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- 10 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:30 - 1:00 p.m. Plenary session "Encounter of Two Worlds" (presentation of papers and discussion)
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Plenary session "Encounter of Two Worlds" (presentation of papers and discussion)
- 6 p.m. Opening of the exhibition "Croats and the Americas"
- 7:30 p.m. Cocktail

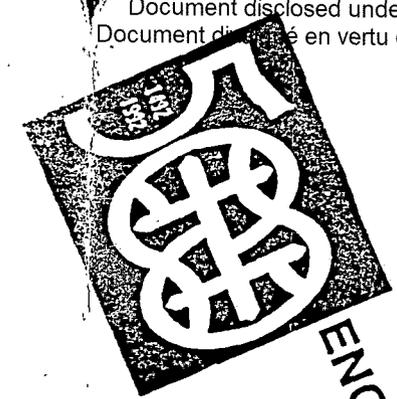
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- 9 - 11 a.m. Plenary session "Croats - the USA, Canada and Latin America"
- 11 - 11:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Plenary session "Strategy of economic cooperation between Croatia and Croatian emigrants in the USA, Canada and Latin America"
- 3:30 - 5 p.m. Plenary session "Role and influence of Croats in the USA, Canada and Latin America in science, culture and society"
- 5 - 5:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 5:30 - 7 p.m. Plenary session "Strategy of economic cooperation between Croatia and Croatian emigrants in the USA, Canada and Latin America"
- 7:30 p.m. Visit to the Croatian National Theatre

Wednesday (Nov. 18:1992)

- 8 - 9:30 a.m. Working session of Latin American specialists regarding cooperation on international projects
- 9:30 a.m. Visit to the castles in the Croatian Zagorje region (including closing remarks and working lunch)
- 4 p.m. Return to Zagreb and departure of participants

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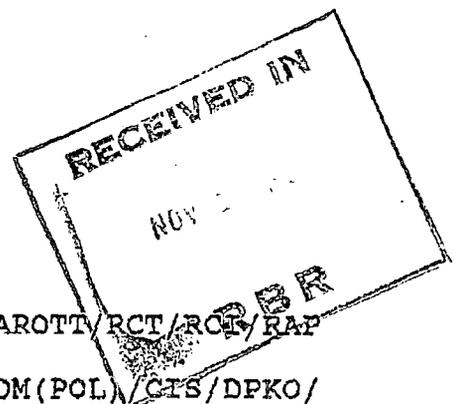
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---CROATIA: MEETING WITH PRES TUDJMAN: BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA

SUMMARY: TUDJMAN BEGAN 04NOV MEETING WITH STRONG STATEMENT REJECTING "BIASED AND ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATIONS" OF CROATIAN POLICY ON BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA. HE DENIED ANY COLLUSION WITH SERBS ON CARVE-UP OF B-H, DENIED THAT CROATIA WAS ENGAGED IN AGGRESSION AGAINST B-H, AND EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT WITH 04NOV OWEN STATEMENT. CROATIA RESPECTED AND SUPPORTED B-H SOVEREIGNTY AND WAS DOING WHAT IT COULD TO ASSIST. INTL COMMUNITY, HE SAID SHOULD TAKE MORE EFFECTIVE STEPS.

2.REPORT: TUDJMAN BEGAN BY OBSERVING THAT HE HAD FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED BIASED AND ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF CROATIAN POLICY ON B-H. HE REJECTED AS GROUNDLESS ACCUSATIONS OF A SECRET SERB-CROAT

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AGREEMENT ON CARVE-UP OF B-H. HE HAD IN FACT SPOKEN WITH REPS OF BOTH MUSLIM AND SERB B-H COMMUNITIES: FIRST, TO PREVENT WAR, AND NOW TO END IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. TUDJMAN ALSO REJECTED ACCUSATIONS THAT CROATIAN ARMED FORCES WERE TAKING PART IN AGGRESSION AGAINST B-H. IN FACT, CROATIA WAS HELPING LEGITIMATE GOVT OF B-H TO ORGANISE ITS DEFENCE. BILATERAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH B-H LEADERSHIP TO COORDINATE OPERATIONS IN BORDER AREAS. ACCUSATIONS THAT CROATIA WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FALL OF BOSANSKI BROD AND JAJCE WERE BASELESS. CROATIA, HE MAINTAINED, HAD ASSISTED HVO (CROATIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL OF B-H) TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. TUDJMAN THUS DECLARED HIMSELF ASTONISHED BY REUTERS REPORT 04NOV OF STATEMENT BY LORD OWEN CALLING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST CROATIA BECAUSE OF ITS INVOLVEMENT IN B-H. CROATIAN POLICY, HE SAID, HAD BEEN COMPLETELY CONSISTENT: IT RECOGNISED AND RESPECTED B-H'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY; HAD ESTABLISHED DIPLO RELATIONS AND APPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR; SIGNED A FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN CONTEXT OF WHICH BILATERAL ISSUES AND DEFENCE COOPERATION WERE BEING ADDRESSED; AND CROATIA WAS CARING FOR 500,000 REFUGEES FROM B-H. CROATIA HAD INDEED ASSISTED B-H CROATS TO ORGANISE THEIR DEFENCE: IF IT HAD NOT/NOT, THERE WOULD NOW BE NO/NO CROATS IN B-H AND OVER A MILLION B-H REFUGEES IN CROATIA.

5. TUDJMAN ADMITTED THAT IN WAR CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH SUCH ATROCITIES

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AS ETHNIC CLEANSING BEING CARRIED OUT, THERE HAD BEEN TWO OR THREE CLASHES BETWEEN B-H CROAT (LOCAL UNITS, NOT/NOT HVO) AND MUSLIM FORCES. HE HAD TOLD BOTH MUSLIM AND B-H CROAT LEADERSHIP THAT THEY SHOULD NOT/NOT ALLOW EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN THEIR RANKS, BUT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON DEFENCE COORDINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE. SITUATION IN B-H WAS BEING MADE WORSE BY WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS FOREIGN VOLUNTEER ELEMENTS IN BOTH SERB AND MUSLIM CAMPS.

6. CRISIS OF EX-YUGOSLAVIA, SAID TUDJMAN, WAS CONCENTRATED IN B-H. IT WAS NOT/NOT JUST A REGIONAL CRISIS, BUT WAS CRUCIAL TO EUROPEAN SECURITY AND VIABILITY OF UN. THIS WAS HISTORICALLY AN AREA OF CONFRONTATION, AND EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO ESTABLISH PEACE IN IT. HISTORY, HE SAID, LED CROATIA TO BELIEVE THAT B-H COULD SURVIVE ONLY AS A CTRY OF THREE CONSTITUENT PEOPLES.

7. ACCORDING TO TUDJMAN, HIS LATEST NEGOTIATIONS WITH IZETBEGOVIC HAD LAID BASIS FOR FIRM COOPERATION AND RELATIONS BETWEEN B-H CROATS AND MUSLIMS. IZETBEGOVIC HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS RESISTANCE BY B-H CROATS IN FACE OF SERB AGGRESSION WHICH HAD PREVENTED TOTAL COLLAPSE. IZETBEGOVIC HAD ALSO ACCEPTED PARTICIPATION OF CROAT REPS IN B-H GOVT.

8. THERE WAS, TUDJMAN REITERATED IN CONCLUSION, NO/NO AMBIGUITY IN CROATIA'S POLICY TOWARD B-H. INTERNATL COMMUNITY, HE SAID, SHOULD TAKE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO END WAR AND ESTABLISH PEACE.

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
DR. FRANJO TUĐMAN AND
PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
MR. ALIJA IZETBEGOVIĆ

The Croatian President Dr. Franjo Tuđman and the President of the Presidency of Bosnia-Herzegovina Mr. Alija Izetbegović met in Zagreb on Sunday November 1, 1992.

They reviewed the implementation of the Friendship and Cooperation Agreement between the two countries and discussed a number of topical issues of mutual interest, especially the recent misunderstandings.

President Izetbegović informed President Tuđman that next week Bosnia-Herzegovina was going to appoint its ambassador in Zagreb that ask for agrément. The embassies of the two states should be made operative as soon as possible and their services set up in order to assume their respective responsibilities in dealing with a series of questions involved in the relations between the two countries.

The two Presidents agreed that the latest conflicts between some B-H Army units and the Croatian Defence Council (HVO) formations were detrimental to their continued struggle against the joint aggressor. These conflicts should be stopped immediately and the culprits dismissed and punished. Joint unbiased commissions will be set up to determine individual responsibility. Similar occurrences will be avoided in the future through proper actions including urgent formation of a joint command of armed forces of B-H Army and HVO.

The struggle against the Serbian and Montenegrin extremist forces which have waged a war of conquest in Bosnia-Herzegovina and which, helped by Serbia and Montenegro, want to secede the Serbian-populated areas, remains the common goal of both parties. The declaration on the unification of areas occupied in Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina / the so-called Republic of Kraina and the so-called Serbian Republic/ is a new act of aggression against the two sovereign and internationally recognized states. What it amounts to is a direct crime against peace and international order including the principles of inviolability of state borders. The Presidents welcome the decision of the International community to form a commission for detection and prosecution of war criminals.

The two parties have appointed their representatives in the Joint Committee for Inter-State and Military cooperation which will start with its work immediately.

The two Presidents support in principle the draft constitution of B-H proposed by the Geneva Conference on former Yugoslavia, provided that its final wording should safeguard legitimate interests and equality of Moslem and Croatian peoples in B-H. Maximum efforts will be made to engage the legitimate representatives of the Serbian people in negotiations aimed at finding a political solution to the future of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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President Izetbegović informed President Tuđman on the coming reconstruction of the B-H Government. The post of Prime Minister will be entrusted to a nominee of the Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia-Herzegovina (HDZ BiH). HDZ President Mr. Mate Boban, who attended the meeting, said that the representatives of the Croatian people in B-H had proposed Mr. Miro Lasić as their member within the B-H Presidency.

The talks were attended by Dr. Jure Radić, Head of Presidential Office, Mr. Gojko Sušak, Croatian Defence Minister, General-Major Olobedan Praljak, Deputy Defence Minister, Mr. Mate Boban, President of HDZ BiH, Mr. Hairudin Somun, B-H Presidential Counsellor, and Mr. Šefko Omerbašić, President of Meshihat for Croatia and Slovenia.

Zagreb, 1 November 1992

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---CROATIA AND BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: DEFENCE COOPERATION

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, PRESIDENTS TUDJMAN AND IZETBEGOVIC SIGNED A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON DEFENCE COOPERATION IN NEW YORK 21SEP92. AGREEMENT DRAWS SPECIFICALLY ON AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 51 OF UN CHARTER, AND COMMITS BOTH CTRIES TO COORDINATE DEFENCE "UNTIL AGGRESSION COMPLETELY CEASES".

2. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION RECEIVED FROM MFA, WHICH CONTAINS ONE NOTABLE MALAPROPISM: INTENT IS CLEARLY TO PROCEED FROM BILAT AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, UN CHARTER AND UNSCR RESOLUTIONS, NOT TO "DEPART" FROM THEM.

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The President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegović, and the President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tuđman,

departing from the Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation between the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia of July 21, 1991 and following the discussions between the delegations of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia held in New York during the 47th session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 21, 1992,

aware of the importance of common interests of their two countries regarding their independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity,

deeply concerned because of the continued aggression of the remains of the former Yugoslav Army and the Serbian and Montenegrin regular and irregular troops against the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina,

taking into consideration that the remains of the so called Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) of the former Yugoslavia still occupy the region of the Republic of Croatia south of Dubrovnik, and that Serbian forces are launching attacks on the territory of the Republic of Croatia from the territory of the Republic Bosnia-Herzegovina, and that a part of the Serbian irregular units in Croatia disguised as local police offer resistance to the UNPROFOR efforts to implement the Cyrus Vance peace plan,

departing from the basic principles of the Chapter 51 of the Charter of the United Nations which defines the legitimate right of sovereign states to self-defence,

welcoming the peace actions and humanitarian efforts of the United Nations;

welcoming the UN Security Council Resolution 777 and the UN General Assembly Resolution 47/1 on delegitimation of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;

ready to continue to implement the conclusions of the London Conference and the above UN Security Council Resolutions and to actively promote the Geneva peace process,

have agreed to sign:

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**ANEX TO THE AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
AND THE REPUBLIC OD BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**

1. Diplomatic, political, and humanitarian efforts of the international community have not up to now stopped the aggression on the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia, sovereign members of the UN, nor did they diminished suffering of civilians. Because of this the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia demand firm action of the international community in order to be protected from the foreign aggression in accordance with the regulations outlined in the Seventh Chapter of the UN Charter.

2. The necessity to strenghten efforts to find a political solution for ending the war and implementing principles of the structure of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina as an equal and integral community of three constituent nations, is being emphasized once again.

3. In accordance with the right to self-defense and joint defense from the aggression, a joint committee will be established in order to coordinate defense until the aggression completely ceases.

4. The Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia will jointly demand the lifting of embargo on import of arms to the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, outlined in the UN Security Council Resolution 713.

5. The politics of defending human rights, prosecution and punishment of war criminals, especially those who committed genocide, will be persistently and consistently implemented in accordance with a customary law and codified international law.

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---CONSULAR AUTHORITY OF CROATIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN CDA

FOLLOWING IS ORIGINAL CROATIAN TEXT OF CROATIA - BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN URGENT CONSULAR CASES. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE IT TRANSLATED.

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Temeljem točke 6 Zajedničke izjave Predsjednika Republike Hrvatske i Predsjednika Predsjedništva Republike Bosne i Hercegovine, potpisane u Zagrebu i Sarajevu 15. lipnja 1992., kojom se oba predsjednika slažu da diplomatsko-konzularna predstavništva obiju zemalja uzajamno pružaju, u okviru svojih nadležnosti, svu potrebnu pomoć i usluge građanima Republike Hrvatske, odnosno Republike Bosne i Hercegovine u slučajevima kada predstavništava njihovih zemalja ne mogu pružiti tu pomoć, s time da će radnje u okviru takve uzajamne pomoći biti priznate kao valjane u obje države, Ministarstvo inozemnih poslova Republike Hrvatske i Ministarstvo za međunarodnu suradnju Republike Bosne i Hercegovine sklapaju

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o međusobnoj pomoći u hitnim konzularnim uslugama

I

Diplomatsko-konzularna predstavništva i inozemni uredi jedne države potpisnice ovoga Sporazuma pružit će potrebnu konzularnu pomoć državljanima druge države potpisnice u onim zemljama gdje jedna od ovih država nema svoje predstavništvo ili ured.

II

Pomoć će se pružiti u konzularnim predmetima koji su hitne naravi i čije bi odlaganje ugrozilo vitalne interese pojedine osobe ili izazvalo gubitak nekog njenog prava odnosno uzrokovalo znatnu imovinsku štetu.

III

Konzularne radnje koje se mogu u određenim prilikama smatrati hitnim i nužnim odnose se najčešće na:

- produženje valjanosti putnih isprava,
- izdavanje putnog lista za povratak u zemlju,
- izdavanje smrtovnice za prijenos posmrtnih ostataka,
- izdavanje potvrde da je osoba u životu,
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Prilikom izvršenja navedenih konzularnih radnji naplaćivat će se takse na osnovu Uredbe o administrativnim taksama Republike Hrvatske (NN broj 40/92), odnosno na osnovu odgovarajućeg propisa Republike Bosne i Hercegovine.

U Helsinkiju, 9. srpnja 1992. godine

Za MINISTARSTVO INOZEMNIH
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MINISTAR

Prof.dr. Zdenko Škrabalo

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---CROATIA: BILATERAL RELATIONS
FOLLOWING IS A REVISED LISTING OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE RECOGNISED CROATIA, ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IT, AND ESTABLISHED EMBASSIES. THIS IS BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE MFA, DATED 12OCT.

2. ACCORDING TO TO MFA INFO, THERE ARE 16 RESIDENT EMBASSIES IN CROATIA. 16 AMBASSADORS HAVE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS; OF THESE, THE FINNISH, DANE, NORWEGIAN, SPANISH AND NETHERLANS AMBASSADORS ARE RESIDENT IN BUDAPEST, AND THE AUSTRALIAN IN VIENNA.

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---CROATIA-YUGOSLAVIA RELATIONS

SUMMARY: CROAT AND YUGO DELS MET IN ZAGREB 12OCT FOR FIRST SESSION OF INTER-STATE CTTEE ON NORMALISATION OF BILAT RELATIONS. THIS WILL DEPEND ON VARIETY OF PRACTICAL QUESTIONS, NOT/NOT LEAST WITHDRAWAL OF REMAINING JNA FORCES FROM CROATIAN TERRITORY. ZAGREB MTG WAS ONE STEP FORWARD; NEXT WILL BE IN BELGRADE AT END OF NEXT WEEK.

2.REPORT: FOLLOWING SEVERAL HRS OF CLOSED-DOOR TALKS YUGO (OSKAR KOVAC) AND CROAT (JURE RADIC) HEADS OF DEL GAVE MEDIA STATEMENTS DESCRIBING MTG AS FOLLOW-UP TO TUDJMAN-COSIC AGREEMENT SIGNED IN GENEV. ACCORDING TO KOVAC, NORMALISATION WOULD DEPEND ON RANGE OF OPEN QUESTIONS INCLUDING MUTUAL RECOGNITION, NORMALISATION OF

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TRANSPORT, FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PROBLEMS RELATED TO HUMANITARIAN ACTION.

3. BOTH SIDES NAMED REPS TO INTER-STATE MIXED CTTEE PROVIDED FOR IN GENEV AGREEMENT. FIVE COMMISSIONS WERE FORMED TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF TRANSPORT, ENERGY, FINANCE, PAYMENTS (ESP PENSIONS), AND SUCCESSION (BOTH AS REGARDS BILAT RELATIONS AND PROPERTY OF FORMER YUGO). MTGS WILL BE HELD ALTERNATELY IN ZAGREB AND BELGRADE.

4. KOVAC NOTED THAT RRY POPULATION MOVEMENTS. SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE PREPARED, SAID KOVAC, BUT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO LIFT SANCTIONS AGAINST YUGO.

5. ACCORDING TO RADIC, THERE WAS NO/NO FUTURE FOR REGION UNLESS QUESTIONS OF SERB-CROAT AND YUGO-CROATIA RELATIONS WERE RESOLVED. ZAGREB MTG HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO FLESHING OUT DETAILS OF GENEV AGMENT ITEM BY ITEM. AREAS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED WHERE IT WAS POSSIBLE TO MOVE FORWARD. MOST PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED ON STEP BY STEP BASIS, BUT 12OCT MTG REPRESENTED ONE STEP FORWARD. IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT YUGO DEL HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT JNA WITHDRAWAL FROM PREVLAKA WAS GOING ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE AND SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY 20OCT; THIS WOULD BE FIRST STEP IN NORMALISATION OF

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BILAT RELATIONS. MIXED CTTEE AND COMMISSIONS WOULD ATTEMPT TO
ACHIEVE INTERIM SOLUTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS, BUT SOME
QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBJECT OF GLOBAL SOLUTION IN CONTEXT OF
INTERNATL COMMUNITY.

6. TODAY'S VJESNIK ALSO REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL INFO DR.
ZVONIMIR MARKOVIC HAS BEEN NAMED AS FIRST CROATIAN AMB TO ~~BERKODOL~~
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--- CROATIAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS:
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SUMMARY: THE CROATIAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, IVICA MUDRINIC, A CDN CITIZEN, CALLED ON THE AMB TO A) DESCRIBE THE SITU IN CROATIA AND B) TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT CDA WOULD SHORTLY RECOGNIZE CROATIA AND THAT CDN TOURISTS AND INVESTORS WOULD BEGIN COMING TO THE COUNTRY. AMB MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO/NO DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CROATIA, WHICH REMAINS THAT OF OUR AMB TO BGRAD. HE UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT CDN POLICY ON THE RECOGNITION OF CROATIA AS INDEED OF THE OTHER FORMER STATES OF YUGOSLAVIA DEPENDED UPON THEIR OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS AS WELL AS THE UN RESOLUTIONS AND THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE LDN CONFERENCE ON FYU.

2. REPORT: THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, IVICA MUDRINIC, CALLED ON ME TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN CROATIA IN THE COURSE OF A VISIT TO BPEST FOR THE EURO TELECOM FAIR. THE MINISTER, WHO MAKES A YOUNG, DYNAMIC AND INTELLIGENT IMPRESSION, IS ALSO A CDN CITIZEN. HE SEEMED TO HAVE THE MISAPPREHENSION THAT THE CDN EMB IN BPEST WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR RELNS WITH CROATIA.

3. HE DESCRIBED THE HEAVY REFUGEE BURDEN OF OVER 500,000 BEING .../2

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BORNE BY CROATIA, A COUNTRY OF NO MORE THAN 4.5M PEOPLE. HE INSISTED THAT IN SPITE OF THIS BURDEN CROATIA INTENDED TO COOPERATE WITH THE UN AUTHORITIES ON THE EVENTUAL REPATRIATION OF THE REFUGEES TO THE PARTS OF CROATIA STILL OCCUPIED BY SERB IRREGULARS. HE ASSURED ME THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF ENCOURAGING THE REFUGEES TO TRY TO RETURN HOME BEFORE UN AUTHORITIES DECIDED THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE.

4. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED THE STRONG HOPE THAT CDN TOURISTS WOULD BEGIN RETURNING TO CROATIA. HE ALSO HOPED THAT CDN INVESTORS WOULD BECOME INTERESTED IN CROATIA. IN REPLY I STATED THAT IF MY EXPERIENCE IN HUNGARY WAS ANY GUIDE, CROATIAN CANS WOULD PROBABLY BECOME INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO CROATIA FOR BUSINESS AND PLEASURE AS POLITICAL SITUATION STABILIZED AND THE ECONOMY REFORMS PROGRESSED.

5. THE MINISTER RAISED THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION. I EMPHASIZED THAT I HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR CROATIA AND THE QUESTION WOULD BE BETTER ADDRESSED TO OUR AMB TO BGRAD WHO IS NOW RESIDENT IN VIENNA. I HAD NO INFO ON WHEN CDA WOULD RECOGNIZE CROATIA. IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT CDN POLICY ON RECOGNITION OF ANY OF THE REPUBLICS OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA DEPENDED UPON THE ADHERENCE BY THESE REPUBLICS TO ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITY RIGHTS AS WELL AS COMPLIANCE WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCILS RESOLUTION AND THE RESULTS OF THE LDN CONFERENCE ON THE FORMER

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YUGOSLAVIA. I NOTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CSCE OF THE RECENT MISSION TO THE FORMER-YUGOSLAVIA, MAZOWIECKI HAD REPORTED THAT THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF SOME ETHNIC CLEANSING IN CROATIA. I ADDED THAT WE WERE LIKELY ALSO CONCERNED BY THE REPORTS OF THE COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE BOSNIAN-CROATIAN FORCES IN BH AS WELL AS THE RECENT REFUSAL OF THE CROATIAN MFA TO ACCEPT OUR DEMARCHE ASKING CROATIA TO USE ITS INFLUENCE ON THE BOSNIAN CROATS TO HAVE THEM SHOW CONSTRAINT.

