he went into the building for a meeting with Premier Don Getty.

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By Jim Morris

CALGARY (CP) - Canada "will not hesitate" to defend innocent Croats in war-torn Yugoslavia, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told a group of pro-Croatian demonstrators Wednesday.

But he wouldn't guarantee Canada would recognize the breakaway state. "That alone will not solve the problem," Mulroney yelled, trying to be heard over about 45 people who shouted for his government to recognize Croatia.

Mulroney said Canada would support any United Nations force sent to restore the peace in Yugoslavia.

"We are going to try and get the United Nations there on an urgent basis," said Mulroney.

"If we can not get the United Nations peacekeeping force in there to protect the innocent people of Croatia, we will not hesitate to take every stand conceivable to protect the innocent people of Croatia."

Mulroney didn't immediately elaborate on what he meant.

Thousands have died in fighting in Yugoslavia since Croatia declared independence in June and its ethnic Serbian minority rebelled. Croatia has also been waging a war with the Serbian-controlled federal Yugoslavian army.

The loud, vocal group carried placards, shouted slogans and sang songs Wednesday while waiting for the prime minister outside a downtown building where he met the local chamber of commerce.

SHOOK HANDS

When Mulroney's motorcade arrived, he shook hands with several demonstrators, some of whom pressed against the barricades and bellowed at him to recognize Croatia and stop the fighting.

"Do something," yelled one woman, her face red from both the cold and emotion.

"What's the hurt of trying?" a man countered when Mulroney said he alone couldn't stop the war.

Police kept a watchful eye on the crowd and nervous aides stood close to the prime minister.

Ivan Suta, lead of the Croatian Democratic Union in Calgary, said he was disappointed Canada recognized the Baltic states and Ukraine, but not Croatia.

"We would like the Canadian government to explain why Croatia is different than the Baltic states and the Ukraine," Suta said.

STOP WAR

Canada's recognition of Croatia would be an important first step in stopping the civil war, he said.

"We believe it would stop the war in Croatia and would persuade the other sides to come to the negotiation table with all the parties involved."

Mulroney, whose wife Mila is of Yugoslavian descent, agreed innocent people are dying.

"The army is killing innocent people, exactly," he said.

"I've already said that Canada would be the first country to contribute what ever is required to the United Nations soldiers."

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By Jim Morris

CALGARY (CP) - If recognizing Croatia as a nation would stop the bloodshed in war-torn Yugoslavia, Canada and other countries would have done so long ago, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said Wednesday.

And Mulroney told about 45 pro-Croatia demonstrators that Canada would not hesitate to support Croatia if the United Nations does not become involved in the breakaway state's battle with Yugoslavia.

"If we cannot get the United Nations peacekeeping force in there to protect the innocent people of Croatia, we will not hesitate to take every stand conceivable to protect the innocent people of Croatia," Mulroney told the demonstrators gathered on a Calgary street.

The prime minister did not elaborate on what he meant before he left for a meeting with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

After the meeting, Mulroney said the United Nations must be involved before peace will return to Yugoslavia.

"If I thought that recognition of Croatia would solve the matter, surely that's a thought that would have occurred to the chancellor of Germany and the president of France and all the neighbors of Yugoslavia. Yet none of them have recognized Croatia," he said.

"I know the reason is they all believe the United Nations must be given a chance to bring about a ceasefire before you can deal with these technicalities."

MANY HAVE DIED

Thousands have died in fighting in Yugoslavia since Croatia declared its independence in June and its ethnic Serbian minority rebelled. Croatia has also been waging a war with the Serbian-controlled federal Yugoslavian army.

Canada's recognition of Croatia would help stop the civil war, said Ivan Suta, leader of the Croatian Democratic Union in Calgary.

"We believe it would stop the war in Croatia and would persuade the other sides to come to the negotiation table with all the parties involved."

Suta said Croatians are disappointed Canada has recognized the Baltic states and Ukraine, but not Croatia.

While meeting with reporters, Mulroney also took a swipe at the Reform party, saying the western-based party's agenda is a "recipe for the destruction of Canada."

Albertans should think carefully when voting in the next federal election, Mulroney cautioned.

"The Reform party is not going to form a government," he said.

"If Albertans support it, it could result in the election of an NDP-Liberal coalition government that would spell the end of a lot of growth in Alberta and a lot of the programs we have devised to help Alberta."

DENOUNCES SPEAKER

Mulroney laughed off a recent prediction by Ray Speaker, a Conservative member of Alberta's provincial government. Speaker said the Reformers could win all 26 Alberta federal seats in the next election.

"I don't know Mr. Speaker, and I don't think very many other Canadians know him, either," Mulroney said with a smirk.

"See him the morning after the next election (and) put reality up against his prediction. Thank him on behalf of all his federal Conservative colleagues for the great vote of confidence."

Questioned about national unity, Mulroney said his government is reviewing several different ways Canadians can participate in decisions about the country's future.

"There are realistically three or four and a combination there of," he said.

"We're considering all the implications of each one of them. When we've agreed on what it should be, then we'll spell it out."

Mulroney said Parliament has not renounced its right to hold a national referendum on Quebec sovereignty but ruled out any chance of calling a federal election on the Constitution.

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By Portia Priegert

OTTAWA (CP) - The federal government is facing growing demands to recognize Croatia following Canada's quick nod this week to an independent Ukraine.

Some 500 supporters of an independent Croatia braved a cold wind Wednesday on Parliament Hill to demand Canada recognize the independence of Croatia.

Victor Dodig, from the Canadian Croatian Information Centre, said it's time for the Mulroney government to live up to its commitment to human rights and self-determination.

"The prime minister constantly preaches human rights and democracy and he only pays lip service to the people of Croatia and Slovenia," said Dodig.

He questioned how Canada can recognize Ukraine the day after its independence referendum, yet Croatsians approved a similar question months ago.

But Barbara McDougall, the external affairs minister, said the cases are completely different and Canada cannot recognize the breakaway Yugoslav republic until fighting there stops.

"First and most important is an end to the violence," she said Wednesday outside the Commons. "There will be no recognition as long as this continues."

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She also said Croatia must have recognizable borders agreed to by all parties and must ensure human rights and protection of its minorities.

Canada has put its hopes for an end to violence in a United Nations mission to Yugoslavia to assess chances for bringing in peacekeepers.

But UN envoy Cyrus Vance said Wednesday that continuing violence in the troubled country is hindering the dispatch of a UN force to end five months of civil war.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said in Calgary that if peacekeeping proves unworkable, the Canadian government is prepared to take "every stand conceivable" to protect Croatians.

He did not specify what that meant, but an official in his office said it is doubtful Mulroney was referring to recognition.

McDougall's stance has been criticized by Tory MP Garth Turner.

"When the violence ends, it may be too late," he said. "Croatsians are incredibly under siege right now and I think they're looking for some kind of a positive signal from the rest of the world."

Thousands of people have died in violence in Yugoslavia that erupted after Croatia declared independence on June 25 and its ethnic Serbian minority rebelled.

Lloyd Axworthy, the external affairs critic, said the government has created a double standard in recognizing new countries.

"There are a lot of people in the country who are disturbed by the immediate response to the Ukraine and the really laggard and dilatory response to the problems in Croatia and Slovenia," he said.

Britain, Germany and Italy are said to be planning to recognize Croatia and Slovenia as independent countries by month's end.

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