6. IN RESPONSE, MUDRINIC AFFIRMED HIS GOVT'S DEDICATION TO DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND HIS HOPE THAT RECOGNITION WOULD SOON BE POSSIBLE.

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INFO SUR LES RESULTATS DE LA RENCONTRE ENTRE PM DE SLOVENIE ET DE CROATIE TENUE A ZAGRB A COMPTEUR DU 30SEP92 ET SUR LES RAPPORTS BILATERAUX ENTRE LES DEUX REPUBLIQUES EN GENERAL SERAIT APPRECIEE. TROUVEREZ EN ANNEXE RAPPORT DE PRESSE A CE SUJET.

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Les Premiers ministres slovène et croate ont entamé des discussions à Zagreb

ZAGREB, 30 sept (AFP) - Les Premiers ministres slovène Janez Drnovsek et croate Hrvoje Sarinic ont entamé mercredi à Zagreb des discussions sur les problèmes communs aux deux jeunes Etats, a annoncé l'agence Hinà.

Les délégations discuteront notamment le statut des propriétés d'un Etat sur le territoire de l'autre, ainsi que la question des frontières internationales qui dans certains endroits n'a pas été réglée et les projets d'autoroutes passant par la Slovénie et reliant la Croatie à l'Europe.

La Croatie et la Slovénie doivent signer à l'issue de cette rencontre un accord réglant la question des activités des pêcheurs slovènes, qui sont coincés dans les eaux slovènes du golfe de Pirana, dans les eaux croates, a ajouté la même source.

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---CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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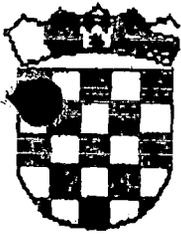
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THE CROATIAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WAS ASKED TO FORWARD A FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE CROATIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY:

Regarding the news broadcast by several foreign radio stations based on an article published in the "New York Times" that, at the Zagreb airport on September 4, the Croatian authorities had detained an Iranian aircraft Boeing 747 which was carrying weapons, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia issued the following statement:

On September 4, 1992, the Iranian aircraft Boeing 747, DLF-50, landed at the Zagreb airport Pleso with a customs entry for carrying humanitarian shipment for Bosnia and Herzegovina. During the inspection of the cargo which was performed in the presence of UNPROFOR representatives, it was discovered that the cargo also contained infantry weapons and munitions amongst its humanitarian aid.

Complying with the UN Security Council Resolution on the embargo regarding the import of weapons to the territory of former Yugoslavia, which the Republic of Croatia fully respects, the Iranian aircraft was returned and the weapons and munitions found in the aircraft were stored and put under control.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia has informed the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of this matter, expressing its conviction that such incidents will not happen again.

The Croatian Foreign Ministry has also informed the UN Board for Sanctions and asked for further instructions regarding this matter.

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---CROATIA ON ROAD TO DEMOCRACY:NEW GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY:RECENT INAGURATION OF CROATIAS NEWLY ELECTED HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES AND INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS

EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL MODERATION VIS-A-VIS SERBIAN MINORITY ARE

ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS.HOUSE ENDORSED AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OF

COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL,ECONOMIC,SOCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

REFORMS,DESIGNED TO TRANSFORM CROATIA INTO A MODERN AND MARKET-

ORIENTED DEMOCRACY.HOWEVER PROGRESS WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON SUCCESS

WITH WHICH CROATIA-WITH SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY-

MANAGES TO TACKLE SUFFOCATING SOCIO-ECONOMIC BURDENS IMPOSED BY

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGGES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND,EVEN

MORE IMPORTANTLY,THE SPEEDLY RETURN OF SOVEREIGN CONTROL OVER

EXTENSIVE TERRITORIES NOW HELD BY GREATER SERBIAN SEPARATISTS.

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REPORT:BEGINNING THIS WEEK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (ELECTED AUG2 UNDER CROATIAS NEW CONSTITUTION) CONVENED FOR A TWO-DAY INAUGURAL SESSION.WITH AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY(85 SEATS OUT OF 138) CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION WAS FIRMLY IN CONTROL,ELECTING PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE AND GIVING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TO A NEWLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT.SIGNIFICANTLY ONE OF THE THREE VICE-PRESIDENCIES FELL TO MILAN DJUKIC,LEADER OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLES PARTY,AS A GESTURE OF REASSURANCE TO MEMBERS OF SERBIAN MINORITY WHO DID NOT SIDE WITH SUPPORTERS OF A GREATER SERBIA.MINISTRIES OF DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION,EMIGRATION,INFORMATION WERE DROPPED AS MEASURES OF RATIONALISATION.

3.STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT TUDJMAN AND PRIME MINISTER SARENIC HIGHLIGHTED DAUNTING PROBLEMS FACED BY YOUTHFUL NATION AND AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM TO TACKLE THEM.MAJOR OBJECTIVES INCLUDE VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL,ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORMS- DELAYED BY THE WAR WITH SERBIA-TO TURN CROATIA INTO A MODERN, MARKET ORIENTED DEMOCRACY.ONE PRIORITY IS ELECTORAL LEGISLATION REQUIRED TO CONSTITUTE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AN UPPER HOUSE WITH LIMITED POWERS ELECTED BY THE COUNTIES.

4.HOWEVER OVERSHADOWING THESE ISSUES ARE THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BURDENS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AND DISPOLACED PERSONS FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE CROATITIA,THE URGENT NEED TO REIMPOSE SOVERIEGN CONTROL OVER LARGE TERRITORIES WITHIN.

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AND OUTSIDE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTED AREAS AND THEIR REOCCUPATION BY CROATS WHO ESCAPED OR WERE CHASED AWAY BY ENTHNICAL CLEANSING OPERATIONS.OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THESE ISSUES IS REFLECTED IN REGULARITY WITH WHICH THEY ARE ADDRESSED BY THE MEDIA AND THE EMPHASIS ATTACHED TO THEM BY PRESIDENT TUDJMAN AND HIS GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH RECENT INTERNATIONAL VISITORS INCLUDING MARRACK GOULDING AND VANCE/OWEN. THERE ARE REPORTS TO TRICKLES OF CROATS BACK INTO SOME AREAS FROM WHICH THEY HAD FLED,BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANT POPULATION MOVEMENTS THAT WOULD HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE PRESSURES FROM THESE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF WAR IN THE DIFFICULT PERIOD AHEAD.IN CIRCUMSTANCES STRAINS ON CROATIAN POPULATION AND CONSEQUENT FRUSTRATION AND TENSION CAN BE EXPECTED TO AUGMENT IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

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Dear Madam,

For decades Croatia has been anxious to promote its relations with your beautiful and big country. The principal reason for it is the fact that in the period preceding World War 1 and particularly after World War 2 a great number of our citizens left their homesteads in search of a better life and a new homeland over the Atlantic Ocean. Many of them or their descendants have become prominent citizens, leading businessmen or public personalities in their new country.

However, they have not forgotten their "old country" as a result of their separation from it. On the contrary. Such separation has only enhanced their efforts to help our two countries develop friendly economic, cultural and other relations. This link has been particularly manifested in the recent, most difficult period of Croatia's history, at a time when Croatia became confronted with the Serbian aggressive policy. From then on the immigrants of Croatian origin, not only in Canada, but also worldwide, have taken an active part in both giving the moral support by disseminating truth on the developments in ex-Yugoslavia and sending concrete and comprehensive material aid. The degree of their vigour and commitment in it, I believe, has greatly influenced the official attitudes in many countries, including Canada, leading to the recognition of the Republic of Croatia as an independent and sovereign state.

We are very glad that Canada was among the first states in the world and the first overseas country to recognize Croatia. We also highly appreciate your initiatives within the UN Security Council as well as efforts you have put in so far to politically resolve the Yugoslav crisis. The same applies to the present engagement of Canada, including its share in the UN peace keeping mission in Croatia.

Our special thanks are due for your actions within the International Red Cross and specialized UN agencies in providing humanitarian aid to Croatia and care for many refugees and displaced persons.

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In our regular meetings and talks with Mr. Sam Hansen, Chief of Canada's Special Mission in Croatia, we have often reiterated our gratitude for all your Government has done so far, but also our expectation to essentially upgrade the relations between our two countries by establishing diplomatic relations and opening diplomatic and consular representations, as it has been done recently with UK and USA and, earlier, with a number of leading states in Europe and overseas.

To this end we would be delighted to exchange official delegations of our two states as soon as possible. I am convinced that their discussions would promote our future cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Zdenko Škrabalo, M.D., Ph.D.
Minister

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---YUGOSLAVIA: FM OF CROATIA SKRABALO VISITS VIENNA

AS PART OF EXPLANATION ON CROATIA'S POSITION BEFORE PEACE

CONFERENCE IN LDN, CROATIAN FM SKRABALO EXPLAINED 24AUG DURING

VISIT TO VIENN THAT ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY SERB ARMY AND SERB

PARAMILITARY UNITS IN BOSNIA MUST STOP. ONLY THEN, WAY WOULD

BE PAVED FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. FOR

SKRABALO, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES IN PRESENT

CONFLICT, RANGING FROM POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH LDN

CONFERENCE WILL TRY TO PROMOTE, TO A MILITARY INTERVENTION IN

BOSNIA OR EVEN DIRECT MILITARY ATTACK, WHICH HE COMPARED TO A

SHOCK THERAPY, AGAINST THE SERBIAN REGIME AND CONTROL CENTRES

OF SERBIAN ARMED FORCES. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS

ATTACK SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED AGAINST SERBIAN PEOPLE IN

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GENERAL. SKRABALO, WHO HIMSELF IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR, INDICATED THAT A SHOCK THERAPY IS OFTEN VERY EFFECTIVE. ONE OF MAIN PURPOSES FOR SUCH A STRIKE WOULD BE FOR SILENT MAJORITY OF SERBS TO BE ABLE TO EXPRESS ITSELF, IMPLYING THAT MAJORITY OF SERBIAN PEOPLE DOES NOT AGREE WITH POLITICAL AND MILITARY SERBIAN LEADERSHIP. QUOTE THE SILENT MAJORITY IS OUR HOPE UNQUOTE, SKRABALO DECLARED.

2. SKRABALO DENIED THAT CROATIAN UNITS ARE DEPLOYED IN BOSNIA. ALLEGATIONS TO THIS EFFECT WERE CONSIDERED QUOTE SERBIAN PROPAGANDA UNQUOTE. SOME MEMBERS OF CROATIAN FORCES, WHO WERE ORIGINALLY FROM BOSNIA HAD RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGES AFTER WAR IN CROATIA AND HAD TAKEN UP ARMS IN BOSNIA. THESE INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, ARE NOW ALL UNDER COMMAND OF GOVT OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE NO UNOFFICIAL OR PARAMILITARY CROATIAN UNITS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA.

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---CROATIA: FOREIGN RELATIONS

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY INDICATING THE STATE OF CROATIA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS AS OF 21AUG92. BY THAT DATE, 85 COUNTRIES HAD RECOGNISED, AND 45 COUNTRIES HAD ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF JULY AND AUGUST, KAZAKHSTAN AND JAMAICA RECOGNISED CROATIA. INDIA, SUDAN, GREECE, BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA, MOLDOVA, USA, SOUTH AFRICA AND BULGARIA ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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- Brazil	· 24 Jan 92		
- Bulgaria	· 15 Jan 92	· 13 Aug 92	
- Canada	· 15 Jan 92		
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- Chile	· 16 Jan 92	· 15 Apr 92	
- China	· 27 Apr 92	· 13 May 92	
- Colombia	· 03 Mar 92		
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- Cyprus	· 27 Mar 92		
- Czech & Slovak Republic	· 16 Jan 92	· 11 May 92	· 11 May 92
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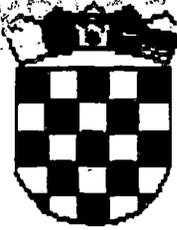
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---FORMER YUGOSLAVIA: UNSC RESOLUTIONS 770 AND 771

NEWLY-APPOINTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VLADIMIR SEKS (PRONOUNCED SHEKS) HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELATIONS WITH UNPROFOR FORMERLY EXERCISED BY MILAN RAMLJAK (WHO, AT HIS OWN REQUEST, WAS NOT RE-APPOINTED FOLLOWING RECENT ELECTION). SEKS HAS ADDRESSED LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DRAWING ATTENTION TO CONTINUING BOMBARDMENT OF SLAVONSKI BROD, AND PROPOSING THAT HUMANITARIAN LAND CORRIDOR BE OPENED FROM SLAVONSKI BROD/BOSANSKI BROD TO SARAJEVO.
2.FOLLOWING IS PRESS RELEASE 310 OF 20AUG92, ISSUED BY CROATIAN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.

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DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ŠEKS SENT A LETTER TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF SLAVONSKI BROD AND HUMANITARIAN AID

Calling upon the United Nations Security Council's Resolutions no. 770 and 771, of August 13, 1992, the Croatian Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Vladimir Šeks, sent a letter to the Chairman of the UN Security Council, Mr. Li Daoyu. The letter addressed the issues of Slavonski Brod and the securing of a humanitarian aid corridor in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Šeks sent this letter to point out that specific forms of war against the Republic of Croatia have occurred and since the international community has failed to deter the aggression, it can be held jointly responsible for the suffering of the civilian population of the Republic of Croatia, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Slavonski Brod Municipality has a population of about 120,000 people and is currently accommodating more than 20,000 refugees from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This municipality is outside the UNPA, yet is situated between Sectors East and West, and is under the full control of Croatian authorities. Slavonski Brod, in Croatia, and Bosanski Brod, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, are separated only by the river Sava, which is the international border for Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

For five months the Slavonski Brod Municipality has been under daily general alerts as well as air-raid warnings. This area is constantly under artillery attacks, from positions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as overflights and bombardments by fighter-jets of the former JNA. From March 23 to the present, the aggressor's aircraft flew over the area 130 times and were active for 30 minutes. Many types of weapons were used: cluster bombs, HVAR 59 mm rockets and surface-to-surface missiles (FROG-7), which are forbidden by international conventions.

The Serbian aggressor in Bosnia and Herzegovina is using that republic's territory to attack another sovereign state. The only aim of such aggression is the destruction of the civilian population and structures, in order to cause the suffering of innocent populations, including children and refugees. As a result of this aggression upon Slavonski Brod the town's hospital has treated some 5,500 patients, of whom over 180 civilians, including 43 children, have died. In the last ten days alone, 28 civilians were killed and 98 wounded. The day before this letter was sent, more than 200 artillery and tank projectiles fell on the town and 7 civilians were killed. These attacks upon civilian populations and structures are contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Convention of August 12, 1949.

Furthermore, the unprovoked, indiscriminate and savage attacks may result in an economic and ecological catastrophe which would occur, if oil facilities on both sides

of the river were destroyed. The consequence of that would be a new and terrible suffering of the civilian population and displaced persons.

In addition to the problems in Croatia, the suffering of the civilian population in northern Bosnia and Herzegovina was also addressed. Apart from the Goražde region, the area of northern Bosnia and Herzegovina is experiencing the largest suffering of the civilian population, including the Muslim displaced persons who have been surrounded by the enemy for many weeks.

The situation concerning the road from Bosanski Brod to Sarajevo is unknown, however on the basis of the Security Council resolution 770 (1992) and 771 (1992), in cooperation with the UN forces, regional forces and European defense organizations, the securing of a corridor for humanitarian aid to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the Slavonski Brod (Bosanski Brod)-Sarajevo route be carried out with military support. The securing of this corridor would result in the cessation of hostilities upon Croatia from Serbian aggressors in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Also, this corridor, along with the Split-Sarajevo corridor from the south, would result in the cessation of hostilities upon Bosnia and Herzegovina, and would ensure that the badly needed humanitarian aid reaches the northern and central part of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Šeks also wrote that the Republic of Croatia would provide full and comprehensive assistance for all activities of the international community in achieving the mentioned goals.

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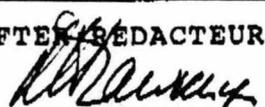
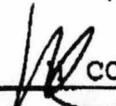
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CROATIA: AGREEMENT ON RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS

Geneva (ICRC) - On 28 and 29 July, Mr. Milan Panic, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Mr. Mate Granic, Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, signed an agreement under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the release of all prisoners still held in connection with the conflict in Croatia.

In accordance with Article 118 of the Third Geneva Convention and with the agreements reached at ICRC headquarters on 6 November 1991, about 1,200 prisoners are to be released unconditionally by both parties. The ICRC will coordinate the implementation of this latest agreement, which takes immediate effect and provides for completion of the process by 7 August 1992.

ICRC delegates have visited 6642 detainees and participated in the release of 3563 of them in the context of the Croatian conflict.

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---YUGOSLAVIE: RENCONTRE PANIC - GREGURIC

SOMMAIRE: SOUS LES AUSPICES DE CROIX ROUGE INTERNATIONALE, PM YUGOSLAVE MILAN PANIC ET PM CROATE GREGURIC ONT SIGNE A BUDAPEST ENTENTE PERMETTANT ECHANGE DE PRISONNIERS PREVUE 14 AOUT. GREGURIC A REFUSE PROPOSITION YUGOSLAVE DE REOUVRIR ROUTE BELGRADE-ZAGREB ET DE PERMETTRE RECONNAISSANCE MUTUELLE. LORS DE RENCONTRE SEPARÉE AVEC PM ANTALL, CE DERNIER A REPETE AU PM PANIC CE QUE HONGRIE ATTEND DE LA YUGOSLAVIE COMME CONTRIBUTION ENVERS SOLUTION DU CONFLIT. PM PANIC S EST LIMITE A SOLLICITER APPUI HONGROIS POUR SES ACTIONS, SE PRESENTANT COMME L HOMME DE LA SITUATION. HONGRIE CROIT QUE PANIC N EST QU UNE FIGURE TRANSITOIRE, PRATIQUE POUR MILOSEVIC PUISQU IL DETOURNE ATTENTION INTERNATIONALE, ET NE DEVRAIT PAS SURVIVRE A ECHEANCIER ELECTORAL DE L AUTOMNE PROCHAIN.

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---CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

LOCAL MEDIA HAVE JUST CARRIED REPORTS THAT UK AMB SPARROW HAS

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ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA DEPLOYED IN BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA

According to our information, there are some 35 Croatian Army brigades numbering between 44,000 and 50,000 troops presently deployed in northeastern and central Bosnia and Hercegovina.

There are 12 Croatian Army brigades in northeastern Bosnia, consisting of between 15,000 and 18,000 men (the 3rd, 113th, 157th, 102nd, 123rd, 105th, 106th, 122nd, 107th, 108th, 139th and 114th Croatian Army brigades) and equipped with 50 tanks, 70 support artillery guns, 200 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, and 250 Armbrust anti-tank missiles.

The 77th Croatian Army Brigade with 1,200 men is located in central Bosnia.

Croatian forces deployed in eastern Hercegovina amount to about 9 Croatian Army brigades with between 10,000 and 12,000 men (the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 163rd, 128th, and 118th Croatian Army brigades and sections of the 203rd brigade, and specially trained units for sabotage and terrorism, with 30 tanks, 40 support artillery guns, 100 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and about 150 Armbrust anti-tank missiles.

In western Hercegovina there are 13 Croatian Army brigades with between 18,000 and 20,000 troops (the 144th, 126th, 141st, 150th, 111th, 116th, 156th and 4th brigades, sections of the 115th brigade, the 3rd independent battle brigade, and the 1st regiment of the Croatian Army), equipped with some 30 tanks, 60-80 support artillery guns, 170 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, and 300 Armbrust anti-tank missiles.

The Croatian Army has two air force squadrons (one of mixed fighter-bomber aircraft and one composed of AN-2 crop-dusting aircraft modified for military purposes), which are carrying out air support actions for its forces in Bosnia and Hercegovina. ("Politika", 27.07.)

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---CROATIA: UNPAS AND BORDER CONTROL

SUMMARY: CROATIAN GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON UNPROFOR IN ORDER TO EXPAND EXERCISE OF ITS AUTHORITY IN UNPAS. IT DEMANDS THAT ITS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS BE CONTROLLED BY CROATIAN POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES, UNDER UNPROFOR MONITORING. STATEMENT IMPLICITLY ACCUSES UNPROFOR OF AT BEST INEFFECTIVENESS IN IMPLEMENTING UN PEACE PLAN AND (IN COMPARISON WITH IRAQ/KUWAIT CASE) SUGGESTS THAT DOUBLE STANDARD IS AT WORK.

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CROATIA DEMANDS FULL CONTROL OF ITS BORDERS IN UN-PROTECTED AREAS

CROATIA DEMANDED THIS WEEK THAT IT TAKE FULL CONTROL OF ITS BORDERS WITH SERBIA, HUNGARY AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY ENCOMPASSED IN UN-PROTECTED AREAS (UNPAS), SINCE UNPROFOR HAS NOT BEEN ENTRUSTED TO CONTROL THEM, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE PLAN. SUCH A SITUATION ENABLES THE SERBS TO SHIFT THE BORDERS OF SERBIA AND THE SERB-HELD AREAS OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA FROM THOSE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED TO THE EXISTING LINES OF DIVISION BETWEEN CROATIAN-CONTROLLED AREAS AND THE UNPAS, WHICH IS CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. IT ALSO ENABLES THE SERBIAN AUTHORITIES TO CHANGE THE ETHNIC STRUCTURE OF THE UNPAS BY SETTLING IN SERBS FROM SERBIA AND HERZEGOVINA, WHICH HAS BEEN COVERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AND VIOLATE THE UN-IMPOSED SANCTIONS AGAINST SERBIA BY IMPORTING THE GOODS PILLAGED IN THE UNPAS AND USING THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS AND TRADEMARKS OF CERTAIN UNPA-BASED CROATIAN FIRMS FOR THEIR IMPORT-EXPORT VENTURES, WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY COVERED BY THE SERBIAN MEDIA. MOREOVER, SERBIAN FORCES USE THE UNPAS FOR THEIR MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA.

SINCE EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO PROTECT ITS BORDERS

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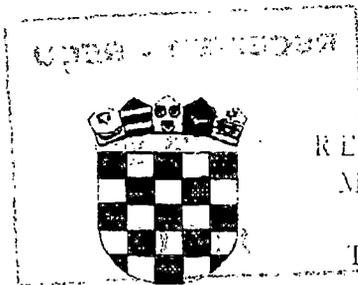
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ACCORDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, CROATIA DEMANDS THAT IT BE ENABLED TO CONTROL ITS BORDERS WITH POLICE, CUSTOMS AND HEALTH CARE OFFICERS, AT THE SAME TIME WELCOMING UNPROFOR ELEMENTS TO MONITOR THE BORDER CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES. THE FACT THAT SECTIONS OF THE CROATIAN BORDERS ARE TEMPORARILY UNDER UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION CANNOT DEROGATE CROATIA'S RIGHTS TO PROTECT THEM LIKE ANY OTHER UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATE.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE PLAN MAY BE JEOPARDIZED, SINCE THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE PRE-WAR ETHNIC STRUCTURE OF THE UNPAS, ONE OF THE STIPULATIONS IN THE PLAN, WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT CONTROL OVER THE CROATIAN BORDERS WITH SERBIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, FROM WHERE THOUSANDS OF SERBS HAVE BEEN SETTLED IN THE UNPAS. THAT WOULD MEAN THE POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR THE UNPAS WOULD BE PREJUDGED, WHICH IS IN DIRECT CONTRAVENTION TO THE PEACE PLAN. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONDEMNED THE AGGRESSOR AND INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PREVENT ANY ATTEMPTS BY THE INVADER TO REPOPULATE THE OCCUPIED COUNTRY WITH ITS OWN NATIONALS, IN RESOLUTION 677 (1990) OF NOVEMBER 28, 1990.

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AN AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN CROATIA AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SIGNED IN ZAGREB TUESDAY

Presidents of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina signed an agreement on friendship and cooperation between the two countries yesterday in Zagreb, which is to amicably resolve questions vital for their mutual relations and their joint resistance to aggression.

The agreement emphasizes that the Croatian Defence Council (CDC) units form an integral part of the unitary armed forces of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that the CDC shall have its representatives in the B-H joint military headquarters. The temporary civilian authorities which stemmed from the CDC under wartime conditions shall, according to the agreement, be brought in line with the legal and constitutional system of Bosnia-Herzegovina as soon as possible, while talks on this issue will start immediately.

Stating that Serbian and Montenegrin military forces are continuing their aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina and that the aggression against Croatia is being carried out to a considerable extent from the border areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the two presidents called on the international community to take concrete and efficient measures to stop the aggression against the two countries and prevent further loss of life, persecutions and expulsions of their citizens and destruction of property. The agreement states that unless the aggression against them is stopped, the two countries shall - in case efforts by the international community remain ineffective - consider and resort to all necessary forms of a broader military cooperation as well as adjust their military operations in order to finally avert the danger that threatens them.

The two presidents agreed that the future state system of Bosnia-Herzegovina should be based on full equality of three constitutive nations: Muslims, Croats and Serbs. The constitutional and political system will be based on constitutive units to be set up by taking into account the national, historic, cultural, economic, communication and other considerations.

The two countries shall, according to the agreement, mutually enable their citizens to obtain dual citizenship.

The agreement envisages further cooperation in a number of fields, notably in real estate and property problems of one state in the other, finance, economy, industry, energy, environment protection, employment and welfare, health care, education, science, culture, sports, information and religion. The two countries have also agreed to cooperate in matters related to interior affairs and judiciary.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina delegation expressed their gratitude to Croatia for its acceptance and care for the refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina. A separate protocol regulating further measures regarding the refugee problem will be signed.

The agreement regulates that the countries' presidents will meet at least twice a year, while their governments and individual ministries will hold meetings on a periodical basis, in order to continue their cooperation to date and to discuss results achieved and possible unresolved issues.

The two countries established diplomatic relations at an ambassadorial level.

"The agreement we signed today serves to stop the aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina, to help defence efforts of our countries, and to promote cooperation in all fields of economy and culture," stated Croatian President Dr. Franjo Tudjman at a press conference on Tuesday. President Alija Izetbegović agreed with President Tudjman and said that he believed that "this agreement would bring us a step closer to peace." "The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina is very difficult, and for that reason it was essential that Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina reaffirm their readiness to cooperate in those fields to which they are directed by their geographical and political position." President Izetbegović denied that a military alliance between the two countries had been formalized by this agreement, saying that the existing military cooperation against the aggression "will be coordinated and that kind of cooperation will continue to exist."

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The President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina Mr. Alija Izetbegović and the President of the Republic of Croatia Dr. Franjo Tuđman, after the talks of Bosnian-Herzegovian and Croatian delegations of 21 July in Zagreb, have reached the following

AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
REPUBLICS OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AND CROATIA

The President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the President of the Republic of Croatia,

Departing from joint interests of their countries in the defence of their independence and territorial integrity;

Deeply concerned about the continued aggression of the remnants of the Yugoslav Army (JNA) of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRJ) and the Serbian and Montenegrin regular and irregular troops against their territories;

Accepting the UN Security Council resolutions No. 752 (1992) of 15 July 1992, No. 757 (1992) of 30 May 1992, No. 760 (1992) of 18 June 1992, No. 761 (1992) of 29 June 1992, No. 762 (1992) of 30 June 1992 and No. 764 (1992) of 13 July 1992;

Accepting the opinions expressed so far by the Arbitration Commission of the Conference on Yugoslavia, notably the one concerning the cessation of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the need to abolish its membership in international organizations and the principles to be applied in dealing with the question of succession;

Aware of the need to amicably resolve questions vital for their mutual relations and joint resistance to aggression;

Have agreed as follows:

1. The President of the Presidency of the Republic Bosnia-Herzegovina and the President of the Republic of Croatia agree that the future state system of Bosnia-Herzegovina should be based on full equality of three constitutive peoples: Moslems, Croats and Serbs. The constitutional and political system will be based on constitutive units to be set up by taking into account the national, historic, cultural, economic, communication and other considerations.

2. The Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia will mutually cooperate and exchange their views, with full respect for their specific interests and aware of the fact that their interests are interconnected, on matters related to economic and financial fields as well as industry and energy, utilization of waters and protection of environment, cooperation in efforts to revitalize their respective areas, dealing with real estate and property problems of

physical and corporate persons of one state in the other, adjustment of policies, notably in the area of employment and welfare, health care, education, science, culture and sports, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation, information and religion.

3. The state delegation of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina have expressed their gratitude to the Republic of Croatia for its acceptance of and care for the refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina beyond the capacities of the Republic of Croatia.

The Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, faced as they are with the grave problem of mass persecutions, especially of Moslem and Croatian population in Bosnia-Herzegovina, will cooperate in actions aimed at taking care of the refugees in the Republic of Croatia and other countries, collection of relief supplies and financial aid, construction of refugee camps in safe areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina and repatriation of refugees to Bosnia-Herzegovina from their shelters in Croatia. For this purpose a separate protocol on cooperation will be signed.

4. The Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia will also cooperate, departing from their joint and specific interests, in matters related to interior affairs and judiciary.

5. The President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the President of the Republic of Croatia have agreed to meet at least twice a year in continuation of their cooperation to date, while their governments and individual ministries are to hold meetings on a periodical basis in order to discuss the results achieved and possible unresolved issues. They shall endeavour to resolve such issues in a timely manner as far as these enter the scope of their responsibility, i.e. forward their suggestions for the solution of such issues to other pertinent bodies of state administration.

6. The military division of the Croatian Defence Council (HVO) forms an integral part of the military armed forces of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Croatian Defence Council shall have its representatives in the joint headquarters of the armed forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The temporary civilian authorities that have come into being within the framework of the Croatian Defence Council (HVO) under wartime conditions, shall be brought in line with the legal and constitutional system of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina as soon as possible, while talks on that issue are to start immediately and are to be conducted in the spirit of the principles contained in paragraph 1 of the present Agreement.

7. The Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia shall mutually enable their citizens to obtain dual citizenship.

8. In view of the fact that the aggression of Serbian and Montenegrin military forces against the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina is being continued and that the aggression against the Republic of Croatia is also being continued to a considerable extent from the border areas of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the President of the Republic of Croatia call upon the international community, in particular the UN, the EC and the United States, to take concrete and efficient measures in order to effectively stop the aggression against the two states and thus prevent further loss of life, persecutions and expulsions of their citizens and destruction of

property.

With this objective in mind, both states shall continue their present successful cooperation and with their continuous coordination of defence actions in their bordering areas.

Aware of the fact that both their states are faced with further devastation and destruction of their statehood and integrity, unless the aggression against them is stopped, they shall - in case that the efforts of the international community remain fruitless - consider and resort to all necessary forms of a broader military cooperation as well as adjust their military operations in order to finally avert the danger that threatens them.

9. The President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the President of the Republic of Croatia have agreed on signing immediately an Agreement on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two states at an ambassadorial level.

10. The governments of the two states shall - should the need arise - arrange meetings at short notice and at the government level and between their ministries in order to conclude agreements within their competence under the present Agreement.

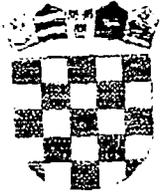
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CROATIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA SIGN A PROTOCOL ON REFUGEES

Governments of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina signed a protocol to coordinate the growing problem of refugees from Bosnia-herzegovina accommodated in Croatia.

The protocol envisages the creation of refugee camps in safe areas within Bosnia-Herzegovina which would accommodate further refugees, since Croatia has exhausted all its capacities and financial means to support them. *(Croatia currently accommodates more than 350,000 refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina, 275,000 displaced people from Serb-occupied areas of Croatia, 30,000 refugees from occupied Serbia, and an estimated 50,000 unregistered refugees, stated Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Mate Granic on Wednesday.)* International organizations will be called upon to help organize and finance such camps.

The two governments will organize the return of refugees to those areas which would be proclaimed safe by the Bosnia-Herzegovina authorities. This would apply to all able-bodied refugees, except for mothers with children below fourteen. The two governments expressed their readiness to sign a tripartite agreement on the accommodation and repatriation of refugees with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The governments will ask for an increase in humanitarian assistance for refugees to be sent to the Bosnia-Herzegovina's government and ask neighbouring European countries to accommodate those refugees which Bosnia-Herzegovina would not be able to care for. It is emphasized that the Croatian government will not be able to cover the transportation costs of the humanitarian assistance sent directly to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The governments also agreed to coordinate all further efforts in a accurate presentation of the refugee situation to the international community in order to raise humanitarian and financial aid.

Governments of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina reiterated that the only solution to the refugee problem can be an urgent cessation of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and that they will continue to push for further actions by the international community to achieve this goal.

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PRESIDENTS TUDJMAN AND IZETBEGOVIC SIGNED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
AGREEMENT IN ZAGREB LATE 21JUL. BOTH SIDES ACCEPT:

- PRINCIPLE OF B-H COMPOSED OF THREE CONSTITUENT PEOPLES ENJOYING
EQUAL RIGHTS AND STATE TO BE COMPOSED OF CONSTITUENT UNITS TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT NATIONAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, TRANSPORT AND
OTHER ELEMENTS.

- BILAT COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF ECON, FINANCE, INDUSTRY, ENERGY,
WATER, ENVIRONMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, PROPERTY CLAIMS; COORDINATION IN
SECTORS OF LABOUR, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH, EDUCATION, SCIENCE,
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- COOPERATION IN AREA OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND JURISPRUDENCE.
- PRESIDENTS TO MEET AT LEAST TWICE PER YR; PERIODIC MTGS AT GOVT AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL.
- ARMED ELEMENTS OF CROATIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL CONSTITUTE COMPONENT PART OF UNIFIED ARMED FORCES OF B-H. HVO TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES IN UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURE OF B-H ARMED FORCES. TEMPORARY CIVILIAN GOVT ESTABLISHED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF HVO TO COORDINATE ASAP WITH CONSTITUTIONAL/LEGAL ORDER OF B-H, NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN IMMED.
- RIGHT TO DUAL CITIZENSHIP TO BE GUARANTEED ON RECIPROCAL BASIS.
- CALL FOR UN, EC AND USA TO TAKE REAL AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO STOP AGGRESSION AGAINST CROATIA AND B-H. BILAT COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF DEFENCE ACTIVITIES IN BORDER AREAS TO CONTINUE. IF EFFORTS OF INTL COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO BE UNSUCCESSFUL, BOTH STATES WILL CONSIDER AND UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY ASPECTS OF BROAD COOPERATION ON BATTLEFIELD AND COORDINATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO REPEL DANGER WHICH THREATENS THEM.
- AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO RELS AT LEVEL OF AMBS TO BE SIGNED QUICKLY.

2.STATE OF CEASEFIRE AS REPORTED BY CROATIAN MEDIA:

- OSIJEK: 120MM MORTAR FIRED ON TVRDJAVICA DURING NIGHT OF MONDAY/TUESDAY. HEAVY WEAPONS SHOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN OR TAKEN INTO UN CUSTODY.
- SLAVONSKI BROD: FOLLOWING QUIET MORNING 21JUL, ARTILLERY ATTACKS

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ON EASTERN PARTS OF OPCINA.

- KARLOVAC: JNA AND SERB IRREGULARS ACCUSED OF CONCEALING HEAVY WEAPONS, REPAINTING JNA COMBAT VEHICLES IN LOCAL MILITIA COLOURS.

- KUTINA: ENHANCED UNPROFOR PATROLS BEGIN

- DUBROVNIK: CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH ECMM MEDIATION, IN EFFECT FROM 10:00 21JUL.

- ZADAR: DISARMAMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF PARAMILITARY UNITS BEGINS.

3. IN OSIJEK MILITARY COURT, VOJISLAV SESELJ, MILAN PAROSKI AND JOVAN OSTOJIC TRIED IN ABSENTIA AND FOUND GUILTY OF INCITING NATIONAL, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED, INTER-COMMUNAL DIVISIONS AND INTOLERANCE. SESELJ SENTENCED TO 4.5 YRS, PAROSKI AND OSTOJIC TO 4 YRS.

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---CROATIA AND BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: IZETBEGOVIC VISIT POSTPONED

SUMMARY: SHORT-NOTICE VISIT 20JUL, POSTPONED DUE TO CLOSURE OF
SARAJEVO AIRPORT, GOT UNDER WAY 21JUL. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

INCLUDE FULL RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES: NOT/NOT ONLY ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLO RELATIONS, BUT ECON AND MILITARY COOPERATION.

2.REPORT: LOCAL PRESS SPECULATES (WITHOUT ADDUCING EVIDENCE) THAT
BOMBARDMENT OF SARAJEVO AIRPORT WAS IN PART REACTION TO IZETBEGOVIC
ATTEMPT TO VISIT ZAGREB FOR WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FIRST STATE VISIT
SINCE INTL RECOGNITION OF B-H. DISCUSSIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN FORM
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ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, REFUGEES AND MILITARY SITUATION, BUT POSSIBLY EVEN SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT ON MILITARY ALLIANCE. ON CROATIAN SIDE, ONE OBJECTIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO LAY TO REST CONTINUED SUSPICION AND ALLEGATIONS THAT CROATIA SUPPORTS CARVE-UP OF B-H. QUESTION OF MILITARY COOPERATION WAS APPARENTLY PLACED ON AGENDA BY B-H SIDE.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, MTG HAD BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SOME TIME BEFORE. AGREEMENT ON DATE HAD BEEN PROBLEM, AND HAD BEEN REACHED VERY LATE. IF SARAJEVO AIRPORT RE-OPENS, MTG MIGHT STILL TAKE PLACE 21JUL OR 22JUL. (PRES TUDJMAN IS SCHEDULED FOR ELECTORAL ACTIVITIES FROM MIDDAY 22JUL ON, BUT SCHEDULE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE REARRANGED.) ENTIRE AGENDA, ACCORDING TO INTERLOCUTOR, WAS PROPOSED BY B-H SIDE. IT INCLUDES FULL RANGE OF ECON AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, REFUGEES, DIPLO RELATIONS/APPOINTMENT OF AMBS, AND BRIEF, UNELABORATED ITEM ON "DEFENCE COOPERATION". NO/NO REFERENCE TO MILITARY ALLIANCE AS SUCH. PLAN WAS FOR RATHER LARGE DELEGATIONS ON EACH SIDE (APPROX 15-20) WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO WORKING GROUPS ACCORDING TO SUBJECT. SOME MEMBERS OF B-H DEL HAD REMAINED ABROAD AND WERE ALREADY IN CROATIA.

4. RESUMPTION OF HUMANITARIAN FLIGHTS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR IZETBEGOVIC AND DEL TO TRAVEL TO ZAGRB 21JUL AM. VISIT NOW UNDER WAY.

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Dr Higgle's duties will particularly involve Australia's relations with Croatia and Slovenia, accreditation to which is based in Vienna.

The Embassy/Permanent Mission of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions accredited to Austria and to the Permanent Missions accredited to the International Organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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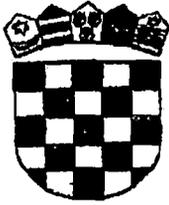
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CANADIAN SPECIAL MISSION IN CROATIA
Mr. Sam Hanson, Chief of Mission

Dear Mr. Hanson,

Thank you for the forwarded information, the text of the speech delivered by H.E. Mrs. Barbara Mc Dougal, Canadian Foreign Minister, at the latest CSCE Summit in Helsinki.

We feel compelled, however, to comment on a the part of the speech in which H.E. Mrs. Barbara Mc Dougal in her condemnation of the so-called "ethnic cleansing" calls on the governments of Serbia and Croatia "to ensure respect for international humanitarian law, including the protection of people's lives, whatever group they belong to" (p. 10/15).

As brought to your notice on earlier occasions during our discussions, the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia, promulgated in December 1990, guarantees to all citizens of Croatia all rights and freedoms in compliance with established international and European standards. In addition to it, in order to make the constitutional commitments with respect to national and other basic rights even more binding, the Croatian Parliament passed a constitutional law in December 1991 on human rights and freedoms including the rights of ethnic and national communities or minorities. In the course of the Conference on Yugoslavia and pursuant to the recommendations of the Badinter Commission, the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia passed another constitutional law introducing amendments to the said constitutional law, thus reconfirming Croatia' option for full respect of human rights and freedoms including the rights of minorities.

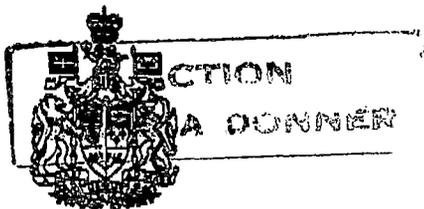
Therefore, the Croatian legislation has done its best to ensure maximum protection of human rights and the rights of minorities in Croatia. As far as possible under the present circumstances, Croatia is also trying to ensure the implementation of its legislation in all areas under its jurisdiction.

You are kindly requested to inform your Government on these facts.

Yours sincerely,

Zeljko Urban
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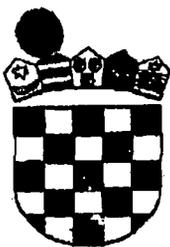
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Your Excellency,

Only a day after the end of the Helsinki Summit from which (just like the Bosnian-Herzegovian delegation whom we saw off from Zagreb this morning) we returned full of hopes that the situation in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina would improve, I am compelled to send out this dramatic appeal.

In spite of all efforts made by the international community, the Security Council's Resolution, the Helsinki decisions, UNPROFOR mission, the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina has taken a dramatic turn for worse.

The Serbian aggressors have intensified their attacks at all positions of already existing confrontation (Sarajevo, Bosnian Posavina, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Slavonski Brod, Županja ...) and opened new front-lines (Goražde, Travnik, Bugojno, Jajce...).

By taking advantage of the fact that the attention of the world is concentrated on Sarajevo and the attempts to open the humanitarian corridor and trying to forestall decisive actions by international forces, which will have to be taken sooner or later anyway, the Serbian-Montenegrin aggressors are intent on achieving two basic objectives as soon as possible and through a large-scale military operation:

- (1) Rounding up the borders of the so-called Greater Serbia through destruction of all Muslim and Croatian entities in contact zones;
- (2) Accomplishing complete ethnic cleansing of territories within the so-called Serbian Krajina.

In order to achieve the second objective, they are committing crimes unheard-of since the Holocaust and the end of the World War II. On a massive scale Muslims and

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---BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: SKRABALO LETTER TO UN SEC GEN

FOLLOWING IS LETTER FROM CROATIAN FORMIN SKRABALO TO UN SEC GEN,
CALLING FOR URGENT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO APPROVE INTERNATIONAL
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Croats are being executed and herded into prison camps, entire places razed to the ground, even graveyard destroyed (e.g. the area of Prijedor-Kozarac). The purpose of all this is obvious: to drive out the non-Serbian population from these area for good.

The situation is particularly dramatic in the areas of Northern Bosnia (Posavina) where the Serbian atrocities have forced the majority Moslem population there into a panic flight to Croatia.

Only today more than 20,000 people have fled across the river Sava to Croatia to seek shelter in the area between Slavonski Brod and Zupanja. As the Sava bridges are demolished, people are using all kinds of means to run to safety and many of them (including women and children) are swimming across the river Sava, panic-stricken as they are.

The aforesaid is an eleventh-hour warning that unless an international military intervention is undertaken shortly, the consequences in terms of the extent of human tragedy, mostly affecting children, women and old people, will be immeasurable.

Croatia is doing its utmost to give every possible help to this vast number of expelled people, but utterly exhausted as it is as a result of the war and the hundreds of thousands of refugees in need of accommodation, clothes and food, it has found itself in a position where it will be forced to redirect the flow of refugees towards Western Europe.

Therefore, I appeal to you to do all you can to prevent the tragedy which is looming larger and larger every minute. We believe that the only thing left is to call an emergency meeting of the Security Council and to approve an international military action.



Prof. Zdenko Škrabalo, M.D., Ph.D.
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TUDJMAN AND IZETBEGOVIĆ ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT IN HELSINKI

As they expressed their wish in the Joint Statement of June 15, 1992, the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegović, and the President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tuđman, met at the CSCE Summit held on July 8, 1992 in Helsinki. The Foreign Ministers Dr. Haris Silajdžić and Dr. Zdenko Škrabalo, the Head of the Croatian President's Office, Mr. Hrvoje Šarinić, and President Tuđman's Foreign Policy Counsel, Dr. Željko Matić, were also present during the talks. After the talks the presidents issued the following joint statement:

1. In consideration of the fact that the both states have recognized each other, they will establish, as soon as possible, diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level. It has also been decided that the representatives of both Governments should meet as soon as possible to discuss topical questions of interest for both states.
2. In the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbian and Montenegrin forces have launched a new offensive in the immediate vicinity of the border with the Republic of Croatia (Bosanska Posavina), and they have also been continually attacking parts of the Republic of Croatia stretching from Slavonski Brod to Županja. All this is taking place at a time when the attention of the global public is drawn to the events in Sarajevo, where attempts are being made to establish an efficient airlift and an overland corridor to deliver humanitarian aid to the suffering citizens. Because of justified concern for the lives and survival of the citizens of Sarajevo, the brutal aggression which was continued in other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as operations of ethnic cleansing in the territories attacked by the aggressor, still go unpunished and are being concealed.
3. In view of the foregoing, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia have common interests in the defense of their independence and territorial integrity from Serbian and Montenegrin aggression. Both Presidents have agreed that this common interest should be realized by ways and means envisioned in the United Nations Charter and underlying the Acts of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.
4. The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina appreciates the efforts made by the international community and by the Republic of Croatia in providing help, and in particular the reception and accommodation of a great number of refugees, citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
5. Both Presidents reiterate the commitment of their States to the principle whereby, after the cessation of war in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the internal system of this State will be set up democratically and on the basis of equality of the three constituent nations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Très Saint-Père!

Je viens de Croatie, Etat où l'indépendance vient à peine de naître. La contribution de Votre Sainteté à cette naissance, ainsi que celle du Saint-Siège, furent très fermes. Je viens au nom du Président de la République de Croatie, Monsieur Franjo Tujman, au nom du Gouvern

nement et — dans un certain sens — au nom de tous les Croates et de tous les citoyens de la Croatie. Tout en vous exprimant la gratitude et le respect des Croates, et tout en vous assurant des nombreuses prières qu'ils ont adressées au Tout-Puissant pour l'accomplissement de Votre charge si noble et si pleine de responsabilité, je vous exprime, Sainteté, leur sentiment de fierté et leur conscience d'exister, depuis treize siècles, sur le sol de la Patrie-actuelle, la conscience de leur souveraineté et de la perte de leur indépendance (au XII^e siècle), perte précisément due à une position géographique attrayante et à des beautés et à des richesses naturelles. Notre patrie fut pillée et usurpée tantôt par les puissances de l'Est, tantôt par celles de l'Ouest, puis par celles du Sud et du Nord, ainsi qu'en sont témoins notre Histoire nationale et celle de l'Europe. Je vous manifeste, Sainteté, la conscience que nous avons de la richesse de la culture et de la civilisation que notre peuple créait sur le sol croate au long des siècles.

Je viens, Très Saint-Père, d'une Patrie depuis longtemps chrétienne, en premier lieu catholique. Mes souvenirs me reportent spontanément aux débuts de l'existence des Croates dans les espaces actuels. Les historiens affirment que, après notre arrivée dans ces régions, nous entrâmes très rapidement en contact avec les Pontifes Romains: depuis le Pape Jean IV, appelé le Dalmate, et l'Abbé Martin, envoyé par votre lointain prédécesseur parmi les Croates en tant qu'une sorte de premier missionnaire, puis, au fil de l'Histoire, avec de nombreux Papes, parmi lesquels je ne puis passer sous silence le Pape Jean VIII qui bénit, le jour de l'Ascension de l'an 879, le prince Branimir et le peuple des Croates et reconnut l'indépendance étatique de la Croatie. De tels rapports se sont établis en permanence et ils ont enrichi notre Histoire. Cela, jusqu'à nos jours, lorsque vous apportez votre contribution personnelle en faveur des croyants et de tous les Croates au sein de notre Patrie. Ces liens ininterrompus aidèrent notre peuple à naviguer à travers une Histoire turbulente, ils apportèrent un soutien à sa conscience de constituer un Etat définitif, et ils l'assistèrent dans l'établissement de sa véritable identité par la culture et la civilisation. L'enseignement évangélique que les Papes transmettaient de façon continue au sein de nos territoires pénétrait de plus en plus dans le coeur de nos pères et arrière grand-pères. Il faisait entrer en nous la foi en Jésus Christ ainsi que la noblesse de l'âme; il avait une influence directe sur l'art littéraire et la culture des Croates. Un tel christianisme — vécu de façon catholique — engendra nos saints et nos martyrs, depuis saint Nikola Tavelic jusqu'à la personnalité éminente du cardinal Alojzije Stepinac.

Je viens, Sainteté, avec le désir qu'à travers cette première ambassade dans toute notre Histoire agitée, que je vais désormais diriger au nom de la Républi-

que de Croatie, se développent sur le sol de l'Europe les courants sociopolitiques qui vont nous faire entrer, de plus en plus rapidement, dans l'Europe unie à tous les niveaux — depuis le niveau politique et économique jusqu'au niveau culturel et spirituel —, ce qui est votre préoccupation constante.

Je vous assure, Très Saint-Père, que nos demandes d'indépendance, demandes justifiées, ne signifient aucunement que nous voulons être un peuple renfermé à l'intérieur de ses propres frontières. L'importance de la diaspora des Croates parle par elle-même de nos liens avec tous les continents et toutes les mers du monde. Notre désir le plus intense est l'alliance de l'Europe et, dans la mesure du possible, de tous les peuples du monde. Mais, concernant ces questions — qui sont malheureusement loin d'être résolues —, nous affirmons que la conscience de l'indépendance et de la personnalité propre d'un petit peuple tel que le nôtre est tout-à-fait justifiée et ne fait qu'enrichir les initiatives de relations internationales, une idée qui vous est proche et chère. C'est pourquoi nous sommes d'accord avec vos points de vue, exprimés en diverses circonstances, lors de votre engagement en faveur des droits de l'homme et des peuples, à la lumière de l'Evangile de Jésus et conformément aux attitudes positives exprimées particulièrement dans la Déclaration sur les droits de l'homme. Dans votre encyclique «Sollicitudo rei socialis», c'est avec raison que vous faites remarquer: «La prise de conscience [des droits de l'homme] n'est pas seulement le fait des individus mais aussi des nations et des peuples qui, comme entités dotées d'une identité culturelle déterminée, sont particulièrement sensibles à la conservation, à la libre gestion et à la promotion de leur précieux patrimoine» (n. 26). Je vous assure, Sainteté, que ces principes et intentions très sains sont scellés dans la Constitution croate et dans le comportement des Croates. Notre Président, Monsieur Franjo Tujman, ainsi que notre Gouvernement, ont attesté à maintes reprises de tels points de vue. Sur le chemin menant vers l'indépendance et l'autonomie, nous fûmes conduits par l'esprit de la démocratie et des droits du peuple à l'autodétermination. Malheureusement, la guerre nous fut imposée. Il ne s'agit pas d'une guerre menée entre deux «tribus», ni d'une guerre de religions, ainsi que le disaient parfois, d'une manière peu sérieuse, certains responsables politiques et des personnes ne comprenant pas l'essence du conflit. C'est une guerre brutale, agressive, dans laquelle le plus grand et le plus fort — la Serbie et la soldatesque communiste — attaque le plus faible et le moins puissant — la Croatie et les Croates. C'est une guerre impitoyable dans laquelle on viole les droits élémentaires de l'homme et où le nombre de victimes humaines, de maisons, d'églises, d'écoles, de monuments et d'hôpitaux détruits est immense. Nous attendons que le monde démocratique réagisse plus fermement.

Sainteté, je viens, au nom de l'Etat indépendant de la République de Croatie, afin que, dans cette plus grande proximité avec le Saint-Siège et avec Vous même personnellement, nous soyons liés encore plus profondément. Nous aimerions avoir votre assistance, afin de progresser et d'atteindre tous les éléments constitutifs d'un Etat nouveau: niveaux socio-politique, culturel et autres; en particulier, afin d'affermir ces valeurs spirituelles que nous avons reçues du Saint-Siège au cours de l'Histoire. Nous souhaitons que, à l'aide de vos suggestions et de votre influence, l'esprit œcuménique se développe de plus en plus, en vérité, dans notre pays, particulièrement parmi les chrétiens, catholiques et orthodoxes. Dans notre République, ces derniers sont à peu près dix pour cent de la population, et nous souhaitons sincèrement que les nuances qui différencient les croyances fassent avancer, non des discordes entre nous, mais une coopération et un dialogue sincère dans un respect réciproque. Notre gouvernement et aussi nos évêques persévèrent dans leur appel au dialogue et à un amour désintéressé entre tous les citoyens de la Croatie.

Je viens enfin, Sainteté, porteur d'une demande plus pressante, afin que vous répondiez à l'invitation de notre Président, Monsieur Franjo Tujman, ainsi qu'au souhait répété de nos évêques.

Venez, Père blanc de la Croatie blanche — votre chère patrie —, venez chez nous, en Croatie. Nous vous accueillons «cum cantibus illirio», de même que le peuple fidèle de Zadar accueillit, en l'an 1177, votre lointain prédécesseur Alexandre III lorsqu'il passa par Zadar lors de son voyage pour Venise et s'agenouilla dans la cathédrale devant les reliques vénérables de la sainte martyre Anastasie. C'est avec les bras et le coeur grand ouverts que vous attendez tout notre peuple qui, comme votre peuple polonais, a mérité le titre honorable d'«antemurale christianitatis» et qui est resté fidèle pour toujours au Christ et à la Vierge Marie que nous appelons «fidelissima advocata Croatiae».

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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

1. C'est avec joie que je reçois des mains de Votre Excellence les Lettres qui l'accréditent auprès du Saint-Siège en qualité de premier Ambassadeur de la République de Croatie. Dans les relations de cette nation avec le Siège apostolique, cette audience marque un jalon historique que je tiens à souligner. Les liens du peuple croate avec l'Eglise de Rome sont fort anciens, comme vous venez de le rappeler, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur. Désormais, la Croatie ayant recouvré son indépendance, ces liens deviennent plus étroits. Et je voudrais d'emblée en définir l'esprit à partir de l'estime qu'inspirent votre histoire et votre culture, des sentiments d'amitié et de respect que je porte à votre peuple, de la communion dans la foi catholique que partage la majorité de vos compatriotes.

Vous avez vous-même évoqué l'itinéraire du peuple croate, vivant sur sa terre depuis treize siècles, sa culture et ses convictions religieuses profondes. J'ai été sensible à la ferveur avec laquelle vous avez traduit vos sentiments et ceux de vos compatriotes, au moment d'inaugurer votre mission. Et je vous salue au gré de remercier Son Excellence Monsieur Franjo Tudjman, Président de la République de Croatie, ainsi que les membres du Gouvernement, pour le message de déférence et de confiance qu'ils vous ont confié à mon intention.

2. Les graves événements qui ont entouré la proclamation et la reconnaissance de l'indépendance de la Croatie ont retenu, vous le savez, toute l'attention du Saint-Siège qui n'a cessé d'élever la voix pour demander que se taisent les armes et que s'instaure le dialogue. L'Eglise ne se lassera pas de proclamer que la défense des droits des personnes et des peuples ne peut se faire par la violence, mais seulement dans un dialogue loyal et persévérant. En vous recevant aujourd'hui, je forme à nouveau le vœu que l'ensemble des citoyens de votre République connaissent une paix solidement établie.

Il s'agit à présent pour le peuple croate, riche de son identité culturelle, de bâtir son avenir sur des fondements solides. Seul un Etat de droit, où chaque habitant jouit du respect des autres, où chaque personne voit ses droits reconnus, où chaque citoyen a la possibilité de s'exprimer librement et d'œuvrer pour le bien commun, peut assurer la dignité et le bonheur de tous. Vous avez vous-même rappelé que l'Eglise insiste sur les droits de l'homme, des individus et des peuples. Elle le fait en raison de sa haute conception de la nature de l'homme, créature aimée et sauvée par Dieu, et de la vocation de l'homme, appelé à former une société solidaire et fraternelle, guidée par le souci d'assurer le bien de tous ses membres. Les droits de la personne sont reconnus de la manière la plus sûre lorsqu'ils font l'objet d'un consensus clair et libre et lorsqu'ils inspirent une action publique orientée vers la prospérité, l'épa-

nouissement physique, intellectuel et spirituel des personnes, des familles, des communautés.

Votre nation se trouve devant la tâche d'affermir ses institutions dans un tel esprit. Personne ne peut être laissé sur le bord du chemin. Il est important notamment, et l'expérience souvent douloureuse de votre peuple en témoigne, de permettre aux minorités de trouver leur juste place dans le pays. La cohésion de la société ne peut évidemment pas être acquise au prix d'exclusions, quels qu'en soient les motifs, ni au nom d'un nationalisme exacerbé. C'est la noblesse d'un peuple que de savoir coexister sereinement avec d'autres peuples, en demeurant ouvert et accueillant.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, vous avez marqué avec force le désir de la Croatie de participer pleinement à la vie du continent européen. Pour sa part, le Saint-Siège, du point de vue qui lui est propre, favorise les diverses formes de coopération et d'échanges qui portent les pays d'Europe à une meilleure entente. Depuis la déflagration de la deuxième guerre mondiale, des progrès notables ont été accomplis dans le sens de la paix. La situation présente sur votre terre et dans votre région montre combien il reste à faire. Aussi souhaitons-nous, en particulier, que la Conférence sur la Sécurité et la Paix en Europe permette de mieux et mieux de régler sans vio-

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l'entraide entre des nations que l'histoire a rendues proches les unes des autres. Dans un tel cadre, les nations qui ont récemment recouvré ce que j'aime appeler leur «personnalité» devraient participer activement à la vie internationale et trouver les soutiens qui leur sont nécessaires.

3. La majorité de vos compatriotes, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, appartient à l'Eglise catholique, avec une fidélité qui s'est confirmée au long des siècles. Aussi, accueillant le Représentant de la Croatie, je tiens à adresser un salut particulièrement affectueux aux catholiques de ce peuple, liés au Siège de Pierre, comme en témoignent les nombreux pèlerins que j'ai la joie de rencontrer à Rome.

Pour sa part, l'Eglise ne recherche aucun privilège, mais elle désire avoir sa place spécifique, également dans la vie sociale, ce dont le régime communiste lui avait dénié le droit. Je sais que, chez vous, les fidèles s'emploient à mettre au service de leur pays leurs talents, leur esprit évangélique et leur sens fraternel. Je souhaite qu'ils apportent leur contribution généreuse à la vie de la nation, inspirés par la foi et éclairés par les saints et les grands témoins qui ont construit une belle tradition. Les épreuves ont pesé lourdement sur eux au cours des dernières décennies: je m'incline devant tous ceux qui ont souffert pour demeurer fidèles aux promesses de leur baptême et à leur appartenance à l'Eglise et, comme vous l'avez fait, j'évoque avec émotion la grande figure du Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac. Au cours des événements récents, les communautés catholiques ont partagé les grandes souffrances infligées à la population; leurs églises et leurs institutions ecclésiastiques ont connu maintes destructions; elles ont aussi su accueillir leurs frères et sœurs qui ont dû tout quitter et chercher un refuge. A ce propos, j'exprime le souhait que la communauté internationale ne ménage pas son aide à ces réfugiés très nombreux, victimes d'un conflit si déplorable.

Je suis sûr que l'espérance et l'audace demeurent dans les coeurs des pasteurs et des fidèles pour rebâtir, avec la grâce de Dieu, une vie ecclésiastique tournée vers l'avenir, unissant toutes les générations dans la communion voulue par le Seigneur. C'est le temps de la conversion et de la réconciliation toujours à reprendre. J'encourage vos compatriotes catholiques à poursuivre, malgré les difficultés, le dialogue avec leurs frères des autres communautés chrétiennes dans un esprit ouvert, dans la recherche patiente de l'unité entre ceux qui ont reçu le don du même baptême.

Les Pasteurs, ainsi que les Autorités de l'Etat, m'ont invité à venir accomplir une visite pastorale à l'Eglise en Croatie. Vous avez renouvelé cette invitation qui rejoint un désir qui m'est cher. Lorsque les circonstances le permettront, j'espère pouvoir effectuer ce pèlerinage et venir affermir dans la foi mes frères et sœurs croates catholiques et rencontrer tout votre peuple sur sa terre tant aimée.

4. Voici donc que commence votre mission de Représentant de la République de Croatie auprès du Saint-Siège. Pour leur part, les relations diplomatiques traduisent des liens profonds déjà noués à travers l'histoire: j'espère qu'ils seront de plus en plus étroits et confiants. Vous pouvez être assuré que vous trouverez ici, auprès de mes collaborateurs, l'appui dont vous aurez besoin. Je souhaite que votre activité vous donne satisfaction et qu'elle soit fructueuse.

J'invoque sur tous les Croates l'intercession des saints apôtres des Slaves, Cyrille et Méthode, saint Nicolas Talevic, saint Léopold Bogdan Mandic, et les autres saints qui ont marqué l'histoire spirituelle de ce peuple, que Notre-Dame, Reine de la Croatie, leur apporte son appui maternel!

De grand coeur j'appelle sur vous-même, sur les Autorités de votre pays, sur vos proches et sur vos

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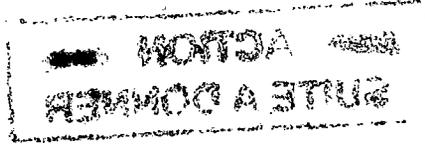
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4. The Croatian Government is obliged to protect the lives of its citizens, the territorial integrity of the Republic and to prevent further destruction of its villages and towns as Dubrovnik, Slavonski Brod, Zadar and many others. The territory of Croatia is being attacked from the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro by the Serbian and Montenegrin aggressor and it is therefore necessary to plan a joint defense with Bosnia-Herzegovina.

5. *The Croatian Government reiterates that it wants peace and an end of war. It calls again on the rebellious part of the Serbian population in Croatia to lay down the arms in order to create conditions for ending the war destruction, and by introducing peace, order and work in the occupied Croatian territory, enable political solution of all problems in a peaceful way.*

6. *The Government of the Republic of Croatia reiterates that it accepts wholly the decisions of the UN Security Council and expresses its readiness to contribute to the end of war and to a peaceful solution of all problems in compliance with the views of the UN Security Council, the CSCE and the Brussels Conference.*

The Croatian Government is undertaking necessary measures in order to implement fully the decisions of the UN Security Council and it will soon inform in this connection the UN Security Council and the international public in a separate report.

Zagreb, June 8, 1992

*Dr. Franjo Gregurić
Prime Minister*

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5. *The Croatian Government reiterates that it wants peace and an end of war. It calls again on the rebellious part of the Serbian population in Croatia to lay down the arms in order to create conditions for ending the war destruction, and by introducing peace, order and work in the occupied Croatian territory, enable political solution of all problems in a peaceful way.*

6. *The Government of the Republic of Croatia reiterates that it accepts wholly the decisions of the UN Security Council and expresses its readiness to contribute to the end of war and to a peaceful solution of all problems in compliance with the views of the UN Security Council, the CSCE and the Brussels Conference.*

The Croatian Government is undertaking necessary measures in order to implement fully the decisions of the UN Security Council and it will soon inform in this connection the UN Security Council and the international public in a separate report.

Zagreb, June 8, 1992

*Dr. Franjo Gregurić
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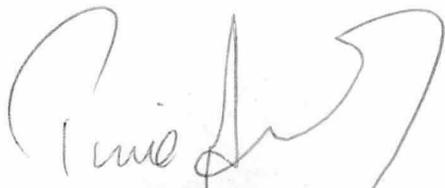
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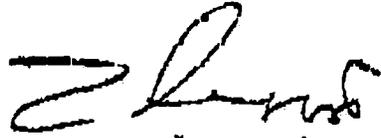
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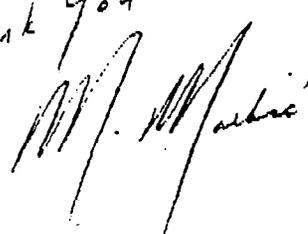
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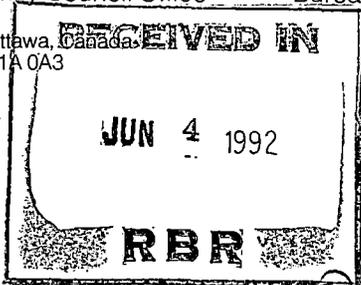

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We have arranged with the Under Secretary's office that the Department's services can be drawn upon in preparing replies to letters which the Prime Minister has received on foreign affairs.

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.

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

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The attached article on Stjepan Mesic's current visit to Australia appeared in the May 25th edition of The Australian.

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Croat leader urges closing of embassies

By RICHARD SPROULL

AUSTRALIA should close its Yugoslavian embassies and consulates to help end the war among the republics of the former federation, the Croatian deputy leader and the last federal president of the old Yugoslavia, Mr Stjepan (Stipe) Mesic, said in Adelaide yesterday.

"Yugoslavia does not exist anymore," Mr Mesic said through an interpreter.

"After Yugoslavia, we now have former subject States which are internationally recognised as independent countries.

"Hence, it is logical to close Yugoslavian consulates and embassies all over the world, as has been announced in the United States and by some members of the European Community."

Mr Mesic said the natural step for ending the war in his homeland and in Bosnia-Herzegovina would be for the international community to cut Yugoslavia's ties with the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund, im-

pose sanctions and freeze assets believed to be held in countries including Switzerland.

Mr Mesic is on a 10-day visit to Australia to give personal thanks — as president of the executive council of the Croatian Democratic Union — for donations of food, cash and emergency supplies in the war with the mainly Serb federal army and Serb-dominated central Government.

He will also help to celebrate with Croatian communities the referendum on May 30 last year which resulted in an overwhelming vote for independence from the Yugoslav federation.

Last night, more than 1000 of the 7000-member Adelaide Croatian community heard Mr Mesic speak on the plight of 1 million refugees seeking food and shelter.

"The return of a million refugees, the rebuilding of the war-torn areas and establishing economic, cultural and other ties with the rest of the



Mr Mesic in Adelaide last night . . . refugee appeal

world — especially Australia — is essential," he said.

Mr Mesic said a favourable decision by the Federal Government would contribute to cutting ties with the old Yugoslavia and help to block assets being used by Serbia to finance the war against Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia.

"Without these assets, the war would end," he said.

Mr Mesic hopes to meet the Prime Minister, Mr Keating, in Canberra on Thursday and will meet the NSW Premier, Mr Greiner, on Wednesday.

Mr Mesic, a lawyer, was elected to the legislature of the Socialist Republic of Croatia in 1986 and later became a member of the legislative council of the Croatian parliament.

In 1990, he became the last elected president of Yugoslavia while the federation was in its death throes.

The refusal of the Serbian and Montenegrin members of the old governing council to accept Mr Mesic as president was said to have triggered the collapse of Yugoslavia.

Later in 1990, during Croatia's first democratic elections, Mr Mesic was elected as Croatia's first premier.

He will travel to Perth, Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra during his visit.

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SUMMARY: THERE APPEAR TO BE B-H SOLDIERS IN CROATIA, MAKING NO/NO GREAT SECRET OF THEIR PRESENCE. NUMBERS, AND WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING HERE, UNKNOWN. SHOULD MTG BETWEEN SSEA AND CROATIAN FORMIN TAKE PLACE, THIS IS QUESTION WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED.

2.REPORT: I WAS APPROACHED ON STREET TODAY BY GROUP OF FOUR YOUNG SOLDIERS ASKING DIRECTIONS TO HIGHWAY. I DIRECTED THEM TO AVENUE VUKOVAR (FORMERLY BOULEVARD OF PROLETARIAN BRIGADES) ABOUT ONE BLOCK AWAY.

3.THE FOUR WERE WEARING CAMOUFLAGE BATTLEDRESS, ALLEGEDLY EAST GERMAN SURPLUS, WHICH IS TO DATE ONLY UNIFORM WORN BY CROATIAN ARMY (AND ALSO SOMETHING OF FASHION ITEM EVEN WITH CIVILIANS). BUT

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THEIR BERETS (THOSE WHO WERE WEARING THEM) WERE BRIGHT GREEN, WITH A CRESCENT-AND-STAR BADGE. SHOULDER PATCHES WERE IN SHAPE OF SHIELD WITH WHITE STRIPE RUNNING FROM UPPER LEFT TO LOWER RIGHT, WITH FLEUR-DE-LYS ORTS FROM B-H.

4. SINCE ALL FOUR WERE CARRYING AK-47S OR AK-MCS, CURIOSITY SEEMED INADVISABLE. BUT IF PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF BOSNIAN TERRITORIAL ARMY IN CROATIA IS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME SORT OF SECRET, THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT/NOT WELL BRIEFED ON (A) LAYOUT OF CIT Y, AND (B) IMPRUDENCE OF SEEKING DIRECTIONS FROM BALD JOGGERS WEARING UNTAG/NAMIBIA SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS.

5. IT SEEMS WE CAN ADD TO QUESTION OF WHAT CROATIAN ARMY IS DOING IN B-H, QUESTION OF WHAT B-H ARMY IS DOING IN CROATIA.

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ON 25 MAY, RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KOZAREV VISITED ZAGREB AND SIGNED PROTOCOL ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CROATIA.

2. ON SAME DAY, POLISH MINISTER FLEMIPOTENTIARY WALKIEWICZA DELIVERED NOTE INFORMING THAT POLAND INTENDED TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT EMBASSY IN ZAGREB, WITH WALKIEWICZA AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

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---CROATIA: TUDJMAN RETURN FROM UN

SUMMARY: ON RETURN FROM NYORK, PRES TUDJMAN ADDRESSED LARGE CROWD IN
ZAGREB MAIN SQUARE. BASIC MESSAGE WAS CELEBRATORY, NOT/NOT TO SAY
TRIUMPHALIST: WITH ENTRY INTO UN, CROATIA HAD ACHIEVED CENTURIES-
LONG DREAM OF INDEPENDENCE, AND ACCEPTANCE ON ITS OWN RIGHT INTO
INTERNATL COMMUNITY. HE MAINTAINED THAT HIS GOV'T HAD BEEN VINDICATED
IN DECISION NEITHER TO AVOID WAR AT PRICE OF CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE,
NOR TO CONTINUE IT LONGER THAN NECESSARY; IF OCCUPIERS DID NOT/NOT
COMPLY WITH UN PLAN, CROATIA WAS NOW CAPABLE OF DRIVING THEM OUT
MILITARILY. ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS LAST OCCUPIER HAD
LEFT. ALL ETHNIC AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF SERBS WERE GUARANTEED; IT WAS
NOW FOR THEM TO ACCEPT CROATIAN STATE AND GOV'T. HE EXPRESSED
PARTICULAR GRATITUDE TO AND SOLIDARITY WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM BOSNA-

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HERCEGOVINA WHO HAD ASSISTED IN DEFENCE OF CROATIA, AND WERE NOW DEFENDING B-H.

2.REPORT: CROWD IN JELACIC SQUARE WAS LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC, AND TUDJMANS ADDRESS FROM BALCONY WAS INTERRUPTED MANY TIMES BY CHEERS. THERE WERE NUMBER OF CROATIAN FLAGS IN CROWD, AND AT LEAST ONE EEC AND ONE GERMAN. OCCASION WAS ALSO MARRED BY PRESENCE OF SEVERAL NDH (WW2 QUISLING REGIME) FLAGS WHICH WERE WAVED AS VIGOROUSLY AS ANY OTHERS.

3.RECAPITULATING EVENTS OF PAST TWO YRS, TUDJMAN MAINTAINED THAT HIS GOVT HAD PURSUED ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES TO ACHIEVE CROATIAN ASPIRATIONS BY PEACEFUL MEANS. CROATIAN NATIONAL AIMS HAD HAD TO BE RECONCILED WITH DEMOCRATIC CRITERIA OF INTL COMMUNITY, GREAT EFFORT HAD BEEN NEEDED TO CONVINCED THOSE WHO HAD BEEN FOR PRESERVING YUGO UNITY AT ANY COST. HE REJECTED CLAIMS THAT CROATIA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR: RECALLING THAT CROATIAN PROPOSAL FOR CONFEDERATION IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA HAD BEEN REJECTED, HE MAINTAINED THAT WAR COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF CROATIA HAD ABANDONED GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE. CROATIA HAD BEEN PREPARED TO ACHIEVE ITS GOAL BY PEACEFUL MEANS IF POSSIBLE, AND BY WAR IF NECESSARY. IT HAD WON THE WAR.

4.IT HAD NOT/NOT CONTINUED WAR TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION OF DRIVING ALL OCCUPIERS OUT OF CROATIA IN ORDER TO AVOID CASUALTIES TENFOLD HIGHER THAN THOSE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN SUFFERED. ALSO, IN THAT CASE,

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CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT HAVE BEEN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED, BUT PROCLAIMED AN AGGRESSOR IN ITS OWN CTRY. CROATIA HAD THEREFORE ACCEPTED PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, BUT ON CONDITION THAT CROATIAN SOVEREIGNTY WAS NOT/NOT BROUGHT INTO QUESTION. LAST BIT OF CROATIAN TERRITORY WOULD SOON BE FREE OF OCCUPATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN PLAN. IF THIS WERE NOT/NOT CARRIED OUT, CROATIAN ARMY WAS NOW CAPABLE OF DRIVING OCCUPIERS OUT.

5. TUDJMAN REJECTED ACCUSATIONS BY THOSE WHO HAD SOUGHT TO DESTROY DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED GOVT (IE PARTY OF RIGHTS) THAT EASTERN SLAVONIA HAD BEEN ABANDONED FOR HERCEGOVINA. CROATIA HAD UNDERTAKEN DEFENCE OF EVERY PART OF CROATIAN SOIL, IN SOLIDARITY WITH CROATIAN PEOPLE OF B-H. QUOTE BY CROATIAN HOMELAND, I INCLUDE CROATIAN PARTS OF B-H BECAUSE MANY SOLDIERS FROM B-H FOUGHT IN OUR RANKS, AND WHEN SERB ARMY THREATENED B-H IT WAS THOSE VERY PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTARILY WENT TO B-H AND WERE THE BACKBONE OF THE CROATIAN DEFENCE FORCES, DEFENDED THE CROATIAN PARTS OF B-H, AND WERE THE FOUNDATION OF THE DEFENCE OF THE WHOLE OF B-H UNQUOTE.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF CROATIA INTO UN, SAID TUDJMAN, REPRESENTED END OF PERIOD OF STRUGGLE FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE. AHEAD LAY RECONSTRUCTION OF CTRY, RETURN OF REFUGEES AND EXILES, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL ORDER, FREE MARKET, PRIVATISATION, AND CTRY OF PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY. SLOGAN FOR FUTURE WOULD BE QUOTE WE ALONE WILL BUILD OUR CROATIA (BECAUSE IT IS

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UP TO US ALONE WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE) UNQUOTE. AS SOON AS LAST OCCUPIER HAD DEPARTED, ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD FOR NEW DEMOCRATIC GOVT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW CONSTITUTION.

7.TUDJMAN CALLED ON SERB CITIZENS OF CROATIA TO CEASE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST IT. THEIR ETHNIC AND CIVIL RIGHTS WERE GUARANTEED. THEY HAD TO ACCEPT THAT THEIR WAS NO/NO OTHER WAY THAN TO ACCEPT CROATIAN STATE AND GOVT, IF THEY WISHED TO GO ON LIVING IN CROATIA.

OTHERWISE, QUOTE LET THEM GO WHERE THEY WILL FIND THEIR OWN CTRY UNQUOTE. CROATIA HAD ACCEPTED UN AND EUROPEAN OBLIGATIONS TO RESPECT ALL CIVIL AND ETHNIC MINORITY RIGHTS, BUT WOULD NOT/NOT ACCEPT ARMED INSURRECTION. THOSE WHO HAD BLOD ON THEIR HANDS WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO/NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON WAR CRIMES.

8.QUOTE WE HAVE OUR CROATIA, UNQUOTE, HE CONCLUDED. QUOTE AND IT WILL BE WHAT WE ALONE WANT IT TO BE, AND WE WILL NOT/NOT TAKE FOREIGN PRESCRIPTIONS AS TO WHAT IT MUST BE UNQUOTE.

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---CROATIA: SUING FOR SOVEREIGNTY

SUMMARY: OVER PAST CENTURIES, CROATS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT AUTONOMY THEY COULD ONLY BY FINDING AND INCREMENTALLY EXPLOITING WEAKNESSES IN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FOREIGN DOMINATION. THIS APPROACH HAS BECOME ENGRAINED IN CROATIAN DIPLOMACY AND STATECRAFT, AND NEGOTIATORS FOR EC, CSCE AND UN ARE ONLY THE LATEST TO HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH IT. APPEALS TO PUT ASIDE SUCH CONCERNS FOR SAKE OF LARGER ISSUES ARE UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED: FOR CROATIA, THERE IS NO/NO LARGER ISSUE THAN SOVEREIGNTY.

2.REPORT: AT ONE POINT IN REBECCA WESTS MONUMENTAL (AND VERY HEAVY) BOOK ON YUGOSLAVIA QUOTE BLACK LAMB AND GREY FALCON UNQUOTE, A SERB EXPLODES WITH FRUSTRATION IN THE MIDDLE OF A DISCUSSION WITH A CROAT: QUOTE WHAT IS SO HORRIBLE IN THIS CONVERSATION IS THAT YOU ARE NEVER WRONG, BUT I AM ALWAYS RIGHT, AND WE COULD GO ON TALKING

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LIKE THIS FOR EVER, TILL THE CLEVER WAY YOU ARE NEVER WRONG BROUGHT DEATH UPON US UNQUOTE. LATER, HE COMMENTS: QUOTE THEY DO APPALLING THINGS, AND THEY MAKE US DO APPALLING THINGS, THESE CROATS UNQUOTE.

3. THEY HAD BEEN DISCUSSING WHAT THE CROAT SAW AS THE DOMINATION AND REPRESSION OF CROATIA BY SERBIA IN THE YUGOSLAVIA OF THE 1930S. WHAT EXASPERATED THE SERB WAS, AS HE SAW IT, THE CROAT WAY OF FURTHERING THEIR OWN PAROCHIAL INTERESTS (CROATIAN AUTONOMY) BY PICKING SMALL HOLES IN GREAT PRINCIPLES (YUGOSLAV UNITY). WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE CROATS, IN HIS VIEW, WAS THAT THE CROATS WERE LAWYERS.

4. INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN THE HIGHEST CROATIAN ASPIRATION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO FOREIGN DOMINATION FOR MOST OF THE PAST 900/900 YRS. EVEN UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO MAXIMISE THEIR AUTONOMY, BY SEEKING OUT AND HOLDING FIRMLY TO WHATEVER COULD BE EXTRACTED FROM THE FINE PRINT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECT. HISTORY OF CROATIAS RELATIONSHIP WITH HUNGARY COULD BE DESCRIBED AS 800/800 YRS OF LITIGATION, HAGGLING OVER DIPLOMA INAUGURALE OF CROATIAN KINGS, POWERS OF CROATIAN BAN, CROATIAN RIGHTS UNDER DUAL MONARCHY, HUNGARO-CROATIAN COMPROMISE, EVEN PREROGATIVES OF WW2 NDH REGIME UNDER AXIS TUTELAGE, AND MORE RECENTLY POWERS AND PREROGATIVES OF CROATIAN REPUBLIC UNDER SFRY CONSTITUTION. INTRICATELY-NEGOTIATED AUTONOMY WITHIN A CONTEXT OF FOREIGN DOMINATION HAS OVER THE CENTURIES BECOME ESSENTIAL STRATEGY OF CROATIAN STATECRAFT AND

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DIPLOMACY.

5. AGREEMENT COULD NOT/NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED ON DRAFT HAGUE CONVENTION, VANCE PLAN OR SECURITY COUNCIL, EC AND CSCE RESOLUTIONS ON YUGOSLAV CRISIS, WITHOUT INCLUSION OF MANY NECESSARY AMBIGUITIES. THESE ARE GRIST TO CROATIAN MILL, TO BE EXPLOITED WHEN THEIR INTERESTS REQUIRE IT. IT IS THUS NOT/NOT SURPRISING THAT CROATS HAVE DUG IN THEIR HEELS ON QUESTION OF LEGAL REGIME IN UNPAS, OR THAT UNPROFOR STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE. SINCE IT CANNOT/NOT BE PREDICTED WHEN UNPROFOR WILL LEAVE, CROATS ARE PRUDENTLY ATTEMPTING TO MAXIMISE THEIR SOVEREIGNTY WHILE IT IS HERE.

6. APPEALS TO PUT SUCH CONCERNS ASIDE IN SERVICE OF LARGER ISSUES ARE UNLIKELY TO BE ANY MORE PERSUASIVE NOW THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN PAST. FOR CROATIA, SOVEREIGNTY IS ALWAYS THE LARGEST ISSUE.

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---BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: DEMARCHE ON CROATIAN GOVERNMENT

I CALLED ON MFA CSCE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR STARCEVIC 22MAY, MADE POINTS OUTLINED IN REFFAX, AND PROVIDED COPY OF SSEA STATEMENT (NEWS RELEASE 109 OF 21MAY).

2.REGARDING REFUGEES WHO HAD BEEN HELD HOSTAGE, STARCEVIC STATED THAT ACCORDING TO CROATIAN GOVTS INFORMATION, CONVOYED HAD NOW BEEN RELEASED, ALTHOUGH SERB DEMANDS FOR DELIVERY OF FOOD AND HEAVY WEAPONS TO BLOCKADED VIKTOR BUBANJ BARRACKS HAD HAD TO BE MET.

3.ON CONCERNS RE POSSIBLE PARTITIONING OF B-H AND CONFEDERATION OF PARTS OF IT WITH CROATIA, STARCEVIC EMPHASISED THAT ANY FUTURE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CROATIA AND B-H (AND SLOVENIA AS WELL) WOULD BE

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NEGOTIATED ON BASIS OF SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL THREE CTRIES, AND IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH CSCE PRINCIPLES. THERE WERE MANY IDEAS AND PROPOSALS FLOATING AROUND ABOUT WHAT FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE BETWEEN THREE REPUBLICS WHICH HAD FORMED A SORT OF NORTHWESTERN BLOC EVEN WITHIN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. TALKS IN SPLIT HAD BEEN CONDUCTED AT PARTY LEVEL (I EXPRESSED SOME SCEPTICISM THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT GOVT BLESSING) AND MAIN SUBJECT HAD BEEN COORDINATION OF DEFENCE AGAINST SERBIAN AGGRESSION.

4.ACCORDING TO STARCEVIC, CONFEDERAL RELATIONSHIP WAS ONE (MAXIMALIST) OPTION FOR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CROATIA AND B-H, BUT PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN FLOATED DID NOT/NOT INVOLVE PARTITIONING OF LATTER. OTHERS WERE ECONOMIC, CUSTOMS, OR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS UNION. AS FAR AS RESOLUTION OF IMMEDIATE CRISIS WAS CONCERNED, STARCEVIC DID NOT/NOT SEE HOW MILITARY INTERVENTION BY INTERNATL COMMUNITY (POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF FORCE OF FORCE OR AIR BLOCKADE) COULD BE AVOIDED.

5.AS FAR AS MILITARY ROLE OF CROATIANS IN B-H WAS CONCERNED, STARCEVIC REPEATED FAMILIAR ARGUMENT THAT THOSE INVOLVED WERE B-H CITIZENS EXERCISING BASIC RIGHT TO RETURN AND DEFEND THEIR HOMES, AND THAT CROATIA COULD NOT/NOT AND HAD NO/NO WISH TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR EXERCISE OF THIS RIGHT. HE WAS INSTRUCTED, HE SAID, TO ASK

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THAT WE PROVIDE ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE WE HAD OF INVOLVEMENT BY
CITIZENS OF CROATIA.

6.I COUNTERED THAT IT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS VIOLATION OF 02JAN
CEASEFIRE FOR CROATIA TO PERMIT INDIVIDUALS OF WHATEVER CITIZENSHIP
TO CROSS CEASEFIRE LINES TO ENGAGE IN FIGHTING IN B-H. HE RESPONDED
THAT ALL WHO WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN DEFENCE OF B-H WERE PROBABLY
ALREADY THERE, AND THAT CEASEFIRE (AT LEAST IN THIS PART OF WORLD)
WAS A RELATIVE THING. AS FAR AS CROATIA WAS CONCERNED IT WAS BEING
VIOLATED EXCLUSIVELY BY SERBIA.

7.I RECOMMEND THAT WE CONSIDER HOW BEST TO RESPOND TO CHALLENGE TO
PRESENT EVIDENCE.

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---CROATIA: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

INDIA, PAKISTAN AND NORTH KOREA RECOGNISED CROATIA 11MAY. BRINGING TO 72/72 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DONE SO. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERATION WERE ESTABLISHED THE SAME DAY.

2.FOLLOWING IS A REVISED TABULAR SUMMARY OF CROATIAS FOREIGN RELATIONS.

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• Colombia	.03 Mar 92		
• Cyprus	.27 Mar 92		
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• Denmark	.15 Jan 92	.01 Feb 92	
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• Netherlands	.15 Jan 92	.11 Feb 92	
• New Zealand	.16 Jan 92	.25 Feb 92	
• North Korea	.11 May 92		
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---BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA: SERB-CROAT NEGOTIATIONS

FOLLOWING IS REPLY FROM PRES TUDJMAN TO USA SENATOR DOLE ON ABOVE SUBJECT. WHILE CONTENTS ARE UNSURPRISING, FACT THAT TUDJMAN HAS CHOSEN TO REPLY ONLY BEGS QUESTION OF CROATIAN ROLE IN B-H CONFLICT.

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PRESS RELEASE

CROATIAN PRESIDENT REPLIES TO U.S. SENATOR ON CROAT-SERB TALKS ON BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Croatian President Dr. Franjo Tudjman replied today to a letter from United States Senator Robert Dole, who expressed his concern over the Croat-Serb talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina in Graz, Austria, last Wednesday. President Tudjman's letter goes as follows:

"The meeting of the Croatian and Serbian representatives from Bosnia-Herzegovina, held on May 6, 1992, in Graz, must be seen as a part of the bilateral discussions within the framework of the Lisbon Conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina, chaired by Portuguese Ambassador Cutileiro.

The accepted as reasonable and compromise-seeking the suggestion of the Croatian delegation as a basis for the resolution of the Bosnia-Herzegovina crisis, which called for a sovereign and indivisible Bosnia-Herzegovina, comprised of three constituent nations within their cantons.

The Serbian side opposed from the beginning both a sovereign and independent Bosnia-Herzegovina and the referendum, and has consequently started an armed aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina in order to seize 70% of the republic's territory, as you could read in the Washington Post of May 8, 1992. The Moslem representatives have supported the idea of a sovereign but unitary Bosnia-Herzegovina as it existed during the time of the communist leadership, counting on Moslem majority over the other two nations. This proposal is no longer attainable, due to the Greater-Serbian aggression and the ever-increasing number of victims.

Within the framework of the Lisbon Conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Croatian side has attempted to persuade the Moslem side to accept the idea of cantonisation within a sovereign Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the Serbian side to a peaceful resolution, that is, to a cessation of the Greater-Serbian armed aggression against Croatian and Moslem areas. With this in mind, there is no basis whatsoever for the allegation that the Croatian side is negotiating with the Serbian side at the expense of the Moslem population of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina are attempting to create conditions for a peaceful resolution and consider this discussion as a supplement to the bilateral and tripartite discussions between the national entities of Bosnia-Herzegovina, based on the principles of the Lisbon Conference agreement.

The Republic of Croatia was among the first countries to recognize Bosnia-Herzegovina as a sovereign and independent state, comprised of three constituent nations. We hoped thereby to assist to prevent an escalation of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and to effect a resolution to the Bosnia-Herzegovina crisis by peaceful

means.

Croatia continues to firmly support the principles of the CSCE regarding self-determination and the inviolability of borders. As you know, Croats expressed their desire in the referendum for an independent Bosnia-Herzegovina, but one which would be organized as a union of three constituent nations.

Croats and Moslems have offered joint resistance to the Serbian military aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croats being better organized and prepared than the Moslems. The Moslems were neither well-organized nor well-armed, since they believed that the Yugoslav National Army would not launch an aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina. The aggression of the Serbian paramilitary forces and the Yugoslav National Army against Bosnia-Herzegovina has been extremely ruthless, and heinous crimes, including genocide, have been committed against Croats and Moslems in many areas. Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina have from the beginning joined the Moslems to resist the Greater-Serbian aggression. Along with the Croats from Bosnia-Herzegovina, numerous Moslems participated in the defensive war in Croatia. Now many of these Croats and Moslems have returned to their native Republic as volunteers to defend its sovereignty from the Greater-Serbian aggression.

The meeting and agreement between Croatian and Serbian representatives from Bosnia-Herzegovina were intended to reach two goals: to effect a ceasefire and persuade the Serbian side to halt its aggression and participate in peaceful negotiations between all three nations. We are witnessing certain signs that the aggressive attacks against Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina have somewhat decreased. However, there are no guarantees that these discussions will produce desired results.

Senator Dole, as you have seen, we wish to use every opportunity available to halt the unprecedented Serbian aggression against Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. We wish to bring a halt to the war and territorial expansionism, and create, through political negotiations, a lasting peace and stability of the international order in this part of Europe.

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- PRES TUDJMAN DESPATCHED URGENT LETTER TO PRE IZETBEGOVIC AND BOBAN
CROAT PRES MATE BOBAN CONDEMNING OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE, REGARDLESS
OF WHO HAD CAUSED IT, AND APPEALING FOR IMMED CEASEFIRE. FURTHER
MUSLIM-CROAT CONFLICT, HE SAID, COULD ONLY BENEFIT SERB AGGRESSOR.

- IT WAS LATER ANNOUNCED ON NEWS THAT IZETBEGOVIC AND BOBAN HAD
AGREED TO CEASEFIRE, WHICH WAS TO TAKE EFFECT 10MAY 1800 LOCAL.

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---CROATIA: APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

SUMMARY: FORMIN SEPAOVIC CALLED IN DIP AND CONSULAR REPS TO EXPLAIN CROATIAN APPEAL TO INTL COMMUNITY, OF WHICH PRINCIPAL POINTS ARE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION UNDER CHAPTER VII ON B-H SITUATION, AND PROPOSAL TO CONVENE CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES. IN CROATIAN VIEW, SITUATION IS WORSENING DRAMATICALLY, AND CTRY IS AT LIMITS OF ATS ABILITY TO COPE WITH INFLUX OF REFUGEES. DECISION BY B-H GOVT TO OPENLY BRAND SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AS AGGRESSORS AND CALL FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION, APPEARS IN CRO(IAN VIEW TO CONSTITUTE MAJOR TURNING POINT IN CRISIS. AT MY REQUEST, SEPAWNU98cc&C COMMENTED IN FAMILIAR TERMS ON QUESTION OF CROATIAN ARMY INVOLVEMENT IN B-H; HE DID NOT/NOT KNOW HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE

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INVOLVED. HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THERE WAS PROPOSAL IN PLACE TO
CREATE PROTECTED ZONE AROUND SARAJEVO.

2.REPORT: HEADS OF DIPLO AND CONSULAR MISSIONS WERE CALLED AT SHORT
NOTICE TO MTG WITH FORMIN SEPAROVIC 05MAY. PURPOSE WAS TO TRANSMIT
TEXT OF STATEMENT APPROVED BY CROATIAN CABINET AT 04MAY MTG

(REFFAX). ESSENCE OF STATEMENT IS CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

(A) URGENT SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION TO IDENTIFY SERBIA, MONTENEGRO
AND JNA AS AGGRESSORS AND DECIDE ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER VII OF UN CHARTER;

(B) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF UNPROFOR MANDATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS;

(C) ULTIMATUM BY EC AND CSCE TO SERBIA, MONTENEGRO AND JNA TO
EFFECT THAT QUOTE PROPER AND EFFICIENT ACTION UNQUOTE WOULD BE
TAKEN IF ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS, TOWNS AND VILLAGES DID NOT/NOT
CEASE; (D) BRING JNA UNDER INTERNATL CONTROL;

(E) DESPATCH PEACEKEEPERS TO B-H;

(F) PREVENT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGO FROM QUOTE USURPING UNQUOTE
RIGHTS OF EX-SFRY IN INTL INSTITUTIONS AND RELATIONS;

(G) CONVENING OF INTL CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES AND EXILES ASAP, ON
PROVISION OF SUSTENANCE AND ENABLING THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES;
AND

(H) ESTABLISHMENT OF INTL COURT TO DEAL WITH WAR CRIMES AND TAKE
ACTION AGAINST THOSE GUILTY OF KILLING AND TORTURING CIVILIANS.

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3. SEPAROVIC DESCRIBED CURRENT SITUATION AS VERY SERIOUS. AGGRESSION HAD NOT/NOT CEASED, IT HAD INTENSIFIED. PEACEKEEPING OPERATION WAS ENDANGERED, HAD BEEN SLOWED DOWN. QUOTE TRAGIC ACCIDENT UNQUOTE RESULTING IN DEATH OF EC MONITOR WAS OF GREAT CONCERN. SITUATION IN B-H WAS WORSENING DRAMATICALLY. DIP REPS WERE THEREFORE ASKED TO TRANSMIT APPEAL TO THEIR GOVTS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, ESPECIALLY IN UN, CSCE/HSNKI, AND OTHER FORA.

4. REFUGEE SITUATION, SAID SEPAROVIC, WAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN. NBR OF EXPELLED AND DISPLACED FROM CROATIA AND B-H WAS NOW APPROACHING ON

MILLION. CROATIA DID NOT/NOT WANT ITS DISPLACED TO HAVE TO SEEK REFUGE IN OTHER CTRIES, AND ITS FRONTIERS REMAINED OPEN TO REFUGEES FROM B-H, BUT LIMITS OF CROATIAS CAPABILITIES TO SUPPORT DISPLACED HAD BEEN REACHED. IT THEREFORE SOUGHT ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY FROM EC CTRIES WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE TO CARE FOR REFUGEES ON THEIR OWN TERRITORY. (AT END OF MTG SEPAROVIC IN FACT APPEALED FOR CTRIES TO ACCEPT AND CARE FOR REFUGEES) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE STATED THAT CROATIAN GOVT WAS SENDING LETTERS APPEALING TO CERTAIN GOVTS WHICH HAD ALREADY PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE. UAE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT TO OFFER HELP FOR ALL REFUGEES, REGARDLESS OF RELIGION.

5. ASKED WHETHER CROATIA OR AN INTL ORGANISATION WOULD CONVENE PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES, SEPAROVIC SAID THAT CROATIA WAS ALREADY IN CONTACT WITH SOME OTHER CTRIES, AND THAT THERE WAS SOME

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SUGGESTION THAT CONFERENCE BE HELD IN STRASBOURG OR GENEV UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES. AUSTRIAN FORMIN MOCK HAD SUGGESTED THAT CONF COULD BE CONVENED AS CONTINUATION OF ONE HELD ABOUT ONE YR AGO, BUT THIS TIME SPECIFICALLY ON CROATIAN REFUGEEES. SECOND

POSSIBILITY WAS THAT CONFERENCE BE HOSTED IN ZAGREB BY CROATIAN GOVT, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT WERE CONVENED BY INTL ORGANISATION. IT WAS ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, THAT CONFERENCE BE HELD QUICKLY, PREFERABLY BEFORE END OF MAY. CROATIAN GOVT WOULD PREPARE MORE DETAILED CONCEPT READY IN COUPLE OF DAYS.

6. ASKED WHETHER CROATIA HAD ANY SPECIFIC CHAPTER VII MEASURES IN MIND

SEPAROVIC SAID THAT DECISION WAS UP TO SECURITY COUNCIL. HE POINTEDLY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT B-H HAD REQUESTED MILITARY INTERVENTION.

7. ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORT OF YUGO GOVT DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM B-H ALL JNA MEMBERS WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF SERBIA, SEPAROVIC SAID

THAT ANY REDUCTION IN JNA PRESENCE IN B-H WAS DESIRABLE AND WELCOME, SINCE JNA WAS PRINCIPAL FORCE SUPPORTING SERBIAN AGGRESSION. BUT ANNOUNCEMENT OPENED POSSIBILITY THAT OTHERS WOULD REMAIN, AND THIS WOULD STILL REPRESENT STRONG FORCE. IT POINTED UP NEED FOR INTL CONTROL OF JNA, FOR WHICH CSCE MECHANISMS SHOULD BE ACTIVATED. NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, HE SAID, SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE IN THIS REGARD, AS HUGE JNA FORCE REPRESENTED DANGER TO THEM. YUGO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS COSMETIC: MORE TACTICAL THAN REAL.

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8. QUESTION WAS POSED WHETHER 3/3 ETHNIC COMMUNITIES OF B-H COULD STILL LIVE TOGETHER AFTER SO MUCH BLOODSHED. SEPAROVIC RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS STILL POSSIBLE, BUT WOULD NOT/NOT BE EASY. ONE POSSIBILITY WAS TO ORGANISE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES AS QUOTE COMPACT UNQUOTE ENTITIES WITHIN B-H (HE DID NOT/NOT ELABORATE). CROATIA CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT INTEGRITY OF B-H HAD TO BE MAINTAINED, BUT THAT IT MUST BE BASED ON ALL THREE ETHNIC GRPS HAVING SAME RIGHTS. IT WAS NECESSARY FOR B-H TO BE STRUCTURED NOT/NOT JUST ON BASIS OF INDIV U+1 CITIZEN, BUT ETHNIC AFFILIATION. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NECESSARY FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL TO ENJOY ALL RIGHTS, IN SUCH A COMPLICATED SITUATION ETHNIC GROUPS ALSO HAD TO BE PROTECTED.

8. SOMEWHAT TO DISMAY OF SOME COLLEAGUES AROUND TABLE, IZ(*)q" SEPA OVIC TO COMMENT ON PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF CROATIAN FORCES (HV) IN B-H, NOTING THAT IT WOULD HELP TO CLARIFY MATTERS IF WE COULD BE GIVEN SOME IDEA OF HOW MANY B-H CITIZENS WHO HAD SERVED WITH HV HAD NOW RETURNED TO B-H, AND WHAT PROPORTION THEY FORMED OF HV.

SEPAROVIC THANKED ME FOR QUESTION. IT WAS NO/NO SECRET, HE SAID, THAT CROAT CITIZENS OF B-H HAD JOINED HV TO FIGHT FOR THEIR QUOTE MOTHERLAND UNQUOTE; CROA(IA WAS PROUD OF THEM. AFTER ESCALATION OF CONFLICT IN B-H, SOME WHO HAD FOUGHT IN CROATIA HAD MOVED - AS INDIVIDUALS, HE EMPHASISED - BACK TO B-H TO PROTECT THEIR HOMES. THEY HAD BEEN DOUBLY PATRIOTIC: WHEN THEY VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT FOR CROATIA, AND WHEN THEY RETURNED TO DEFEND THEIR HOMES. (AS AN

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ASIDE, HE REMARKED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FEW VOLUNTEERS FROM PLACES LIKE CDA AND AUSTRALIA WHO HAD GIVEN CROATIA A BImN-4Pcc*PRESENTATIONAL PROBLM, BUT THIS DID NOT/NOT APPLY TO B-H CROATS.)

B-H CROATS, HE NOTED, HAD BEEN AMONG THE BRAVEST OF CROATIAN SOLDIERS, DOUBTLESS BECAUSE, PLACED AS THEY WERE, THEY HA* ALWAYS HAD TO DEFEND

THEIR RIGHTS. HE DID NOT/NOT HOW MANY WERE INVOLVED (THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS HE COULD FIND OUT), BUT THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT/NOT CONSTITUTE LARGEST PROPORTHON OF FIGHTERS IN B-H. THEY WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR HOMES AND FAMI

↑ES, HE EMPHASISED, NOT/NOT REPUB@IC OF CROATIA.

●/NO CRO@IAN UNITS HAD CROSSED INTO B-H, AND NONE WERE FIGHTING THERE. HV HAD BEEN INVOLVED (SUCCESSFULLY) IN DEFENCE OF METKOVIĆ AT TIME OF RECENT AT@K, BUT METKOVIĆ WAS IN CROATIA.

9. ASKED WHAT HAD CAUSED B-H GOVT TO DECIDE TO NAME SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AS AGGRESSORS, SEPAROVIĆ NOTED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE PRECISELY INFLUENCE OF ANY GIVEN FACTOR IN SUCH A DECISION. IN SOME FOREIGN STATEMENTS AND JUDGEMENTS THERE HAD BEEN TENDENCY TO BLAME ALL PARTIES (SOME, IN SOME CASES, MORE THAN OTHERS). CROATI@REJECTED TH}S AS UNJUST TO THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ATTACKED AND VICTIMISED, AND EXCULPATORY OF SERBIA AND JNA, WHO WERE ONLY REAL AGGRESSORS. B-H PRESIDENCY HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO NAME AGGRESSORS, AND THIS MIGHTHAVE CONTRIBUTED TO CONFUSION. ONLY AFTER IZETBEGOVIĆ HAD BEEN KIDN@ AND HAD DECISION BEEN REACHED TO NAME AGGRESSOR AND REQUEST OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. B-H GOVT HAD TRIED

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TO PLEASE AGGRESSORS AND NEGOTIATE WITH THEM, AND RESULT HAD BEEN DESTRUCTION AND ATROCITIES. HE HOPED THAT ACTION OF B-H GOVT WOULD HELP INTL COMMUNITY TO REACH DECISION AND DEMAND JNA WITHDRAWAL FROM B-H (AND CROATIA).

10. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY RUSSIAN CONGEN, SEPAROVIC EXPLAINED THAT FORMY'S OF AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA AND CROATIA (WHO HAD ALREADY DEVELOPED PATTERN OF CLOSE CONSULTATION ON SUCH MATTERS AS HUMANITARIAN AID, EC MONITORS, AND DEPLOYMENT OF UNPROFOR) HAD EVOLVED PROPOSAL THAT SARAJEVO BE MADE A PROTECTED ZONE. IT WAS HOPED THAT FRANCE AND GERMANY WOULD ALSO SUPPORT. THIS WAS OF OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUATION OF USA AIRLIFT AND TO RECENT PROPOSAL FOR OVERLAND HUMANITARIAN CONVOY.

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---BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA: CROATIAN POSITION

SUMMARY: CROATIAN MEDIA TODAY GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO B-H
PRESIDENCY STATEMENT 04MAY NAMING SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AS
AGGRESSORS. IN PRESS CONFERENCE SAME DAY, PRES TUDJMAN STATED THAT
CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT INTERVENE WITH ITS OWN FORCES, BUT WOULD ALLOW
BOSNIAN/HERCEGOVINIAN MEMBERS OF HV TO RETURN THERE TO DEFEND THEIR
HOMES.

2.REPORT: ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT PUBLISHED IN CROATIAN MEDIA, B-H
PRESIDENCY FOLLOWING 04MAY SESSION PROCLAIMED QUOTE AGGRESSORS
AGAINST B-H ARE SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, IE SFRY, THROUGH FORMER JNA
AND WITH PARTICIPATION OF PARAMILITARY FORMATIONS OF SERBIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND PARAMILITARY FORMATIONS FROM SERBIA AND
MONTENEGRO, IE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA UNQUOTE. PRESIDENCY
AUTHORISED FORMIN SILAJDZIC AT NEXT CSCE SESSION 06MAY TO SEEK

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URGENT INTERNATIONAL MILITARY INTERVENTION, IE ASSISTANCE IN DEFENCE OF B-H. IN PRESS CONFERENCE, IZETBEGOVIC IS QUOTED AS HAVING STATED THAT WITHOUT DEFINITE MILITARY ENGAGEMENT FROM ABROAD IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF B-H. ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, IZETBEGOVIC REPLIED THAT AS YET THERE WERE NO/NO SUCH SIGNALS, BUT NEITHER WERE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE REFUSED. ACCORDING TO IZETBEGOVIC SOME COUNTRIES (WHICH HE DID NOT/NOT IDENTIFY) WERE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE 04MAY, PRES TUDJMAN COMMENTED THAT QUOTE TO EXTENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DOES NOT/NOT SUCCEED IN COMING DAYS OR WEEKS IN STOPPING WAR IN B-H BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS, IT WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE MORE EFFECTIVE (HE DID NOT/NOT SPECIFY) MEANS. CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT INTERVENE WITH ITS OWN FORCES, BUT HAD PERMITTED MANY FIGHTERS WHOSE HOMES WERE THREATENED TO RETURN FROM CROATIAN BATTLEFRONT TO DEFEND THEIR OWN THRESHOLDS. ON CROATIAN COMMUNITY IN B-H, HE SAID THAT CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT RENOUNCE ITS CONCERN FOR MEMBERS OF ITS NATION; MEMBERS OF ALL THREE CONSTITUENT NATIONS OF B-H HAD SAME RIGHTS, AND TO EXTENT THAT CANTONISATION OF B-H ON CONFEDERAL BASIS WAS NOT/NOT CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED, B-H WOULD NOT/NOT SURVIVE AS SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE, BUT WOULD FALL APART.

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---BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA: CROATIAN POSITION

SUMMARY: CROATIAN MEDIA TODAY GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO B-H
 PRESIDENCY STATEMENT 04MAY NAMING SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO AS
 AGGRESSORS. IN PRESS CONFERENCE SAME DAY, PRES TUDJMAN STATED THAT
 CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT INTERVENE WITH ITS OWN FORCES, BUT WOULD ALLOW
 BOSNIAN/HERCEGOVINIAN MEMBERS OF HV TO RETURN THERE TO DEFEND THEIR
 HOMES.

2.REPORT: ACCORDING TO ACCOUNT PUBLISHED IN CROATIAN MEDIA, B-H
 PRESIDENCY FOLLOWING 04MAY SESSION PROCLAIMED QUOTE AGGRESSORS
 AGAINST B-H ARE SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, IE SFRY, THROUGH FORMER JNA
 AND WITH PARTICIPATION OF PARAMILITARY FORMATIONS OF SERBIAN
 DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND PARAMILITARY FORMATIONS FROM SERBIA AND
 MONTENEGRO, IE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA UNQUOTE. PRESIDENCY
 AUTHORISED FORMIN SILAJDZIC AT NEXT CSCE SESSION 06MAY TO SEEK

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URGENT INTERNATIONAL MILITARY INTERVENTION, IE ASSISTANCE IN DEFENCE OF B-H. IN PRESS CONFERENCE, IZETBEGOVIC IS QUOTED AS HAVING STATED THAT WITHOUT DEFINITE MILITARY ENGAGEMENT FROM ABROAD IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF B-H. ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, IZETBEGOVIC REPLIED THAT AS YET THERE WERE NO/NO SUCH SIGNALS, BUT NEITHER WERE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE REFUSED. ACCORDING TO IZETBEGOVIC SOME COUNTRIES (WHICH HE DID NOT/NOT IDENTIFY) WERE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE 04MAY, PRES TUDJMAN COMMENTED THAT QUOTE TO EXTENT THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DOES NOT/NOT SUCCEED IN COMING DAYS OR WEEKS IN STOPPING WAR IN B-H BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS, IT WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE MORE EFFECTIVE (HE DID NOT/NOT SPECIFY) MEANS. CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT INTERVENE WITH ITS OWN FORCES, BUT HAD PERMITTED MANY FIGHTERS WHOSE HOMES WERE THREATENED TO RETURN FROM CROATIAN BATTLEFRONT TO DEFEND THEIR OWN THRESHOLDS. ON CROATIAN COMMUNITY IN B-H, HE SAID THAT CROATIA WOULD NOT/NOT RENOUNCE ITS CONCERN FOR MEMBERS OF ITS NATION; MEMBERS OF ALL THREE CONSTITUENT NATIONS OF B-H HAD SAME RIGHTS, AND TO EXTENT THAT CANTONISATION OF B-H ON CONFEDERAL BASIS WAS NOT/NOT CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED, B-H WOULD NOT/NOT SURVIVE AS SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE, BUT WOULD FALL APART.

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STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

At its session on May 4, 1992, the Government of the Republic of Croatia reviewed the state of security in the Republic in the wake of intensified aggressive moves by the former Yugoslav People's Army (JNA), Serbia and Montenegro against Croatia. The Government also considered the aftermath of the attack on the Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina and arrived at the following conclusions:

1. The former JNA and the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro, in their refusal to abide by some basic standards prevailing in the international community today and related to the prohibition of war operations, the provisions of the Geneva and Sarajevo agreements on the ceasefire in Croatia, the respective UN peace plan and other documents issued by the international community, have renewed their attacks at Croatia with increased intensity and application of highly destructive weapons forbidden by international conventions. Wanton devastation of Osijek, Vinkovci, Zadar, Metković and other towns and places goes on unabated. The attack on Slavonski Brod is an example of a brutal crime committed against innocent civilians, defenceless women and children. The aggressors continue to burn down dwelling and commercial buildings, to expel Croats and other non-Serbians from occupied areas and to launch insidious attacks at civilian targets and the Croatian Army defence positions. Such attacks, as well as those against EEC Monitors and the actions thwarting the UNPROFOR peace operations are designed to escalate the current war conflict and to undermine the international peace efforts, which should enable Serbia, Montenegro and ex-JNA to realize by force their conquering plans as set out in the Greater Serbia project.

2. It is in this context that the spread of aggression to the internationally recognized Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina should be considered: the obvious objective is to subjugate this Republic militarily, to change the ethnic structure of some of its areas and to force it into joining the so-called Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

3. All these brutal actions against Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina are taking place in the heart of Europe, before the very eyes of the world. By playing soft with the aggressors and failing to take specific actions against them the democratic states and the international institutions are making themselves more and more responsible for the continuing toll in

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human lives. Continuous postponement of efficient sanctions against the aggressors enables them to expand their criminal activities, day in, day out, which makes the international institutions and the democratic states as parties to international covenants not only morally, but also actually responsible, for failing to do what they are supposed to do in order to help innocent people.

4. The right to live, the right to defend one's life and the duty to help endangered human beings are motives behind the present message of the Croatian Government expressing the bitterness of helpless women and children as well as other innocent victims of the aggressive war waged against Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. On their behalf and based on the UN principles prohibiting the use of force and the commitment of member states to take actions against the aggressor and to help the victim of aggression, as well as other UN Charter provisions and all the adopted international human rights declarations, the Government of the Republic of Croatia hereby requests:

(a) Convening an urgent session of the UN Security Council to identify the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro and JNA as aggressors and to decide on efficient actions to be taken in compliance with Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

(b) Urgent implementation of UNPROFOR obligations arising from the UN Security Council's decisions intended to stop the aggression against Croatia and to carry out the UN peace plan.

(c) An ultimatum should be given by EEC and CSCE to Serbia, Montenegro and their criminal army to the effect that proper and efficient actions be taken against them, unless they immediately stop killing women and children and destroying towns and villages.

(d) Bringing the criminal army of ex-Yugoslavia under international control.

(e) Making decisions on sending peace keeping troops to Bosnia & Herzegovina.

(f) Preventing the so-called Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a disguise of Greater Serbia, from usurping in any way the rights of ex-SFRJ (Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) in international institutions and relations.

(g) Convening an international conference on refugees and exiles as soon as possible and providing help in taking care of them and thus enabling them to return to their homes.

(h) Setting up an international court to deal with war crimes and to take legal actions against all those torturing and killing women, children and other innocent individuals in this bloody war.

5. The Government of the Republic of Croatia appeals to all democratically minded citizens of the world to bring pressure to bear on international institutions and their respective states with an aim to protect the victims of aggression in compliance with internationally adopted charters and established standards. Any individual who has failed to do what he can

and must do in order to stop the massacre of innocent people bears a part of moral responsibility for and complicity in the crime being committed. Indifference to evil-doing and mild response can only lead to new crime and is likely to encourage crime.

6. The Government of the Republic of Croatia particularly appeals to the Croatian people at home and abroad as well as all citizens of Croatia regardless of their nationality to help our suffering citizens living in towns and villages under extremely perilous conditions. This should be part of our joint struggle for freedom, democracy and independent statehood. Let us work and act in a way that will give the best of each of us in these hard moments of our history.

Just like the rest of our citizens the Government of the Republic of Croatia has never had any doubts about our ultimate victory. We have tried to reach our objectives with minimum human sacrifice. However, we have been paying a heavy price in human lives and overall destruction. We appeal to you in these decisive and agonizing hours to do your utmost, each in your respective area, in helping our country and our people. The enormous sacrifice rendered so far is binding to all of us.



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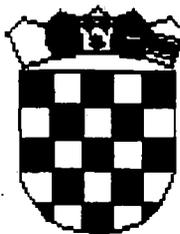
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NO CROATIAN TROOPS IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, STATES CROATIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY

Not a single Croatian Army unit operates outside the territory of the Republic of Croatia, stated the Croatian Ministry of Defense Friday in response to Thursday's accusations by Yugoslav acting-Defense Minister General Blagoje Adžić. General Adžić claimed in an open letter that the Croatian Army has sent troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Croatian Ministry of Defense stated that a number of demobilized members of the Croatian Army who are citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina returned to defend their hometowns, but that they are under the command of local defense authorities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Furthermore, the Ministry states that those soldiers have responded to mobilization orders issued by local defence authorities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. These orders recruit all able-bodied citizens of these Bosnia-Herzegovina districts, whether they reside in or outside Bosnia-Herzegovina.

However, the Ministry conceded that Croatian Army units have been actively involved in problems arising from the Bosnia-Herzegovina crisis, by offering aid, transportation and accommodation in Croatian territory to almost 180,000 refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina who have crossed the border since the beginning of the Serbian aggression against the neighboring republic.

Elsewhere in Croatia, Croatian Army units have been using peaceful means in efforts to preserve the signed ceasefire agreement, concluded the Croatian Ministry of Defense.

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JOURNALISTS INVITED TO VISIT CROATIAN BRIGADES

The Ministry of Information issued the following statement today concerning alleged Croatian Army involvement in Bosnia-Herzegovina:

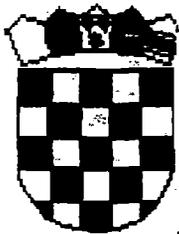
Since the beginning of the Yugoslav Army and Serbian paramilitary aggression on Bosnia-Herzegovina, attempts have been made to convince the international community that units under Croatian Army command are involved in combat activities in this neighboring republic. The purpose of these allegations is to diminish the Yugoslav Army's guilt for civilian casualties and widespread destruction in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The government of the Republic of Croatia has repeatedly denied allegations that Croatian Army units are participating in defense activities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. However, some misconceptions still persist in the international media. General Adžić, the acting Yugoslav Secretary of Defense, has recently accused the Croatian Army of participating in combat in Bosnia-Herzegovina, even specifying certain Croatian Army brigades.

The Croatian Government today extended an invitation to accredited journalists to visit headquarters of any of the brigades allegedly involved in combat activities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. These troops are actually engaged in normal day-to-day activities in the Republic of Croatia, including defending the Metković-Ston area near the Bosnia-Herzegovinian border from Yugoslav Army and Serbian paramilitary attack.

A number of citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina voluntarily joined the Croatian Army during the Yugoslav Army and Serbian irregulars' aggression against Croatia. Because the Yugoslav Army has now launched attacks on these volunteers' native villages and towns, many of them have left the Croatian Army in order to join the organized defense of their homeland. The Croatian government stated that it could not, and did not, want to prevent their departure, but this fact does not imply involvement of Croatian Army units in the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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CROATIAN GOVERNMENT REJECTS ACCUSATIONS OF U.N. INSIGNIA ABUSE BY CROATIAN TROOPS

The Croatian government today strongly protested accusations contained in U.N. Secretary General Boutros B. Ghali's April 24 report that "in both Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina combatants on both sides used United Nations insignia on their vehicles and uniforms."

Croatian Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Zdravko Tomac requested in his letter to U.N. Secretary General Boutros B. Ghali that "United Nations initiate an investigation to find the source of this false accusation of the Croatian Army abusing the U.N. insignia by putting it on its vehicles and uniforms."

Dr Tomac also requested that "United Nations Protective Force urgently start taking responsibility in the United Nations Protected Areas, since aggression against Croatian cities, killings of civilians and systematic terror inflicted upon the non-Serbian population of the occupied territories of Croatia have continued." He reminded Mr. Ghali that the Croatian government has endorsed the deployment of United Nations peacekeeping forces since the beginning, and assured him that it continues to offer UNPROFOR its full support.

Deputy Prime Minister Tomac stated that the Croatian government welcomed Mr Ghali's request to the Belgrade authorities to fully investigate the deportations of non-Serbian civilians from the occupied areas of Croatia, but emphasized that merely requesting an investigation was not enough.

Dr. Tomac concluded by stating that "the Croatian side is not the one which continues to destroy cities and to kill and deport civilian populations, nor does it abuse the U.N. insignia."

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---BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: TUDJMAN VIEWS

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO CROATIA PRES TUDJMAN, B-H IS MORE COMPLICATED THAT FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, AND BOSNA TEN TIMES MORE COMPLICATED. CROATS IN B-H FELT DOUBLY THREATENED: BY SERB AGGRESSION, AND BY PROSPECT OF ISLAMIC STATE. HE HAD CALLED FOR MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF USA, RUSSIA AND FORMER YUGO. IN HIS VIEW, B-H COULD SURVIVE ON CONFEDERAL BASIS, BUT ONLY AS UN PROTECTORATE.

2.REPORT: TUDJMAN ADDRESSED 59TH WORLD PEN CONGRESS ON ISLAND OF HVAR 24APR, AND WAS ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON CROAT-MUSLIM CONFLICT IN B-H. HE RESPONDED, HE SAID, AS INTELLECTUAL AND HISTORIAN.

3.CONFLICT HAD BEGUN APPROX TWO MONTHS AGO, SAID TUDJMAN, WHEN

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MUSLIM LEADERSHIP HAD REDEPLOYED MILITARY UNITS INTO CENTRAL BOSNA FROM OTHER LOCATIONS, INCLUDING SOME ON FRONT LINE OPPOSING SERB FORCES. HE HAD SENT MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON TO BOTH MUSLIM AND CROAT LEADERS APPEALING FOR HALT TO FIGHTING, AND FOR THOSE WHO HAD COMMITTED CRIMES TO BROUGHT BEFORE COURT.

4. IT WAS HARD EVEN FOR HIM AS POLITICIAN AND HISTORIAN, SAID TUDJMAN, TO SEE HOW IT HAD COME TO THIS. CROATIAN PEOPLE IN B-H FELT DOUBLY THREATENED: BY SERBIAN AGGRESSION, WITH ITS GOAL OF ESTABLISHING A GREATER SERBIA; BUT ALSO BY IDEA OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC STATE, EVEN UNDER SLOGAN OF "CITIZENS' STATE" (AS DISTINCT, PRESUMABLY, FROM NATION-STATE).

5. B-CROATS, TUDJMAN NOTED, HAD ACCEPTED AND SIGNED ALL PLANS FOR B-H. MUSLIMS, AT LAST, HAD ALSO SIGNED, BUT HAD CONTINUED TO CONDUCT POLICY OPPOSED TO PRINCIPLES OF VANCE-OWEN PLAN. THIS WAS WHERE HE SAW SOURCE OF CONFLICT, WHICH HAD BEGUN ON TRAVNIK-BUSOVACA LINE AND HAD NOW SHIFTED TO TRAVNIK-JABLANICA-KONJIC. THIS WAS UNREASONABLE CONDUCT, DESERVING OF EVERY CONDEMNATION. HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE NO/NO UNITS OF REGULAR CROATIAN ARMY (HV) THERE.

6. PROBLEM OF B-H, SAID TUDJMAN, WAS ONE OF MOST COMPLICATED IN MODERN WORLD. THUS, EVEN WITHIN EC THERE WAS NO/NO CONSENSUS ON SOLUTION. WORST WAS THAT EYES OF WORLD WERE FOCUSED ON MUSLIM-CROAT CONFLICT AND SAW ALL AS EQUALLY GUILTY. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH

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WESTERN POLITICIANS AND INTELLECTUALS, HE HAD NOT/NOT ENCOUNTERED MUCH UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM.

7. THERE HAD BEEN VARIOUS REASONS TO ESTABLISH FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, SAID TUDJMAN, AND IT HAD DISINTEGRATED FOR MANY REASON. TITO HAD SUCCEEDED IN RENEWING IT BY PROMISING EQUALITY AND RIGHTS FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES. AFTER TITO'S DEPARTURE, GREATER-SERBIAN POLICY HAD EXTINGUISHED RIGHTS OF KOSOVO, AND BEGUN TO CARRY OUT ITS PLANS IN THEIR ENTIRETY. CONTRADICTIONS IN B-H, HE MAINTAINED, WERE GREATER THAN THOSE IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, AND THOSE IN BOSNA WERE TEN TIMES GREATER.

8. IT SHOULD NOT/NOT BE FORGOTTEN, SAID TUDJMAN, THAT FIRST WORLD WAR HAD BEGUN WITH SHOTS IN SARAJEVO. NOW, BECAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN ELEMENTS (MUJAHEDDIN, RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS, REMNANTS OF BOLSHEVISM, ETC) THERE WAS GREAT DANGER, NOT JUST OF FURTHER DESTRUCTION, BUT OF GLOBAL CATAclySM. NEITHER EUROPE NOR USA, HE SAID, KNEW WHAT TO DO.

9. SINCE WORLD WAS HESITATING ON MILITARY INTERVENTION, SAID TUDJMAN, HE HAD PROPOSED THAT MEETING BE HELD WITH PARTICIPATION OF PRES CLINTON, ALL POLITICAL LEADERS OF FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (INCLUDING MACEDONIA), AS WELL AS YELTSIN (OR WHOEVER MIGHT BE LEADING RUSSIA). THERE MIGHT NOT/NOT HAVE BEEN A WAR IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, HE SAID, IF WORLD DIPLOMACY HAD NOT/NOT STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO/NO MILITARY INTERVENTION. SERBS HAD THUS CONCLUDED THAT THEY COULD

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WITHOUT FEAR PURSUE THEIR GOALS.

10. SURVIVAL OF B-H, ACCORDING TO TUDJMAN, WAS POSSIBLE ON CONFEDERAL BASIS, AND THAT ONLY UNDER UN PROTECTORATE. HE HAD LONG BELIEVED THAT THE BALKANS HAD TO BE "SCANDINAVIANIZED", AND WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT REASON WOULD PREVAIL AFTER THIS HORRIBLE WAR, DESPITE AND EVEN BECAUSE OF ITS ATROCITIES.

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---BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: CROAT-MUSLIM CONFLICT

SUMMARY: CROATIAN FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED ZAGREB-BASED DIPLOMATS THAT CROATIA CONTINUED TO SUPPORT AND RESPECT B-H SOVEREIGNTY. HE CONDEMNED CROAT-MUSLIM CONFLICT, WHICH HE ASCRIBED TO UNCONTROLLED LOCAL ELEMENTS ON BOTH SIDES, WHO WERE EVIDENTLY FRUSTRATED BY PASSIVITY AND INEFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATL COMMUNITY. CROATIA WOULD USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE CALLED TO ACCOUNT. IN ZAGREB 24APR, B-H PRES IZETBEGOVIC AND PRES OF B-H CROAT COMMUNITY BOBAN SIGNED THEIR SECOND CEASEFIRE IN ONE WEEK.

2.REPORT: CROATIAN FOREIGN MIN SKRABALO CALLED IN HEADS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN ZAGREB TO RECEIVE STATEMENT OF CROATIAN POSITION ON

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CROAT-MUSLIM CONFLICT IN CENTRAL B-H. GOVT OF CROATIA, HE SAID, HAD ALWAYS ESPOUSED AND RESPECTED INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF B-H AS A STATE OF THREE EQUAL CONSTITUENT NATIONS, BECAUSE A B-H SO CONSTITUTED WAS IN INTEREST OF CROATIA ITSELF.

3. CROATIAN SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF B-H, ACCORDING TO SKRABALO, HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN VARIETY OF WAYS. CROATIA HAD BEEN FIRST TO RECOGNISE B-H, HAD NAMED AN AMBASSADOR, AND HAD OPENED ITS BORDERS TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF B-H REFUGEES. CURRENTLY, WITH ASSISTANCE OF INTERNATL COMMUNITY, CROATIA WAS CARING FOR 400/400 THOUSAND B-H CITIZENS.

4. CROATIAN GOVT, SAID SKRABALO, EMPHASISED AND RE-EMPHASISED THAT ALLIANCE BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND CROATS IN B-H WAS ONLY REAL BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF TRAGIC AND BLOODY CRISIS PROVOKED BY SERBIAN AGGRESSION. CROATIAN GOVT HAD ALWAYS USED ALL ITS INFLUENCE WITH ITS CO-NATIONALS IN B-H TO PERSUADE THEM TO CONDUCT A POLICY OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH MUSLIMS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

5. ACCORDING TO SKRABALO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN B-H, ESPECIALLY UNWANTED AND TRAGIC CLASHES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF B-H ARMY (BHA) AND SOME LOCAL UNITS OF HVO, HAD OVERSHADOWED LONG-DRAWN-OUT TRAGIC EVENTS IN EASTERN BOSNA, AND ENABLE SERBIAN AGGRESSOR, WITH SUPPORT OF "SO-CALLED" YUGOSLAVIA, TO CARRY OUT ETHNIC CLEANSING AND CONQUEST OF TERRITORY.

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6. "WE BELIEVE", SAID SKRABALO, "THAT AMONG MUSLIM AND CROAT COMMUNITIES IN B-H, THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED AND FRUSTRATED BY PASSIVITY AND INEFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATL COMMUNITY, AND WHO ELUDE THE CONTROL OF LEGAL AUTHORITIES OF B-H OR OF HVO AND CROATIAN COMMUNITY OF HERCEG-BOSNA".

7. CROATIAN GOVT, SKRABALO EMPHASISED, STRONGLY CONDEMNED THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND WOULD USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO ENSURE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOMENTING AND PROVOKING MUSLIM-CROAT CONFLICT IN CENTRAL BOSNA WOULD BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

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---CROATIA:DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

FYI, SPANISH AMBASSADOR HERE HAS INFORMED US THAT WHEN HE SIGNED LEGAL INSTRUMENT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND CROATIA RECENTLY IN VIENNA, THE CROATIAN AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA REQUESTED HIM TO INFORM SPANISH GOVT THAT CROATIA WOULD PREFER THAT FOREIGN AMBASSADORS IN VIENN RATHER THAN BUDAPEST BE ACCREDITED TO CROATIA. REASON GIVEN ACCORDING TO SPANISH AMBASSADOR IS THAT CROATIA HAS AN ESTABLISHED EMBASSY IN VIENNA BUT DOES NOT HAVE A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BPEST. DESPITE ABOVE REQUEST, SPANISH GOVT HAS DECIDED TO ACCREDIT THEIR AMBASSADOR HERE TO SLOVENIA AND THE AMBASSADOR IN BPEST TO CROATIA.

2. SPANISH AMBASSADOR SIGNED SIMILAR DOCUMENT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SLOVENIA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO IN LJUBLJANA. AGREEMENT FOR HIS APPOINTMENT WAS REQUESTED APPROX TWO WEEKS AGO AND HE IS STILL WAITING RESPONSE.

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---CROATIA: PEACEKEEPING

SUMMARY: CROATIAN GOVT HAS COMPLAINED TO UNPROFOR ABOUT ACTIVITIES

OF SOVIET CONTINGENT WHICH, CROATIANS ALLEGE, FURTHER YUGO/SERB

OBJECTIVES OF EXPELLING NON-SERBS FROM EASTERN SLAVONIA AND

ENCOURIAGING SERBS TO SETTLE THERE. LETTERS FROM DEPTY PM RAMLJAK TO

THORNBERRY AND NAMBIAR ALSO COMPLAIN OF GENERAL FAILURE BY UN TO

HALT EXPULSIONS FROM OCCUPIED AREAS.

2.REPORT: CROATIAN GOVT HAS PUBLISHED LETTER FROM DEPTY PM RAMLJAK

TO UNPROFOR CIVIL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR THORNBERRY, ADVISING THAT RAMLJAK

HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM OSIJEK MAYOR KRAMARIC WITH QUOTE DISTURBING

INFORMATION ABOUT STAND TAKEN BY MR. J. LUBIN IN MTG WITH DR.

KRAMARIC, IE MR. LUBIN INFORMED DR. KRAMARIC ABOUT HIS PERSPECTIVES

AND ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITH REGARD TO PROBLEM OF RETURN OF RETURN

OF DISPLACED AND REFUGEES - UNPROFOR HAD, ACCORDING TO THIS

STATEMENT, BEEN ASKING ILLEGALLY-SETTLED SERBS IN SECTOR E WHETHER

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THEY WISHED TO REMAIN IN THE HOMES OF OTHERS, AND ASKING POTENTIAL CROAT REFUGEES WHETHER THEY QUOTE VOLUNTARILY UNQUOTE WISHED TO ABANDON THEIR POSSESSIONS AND HOMES. THEIR CENTURIES-OLD HEARTHES IN THEIR HOMELAND UNQUOTE. RAMLJAK ASKS THORNBERRY TO CONFIRM THESE STATEMENTS, ADDING THAT IF TRUE, QUOTE THEY ARE ASTONISHING: FOR US THEY ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND FOR UNPROFOR THEY ARE IMPERMISSIBLE UNQUOTE. BY ACCEPTING OCCUPATION AS FAIT ACCOMPLI, LETTER GOES ON, QUOTE OCCUPIERS EFFORTS AT QUOTE ETHNIC PURIFICATION UNQUOTE OF OCCUPIED AREAS WOULD BE LEGITIMISED THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO ALL VALID INTERNATIONAL LAW. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IN CROATIA, AS WELL AS UN PEACE PLAN, ESPECIAELLY BECAUSE SUCH CONDUCT GIVES COVER TO OCCUPIER FOR FURTHER EXPULSIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR IS CONTRARY TO ARTICLE 20 OF PLAN: RETURN OF EXILED PERSONS TO THEIR HOMES. UNQUOTE

3. RAMLJAK HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO FORCE COMMANDER NAMBIAR, WARNING OF FURTHER EXPULSIONS OF CROAT AND OTHER NON-SERB INHABITANTS OF OCCUPIED AREAS. QUOTE EASTER NIGHT, 18-19 APR, 104 RESIDENTS OF DALJ (OSIJEK OPCINA) MAINLY WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ELDERLY, WERE FORCED FROM THEIR HOMES... SIMILAR PROCESS IS TAKING PLACE IN KNIN OPCINA. IN SPITE OF ALL MY PREVIOUS LETTERS AND REQUEST FOR HALT TO EXPULSIONS AND PROTECTION OF THREATENED POPULATION IN UNPAS, AND IN SPITE OF PRESENCE OF PRESENCE UNPROFOR IN THESE AREAS (ERDUT, DALJ) NOTHING HAS CHANGED. WITH THEIR PRESENCE AND PASSIVE BEHAVIOUR IN

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FACE OF THESE EXPULSIONS MEMBERS OF UNPROFOR ARE CONDUCTING THEMSELVES CONTRARY TO UNSC RESOLUTIONS AND VANCE PLAN, AND GIVING COVER TO OCCUPIER FOR SUCH EXPULSIONS. I THEREFORE ASK YET AGAING THAT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF MANDATE CONDIDED TO YOU, YOU UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO HALT FURTHER EXPULSIONS FROM UNPAS, AND THAT YOU PROTECT CROATIAN AND OTHER POPULATION FROM SERB TERROR. IF NOWHERE ELSE THEN AT LEAST IN AREAS WHERE UNPROFOR IS ALREADY DEPLOYED AND PARTICULARLY IN SECTOR E UNQUOTE.

4.CROATIA/UNPROFOR HONEYMOON MAY BE COMING TO END.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT ON WEDNESDAY 22APR FRANCE WILL ESTABLISH DIPLO
RELNS WITH BOTH CROATIA AND SLOVENIA. FRENCH APPARENTLY CONSIDER THAT
SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON SPECIAL STATUS FOR MINORITIES
TO ENABLE THIS STEP TO BE TAKEN. PLAN IS APPARENTLY FOR ANNOUNCEMENT
TO BE MADE IN COURSE OF KOUCHNER VISIT.

2. KOUCHNER WILL ALSO BE VISITING B-H. ALTHOUGH THERE IS APPARENTLY
NO/NO PLAN TO MAKE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING FRANCE/B-H DIPLO
RELATIONS AT THAT TIME, I UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH INTENTION IS TO
COVER B-H ON NON-RESIDENT BASIS FROM ZAGRB, WHERE PRESENT CONSULATE
WILL BE UPGRADED TO EMB.

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--CROATIA: VIEW ON PEACE PROCESS

SUMMARY: EC ACCEPTANCE OF PRINCIPLE OF UNIFORM APPLICATION OF HUMAN
 AND MINORITY RIGHTS GUARANTEES HAS DISPOSED OF ONE MAJOR CROATIAN
 CONCERN. ISSUE OF SPECIAL STATUS FOR MINORITIES HAS ALSO BEEN LARGELY
 DEALT WITH, ALTHOUGH NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO CROATIAN CONCERN
 LEGISLATION HAVE NOT/NOT YET BEEN PASSED. QUESTION OF LEGAL ORDER IN
 UN PROTECTED AREAS HAS NOT/NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH CROATIANS
 EXPECT THAT SOLUTION MIGHT TAKE FORM OF UN SUPERVISION OF LOCAL
 AUTHORITIES.

2. REPORT: ACCORDING TO PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN ADVISOR NOBILO, CROATIA
 HAD REASON TO BE SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS TO DATE IN BRU PEACH
 CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE. IN CROATIAN VIEW, MOST
 IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT WAS THAT EC HAD QUOTE LEARNED UNQUOTE THAT
 SAME STANDARDS HAD TO BE IMPOSED ON ALL PARTIES. THIS APPLIED IN

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PARTICULAR TO CSCE PRINCIPLES REQUIRING THAT BOUNDARIES BE ACCEPTED AND RESPECTED, THAT MINORITY RIGHTS BE PROTECTED, AND THAT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE BOUNDARIES THAT ALL HAD TO RESPECT. IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT USA HAD REITERATED ITS INTENTION TO LET EC LEAD IN PEACE PROCESS.

3. EVENTS IN B-H, SAID NOBILO, HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL THAT CONFLICT IN (EX) YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT/NOT JUST A SERB-CROAT CONFLICT. IT WAS A MATTER OF SERB EXPANSIONISM AND JNA/LCY NOMENCLATURA ATTEMPTING TO PRESERVE THEIR POWER AND PRIVILEGED STATUS.

4. CONFERENCE AND ITS COMMISSIONS HAD BEGUN DISCUSSION ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF SUCCESSION. ACCORDING TO NOBILO, IDEA THAT ONLY ONE OR TWO OF FORMER YUGO REPUBLICS COULD INHERIT YUGOSLAV STATEHOOD HAD BEEN REJECTED. AGREEMENT ON SUCCESSION FORMULA, HOWEVER, HAD STILL NOT/NOT BEEN REACHED. ONE EXAMPLE OF PRACTICAL QUESTIONS TO BE DEALT WITH WAS THAT OF MILITARY PENSIONS: THERE WERE APPROX 20,000 RETIRED JNA OFFICERS LIVING IN CROATIA, WHOSE PENSIONS HAD FORMERLY BEEN A CHARGE ON FEDERAL DEFENCE BUDGET, AND WHO HAD NOT/NOT BEEN PAID IN MONTHS. THIS WAS ONE ASPECT OF AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE REACHED ON DIVISION OF SFRY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

5. ANOTHER SERIOUS ISSUE LINKED TO SUCCESSION QUESTION WAS THAT OF HUMAN AND MINORITY RIGHTS (HR/MR). ACCORDING TO NOBILO, MAIN REASON THAT SERBIA (AND MONTENEGRO) CLAIMED TO BE CONTINUATION OF SFRY WAS THAT THEY WISHED TO EVADE REQUIREMENT FOR CONSISTENT, UNIFORM

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PROTECTION OF HR/MR. IF INTL PRESSURE ON SERBIA CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO GIVE IN. THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION WAS WORSENING, AND MILITARY WERE BECOMING RESTIVE AND LESS RELIABLE. THIS WAS ONE REASON THAT THEY COULD NOT/NOT UNDERTAKE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA (REFTEL).

6. REGARDING CROATIAS OWN STANDING WITH CARRINGTON CONFERENCE, NOBILO THOUGHT THAT BADINTER COMMISSION RESERVATIONS ABOUT SPECIAL STATUS FOR MINORITIES HAD BEEN LARGELY RESOLVED. CROATIA HAD AGREED TO AMEND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ON MINORITIES, AND AGREEMENT ON MOST AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED DARWIN/ARENS DELEGATION DURING THEIR VISIT IN MAR. IT REMAINED ONLY TO PASS THE AMENDMENTS INTO LAW. ONLY IMPORTANT PROBLEM IN THIS RESPECT RELATED TO DEMILITARISATION OF SPECIAL-STATUS AREAS. CROATIA ACCEPTED NEED FOR DEMILITARISATION, BUT REQUIRED COMPENSATORY SECURITY GUARANTEES, AND PROVISIONS FOR PATROLLING INTERNATIONAL BORDER (CORRIDOR 5/5 KM WIDE). CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION IN B-H (NOW APPARENTLY WORSENING BY THE HOUR) WOULD ALSO HELP.

7. QUESTION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY IN UN PROTECTED AREAS, SAID NOBILO, CONTINUED TO BE DIFFICULT ISSUE. BRU CONFERENCE HAD NOT/NOT SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT, AND NO/NO PRATICAL MODEL HAD BEEN PROPOSED. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT UN DEVELOPMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE MATTER WAS RESOLVED, AND ESTABLISH SOME MECHANISM FOR SUPERVISING LOCAL AUTHORITIES. CROATIA WAS NO/NO LONGER OVERLY

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CONCERNED ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY IN THIS CONNECTION (SINCE USA
RECOGNITION STATEMENT HAD REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO EXISTING
BOUNDARIES) BUT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS HAD TO BE DEALT WITH. MOST
PRESSING OF THESE WAS THAT OF RETURNING DISPLACED PEOPLE TO
THEIR HOMES: IF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE HOSTILE, THEN PEOPLE WOULD
NOT/NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN. THIS IN TURN WOULD AFFECT POSSIBILITY
OF HOLDING ELECTIONS WHICH, ACCORDING TO NOBILO, WOULD CERTAINLY
BE HELD WITHIN THE YEAR, AND POSSIBLY BY SUMMER.

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---BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA(BH):CROAT VIEW

WE DISCUSSED CURRENT BH SITN WITH CROAT MEMBER OF BH PRESID-
 ENCY(AND FORMER PRES OF CROAT POL PARTY HDZ)MR KLUJIC TODAY,
 13APR,KLUJIC CHARACERTIZED SITN AS CONFLICT NOT BETWEEN ETHNIC
 GROUPS BUT RATHER,BETWEEN THOS WHO RECOGNIZE BH STATE AND THOSE
 WHO DO NOT.HE SAID GREAT NUMBER OF SERBS WERE LOYAL TO BH AND
 REMAINED IN SYSTEM OF GOVT/ADMIN.WHEN ASKED IF THESE SERBS COULD
 EXPECT TO BE HEARD FM,HE SAID THEY WERE EXPOSED TO INTIMIDATION.
 ACCORDING TO KLUJIC,ONLY EXTREMIST SERBS ARE GUIDED BY KARADJICS
 SDS PARTY AND WANT TO DIVIDE BH.

2.KLUJIC SAID THE SITN IS WORSENERD BY THE YUGO NAT ARMY(JNA)
 FAILURE TO OBEY CIVIL BH AUTHORITY;CROATIAN SCENARIO
 ACCORDINGLY IS BEIN REPEATED.WHEN BH CROATS ATTEMPT TO DEFEND

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THEMSELVES, JNA INTERVENES TO IMPOSE A PEACE WHICH ALWAYS IS AT CROAT EXPENSE. MEANWHILE ARMED GROUPS WERE BEING SMUGGLED IN FM SERBIA. KLUJIC HAD CONTACTED MONTENEGRO PRES BULATOVIC WHO ASSURED THERE WAS NO INFILTRATION FM MONTENEGRO; THIS IN SPITE OF KLUJIC'S REPORTS TO CONTRARY. ASKED ABOUT SIMILAR INCURSIONS FM CROATIA, KLUJIC ACKNOWLEDGED A QUOTE PRIVATE STREAM UNQUOTE OF MATE BOBANS PRAMILITAIRIES. BH GOVT TOOK SAME ATTITUDE TO ALL FORCES TO COME UNDER BH AUTHORITY OR BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL PARAMILITARIES.

3. ASKED IF THERE WERE THOSE IN CROATIA SEEKING DIVISION OF BH, KLUJIC ACKNOWLEDGED SUCH BODY OF OPINION EXISTED, BUT OBSERVED SIGNIFICANCE OF CROATIA GOVT RECOGNITION OF BH INDEPENDENCE. KLUJIC SPOKE AGAINST BH DISINTEGRATION IN CROATIAN REPUBLIC PRESS 12 APR.

4. ASKED RE KARADJIC'S CLAIM BH MOBILIZATION 04 APR WAS PRECIPITATING CAUSE OF VIOLENCE, KLUJIC SAID SERBS HAD MOBILIZED EARLIER, WITH ARMS SUPPLIED BY JNA. BH HAD CALLED FOR RTN OF ARMS BEFORE RESORTING TO MOBILIZATION. KLUJIC HELD OUT MINIMUM POSSIBILITY FOR CEASEFIRE, ALREADY BEING VIOLATED IN SARAJEVO. HE CLAIMED KARADJIC HAD TOLD PORTUGUESE CEASEFIRE BROKER OVER WEEKEND THAT SERBS WOULD CONTINUE ATTACKING AS LONG AS THERE WERE SNIPERS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO KLUJIC, KARADJIC, HAS PAID SNIPERS TO

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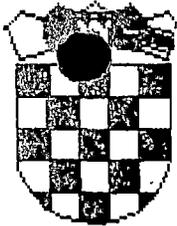
CONTINUE FIRING; CONFIRMED BY STATEMENTS OF SOME CAPTURED. KLUJIC SAID BH SITN WOULD BE TEN TIMES WORS THAN WAR IN CROATIA BECAUSE OF BH ETHNIC MAKEUP.

5. ASKED RE POSSIBLE ROLE OF SERB PRES MILOSEVIC, KLUJIC DESCRIBED HIM AS IDEOLOGICAL LEADER OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING FOR TWO REQSONS: A) HAVING LOST CROATIA, SLOVENIA, MACEDONIA, MILOSEVIC'S ONLY OPTION WAS TO GET PARTS OF BH; B) SO LONG AS CLASHES CONTINUE OUTSIDE SERBIA, MILOSEVIC MAINTAINS CONFIDENCE OF SERB ELECTORATE. HOWEVER, MILOSEVIC WOULD SACRIFICE KARADJIC IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO SAVE HIMSELF; KARADJIC KNEW THIS AND IS TRYING TO QUICKEN THE PACE SO MILOSEVIC COULD NOT DENY HIM. KLUJIC IMPILORED CDA AND OTHER WESTERN GOVTS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON JNA AND MILOSEVIC.

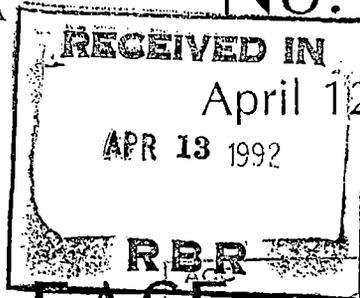
6. ASKED RE UNPROFOR AND ECOMY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BH PEACE THRU FORMERS ROLE IN CROATIA AND LATTERS ROLE IN BH, KLUJIC SAID THEY COULD HELP; BH SITN NEED TO BE INTERNATIONALIZED. HE HELD OUT NO HOPE FOR EC SPONSORED BH INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS SINCE OPTION OF CITIZENSHIP WAS NOT ON TABLE, ONLY THAT OF ETHNICITY.

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CROATIA SUPPORTS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

On April 11, 1992 Salvatore Cilento, Italian ambassador, and Ingeborg Trautluft, secretary of the German Embassy in Zagreb, handed the Declaration on Bosnia and Herzegovina to Croatian President Dr. Franjo Tudjman on behalf of the European Community.

In response to this Declaration, President's Office issued the following statement:

"The Croatian leadership shares the deep concern expressed by the European Community concerning the escalation of violence and threats to the negotiations on the constitutional order of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The aggression by Serbia and the Yugoslav Army on this republic can only be stopped by a resolute action undertaken by European governments and international community. The war in Bosnia and Herzegovina is obviously waged in much the same way and with the same expansionist intentions as the one against the Republic of Croatia.

The European Community is concerned that "the events in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina may be influenced by political decisions and actions of the governments in the neighbouring republics" and calls upon those governments to "exercise their influence on the political leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to avoid peace-undermining actions which may bring about a new bloodshed".

In this connection we have to reiterate the following:

1. The leadership of the Republic of Croatia has continually pointed out to the danger of escalation and shift of the Greater Serbian aggression on the neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina. In order to stop the war against Croatia, as well as against Bosnia and Herzegovina, where Croatian population would again suffer the most, the leadership of the Republic of Croatia did everything to avoid and then to stop the war, including direct talks with the representatives of Serbia, Yugoslav Army and the Serbs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
2. After the secession of the Serbian-controlled areas from the legitimate Bosnian authorities, the official Croatian policy has been dissuading the Croatian people in Bosnia and Herzegovina from doing the same in order to protect themselves.
3. The Croatian leadership supported the referendum on Bosnia and Herzegovina's independence and encouraged the Croatian people to take part in it.

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4. The Republic of Croatia was the first among the countries on the territory of former Yugoslavia and one of the first in the world to recognize the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
5. In the speech delivered on a plenary session of the Peace conference on Yugoslavia on April 1st, the President of the Republic of Croatia supported the independence and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
6. Regular military units of the Republic of Croatia have not been deployed on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, nor have the Croatian authorities encouraged sending paramilitary units to this republic. After the ordeal in Ravno, Bosanski Brod and elsewhere, the Croatian people spontaneously organized their defence and with their own forces hold out against the attacks on the territories in which they form a majority. In other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina they joined with the Muslims in defending their own republic.
7. The Croatian Government, among the first in the world, organized and sent humanitarian aid; it has already provided lodging for 40,000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and suffers heavily from the spreading of war.

Croatian official policy will continue to support the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina, send humanitarian aid and make further diplomatic and political efforts in order to stop Serbian aggression and find a just and lasting solution within the Conference on the constitutional reorganization of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized by the European Community.

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FINLAND 19FEB92; MACEDONIA 30,AR92.

2. BELIEVE MINISTRY OF INFO RELEASE IS ALSO ACCURATE IN STATING THAT
BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND PARAGUAY HAVE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS. HAVE
ASKED PROTOCOL TO CONFIRM.

3. IN ADDITION TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA, ITALY AND HUNGARY, SWEDEN HAS
OPENED EMBASSY CURRENTLY HEADED BY CHARGE. PERMANENT ESTBLISHMENT
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---BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA:CROATIAN POLICY

REVIEWED QUESTIONS YOURTEL WITH PRESIDENTIAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR NOBILO. HE STATED THAT AT BRUSSELS CONFERENCE TOMORROW, PRES TUDJMAN WILL REITERATE POSITION STATED IN MYTEL, IE THAT CROATIA SUPPORTS RECOGNITION OF B-H, PROVIDED THAT B-H CROATS RETAIN STATUS OF CONSTITUENT NATION. ACCORDING TO NOBILO, CROATIA WILL RECOGNISE B-H AS SOON AS OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION IS RECEIVED (SO FAR, HE SAID, NONE HAS ARRIVED).

2. NOBILO WOULD NOT/NOT CONFIRM THAT GEN SPEGELJ WAS STATING CROATION GOVT POSTION, BUT ADDED THAT ALMOST EVERYONE (CROATIANS AT LEAST) WOULD SHARE VIEW THAT IF IT CAME TO ALL-OUT CONFLICT, JNA WOULD LOSE IN B-H AS THEY HAD IN SLOVENIA AND CROATIA. BUT CROATIA, HE EMPHASISED, DID NOT/NOT SUPPORT VIOLENT SOLUTION.

3. NOBILO REITRATED CROATIAN POSITION THAT NO/NO CROATIAN FORCES ARE

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INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE IN B-H WHICH, HE SAID WAS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN LOCAL MILITIAS AND SERBS/JNA. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS FROM CROATIA TAKING PART IN FIGHTING, HE SAID THAT CROATIAN PARTY OF RIGHTS (HSP) HAD SUPPORTED AND ARMED PEOPLE IN B-H, AND CLAIMED TO HAVE HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS (MORE PROBABLY HUNDREDS, ACCORDING TO NOBILO) THERE. THIS WAS NOT/NOT LEGAL, AND CROATIA DID NOT/NOT WELCOME IT. HE ADDED THAT PEOPLE INVOLVED WERE NOT/NOT FROM CROATIA, BUT MEMBERS OF B-H WING OF HSP. HE DESCRIBED HSP ROLE IN B-H SITUATION AS MARGINAL.

INFILTRATION FROM CROATIA WAS NOT/NOT A PROBLEM.

4. IN MY VIEW, INTL RECOGNITION OF B-H WOULD HELP TO SHORE UP CROATIAN GOVT POSITION ESPECIALLY AGAINST PRESSURE FROM EXTREME RIGHT.

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---CROATIA: HELSINKI WATCH REPORT

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SUMMARY: CROATIAN GOVT HAS APPROVED RESPONSE TO HSNKI WATCH REPORT
WHICH, WHILE RENEWING CROATIAN COMMITMENT TO DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND PROMISING TO REVIEW ALL MATTERS RAISED IN REPORT, ATTEMPTS TO
PLACE PROBLEMS WITHIN CONTEXT OF WAR OF AGGRESSION WAGED AGAINST
CROATIA. RESPONSE ALSO APPEALS TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT
RESTORATION OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CROATIA AND DEAL WITH
VIOLATIONS OF WHICH SERBIAN SIDE IS ACCUSED.

2.REPORT: 13/13 POINT RESPONSE CONTAINS FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:QUOTE

1.CROATIAN GOVT, FROM ITS FIRST DAY HAS MOST STRONGLY CONDEMNED EVERY
VIOLATION OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, EVERY VIOLATION OF
RULE OF LAW, AND ESPECIALLY VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FREEDOMS, WITHOUT REGARD TO NATIONALITY, RELIGION OR ANY OTHER
AFFILIATION, AND REQUIRES THAT THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IDENTIFY AND
FIND THE PERPETRATORS.

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2. SALUTES ALL EFFORTS BY THE UN, EC, CSCE AND OTHER INTL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS TO RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO SECURING CONDITIONS FOR LASTING PEACE ON THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

3. INVITES REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL INTL NGOS AND HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATIONS TO SEND THEIR MONITORS TO THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. SEEKS SUPPORT FOR CROATIAS DEMAND THAT AN INTERNATIONAL COURT BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH WAR CRIMES COMMITTED IN ITS TERRITORY.

5. SUGGESTS THAT AN INTL COMMISSION BE FORMED AND SENT TOGETHER WITH UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES TO ESTABLISH OBJECTIVELY AND IMPARTIALLY THE FACTS AND EVIDENCE CONCERNING WAR CRIMES.

6. THE SILENCE OF INTL PUBLIC OPINION AND INTL ORGANISATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ABOUT THE MASSIVE EXODUS AND DRIVING OUT OF CROATIAN POPULATION FROM OCCUPIED AREAS, IS UNACCEPTABLE.

7. WARNS OF THE EXISTENCE OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN SERBIA AND THE OCCUPIED AREAS OF CROATIA.

8. WARNS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF NON-SERBIAN SETTLEMENTS UNDER OCCUPATION, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF SOCIAL RECORDS IN AN EFFORT TO CHANGE THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTER OF THE POPULATION.

9. CROATIAN GOVT APPEALS TO INTL ORGANISATIONS TO HALT AND PREVENT GENOCIDE AGAINST CROATIAN POPULATION.

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10. NOTES THAT RETURN OF POLICE FORCES FROM DEFENCE DUTIES TO THEIR REGULAR DUTIES HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT, AND A MILITARY POLICE FORCE ESTABLISHED. ALL CASES IN WHICH THERE IS REASON TO SUSPECT THAT A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED ARE BEING PROCESSED.

11. MINISTERS WILL AGAIN REVIEW CURRENT REGULATIONS WHICH THE GOVT HAS AUTHORISED THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO ISSUE. FOLLOWING ANALYSIS IT WILL PROPOSE BY 07MAR THEIR MAINTANANCE IN FORCE, MODIFICATION, AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL.

12. MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE AND INTERIOR ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE PREVENTIVE ACTION AND TO INVESTIGATE CONFORMITY OF ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THEIR ORGANISATIONS WITH CROATIAN LAW AND THE NORMS OF THE LAWS OF WAR.

13. THE BASIS OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE WORK OF THE COURTS WILL BE INVESTIGATED, MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE REGULAR AND TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAW AND OTHER REGULATIONS, AND THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COURTS AND WORK OF JUDGES WILL BE FOLLOWED AND ANALYSED.

3. RESPONSE IS ACCOMPANIED BY BACKGROUND INFO AND CHRONOLOGY OF CONFLICT INTENDED TO PLACE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS WITHIN CONTEXT OF WAR BEING WAGED EXCLUSIVELY ON CROATIAN SOIL AND SUFFERING OF CROATIAN POPULATION: 3169 IDENTIFIED DEAD (AND CONCERN THAT THERE MAY BE MANY MORE), 12,000 MISSING, 17,524 WOUNDED, APPROX 8500 IMPRISONED (OF WHICH APPROX 72 PERCENT CIVILIAN), AND 720,000 DISPLACED (OF WHICH 374,00 IN CROATIA). 470 CULTURAL MONUMEMTS (INCLUDING 241 CHURCHES) DAMAGED OR

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DESTROYED. CITIES AND VILLAGES COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY DESTROYED.

35,800 DWELLINGS DESTROYED AND 174,200 DAMAGED. ECONOMY 30 PERCENT DESTROYED, WITH DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT 19 BILLION USA DLRS. ETC.

4. RESPONSE ALSO MAINTAINS THAT NONE OF RULES OF WAR HAVE BEEN

RESPECTED BY SERBIAN/JNA SIDE, AND THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES COMPLETE

CONTROL OVER CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF CROATIAN ARMY AND POLICE HAS BEEN

DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. VIOLATIONS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED AND

PROCEEDINGS UNDER WAY. NONE OF THESE VIOLATIONS, RESPONSE EMPHASISES,

WERE ORDERED BY ANY CROATIAN GOVT AUTHORITY, NOR APPROVED, JUSTIFIED OR

COVERED UP. VIOLATIONS WERE INDIVIDUAL EXCESSES SUCH AS OCCUR IN ANY

WAR.

5. RESPONSE ALSO MAINTAINS THAT IN SOME INSTANCES HSNKI WATCH CONCERNS

ARE BASED ON UNCONFIRMED INFO. EG IN GOSPIC THERE WAS DOUBT AS TO

IDENTITY OF VICTIMS, AND ALLEGATION THAT 50 PERCENT OF ZAGREB SERBS

HAD FLED WAS CERTAINLY INACCURATE. NOR DID ALLEGATION OF ETHNIC

DISCRIMINATION ON POLICE FORCE CORRESPOND TO REALITY.

6. RESPONSE DOES NOT/NOT EXPLICITLY ATTEMPT TO EXCUSE OR ATTENUATE

VIOLATIONS BY REFERENCE TO WARTIME CONDITIONS OR VIOLATIONS BY OTHER

SIDE, ALTHOUGH MUST BE IMPLICIT PURPOSE OF INCLUDING CONTEXTUAL INFO

ON CONFLICT. SEVERAL MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT

HSNKI WATCH MAKES NO/NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN AGGRESSORS AND VICTIMS OF

AGGESSION. THEY ARE RIGHT, BUT THIS IS A STRENGTH, AND NOT/NOT A

WEAKNESS FOR SHNKI WATCH OR ANY GOVT OR NGO CONCERNED WITH HUMAN

RIGHTS. A VIOLATION IS A VIOLATION, NO/NO MATTER WHO DOES IT TO WHOM,

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---BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA: CROATIAN REACTION

IN CABINET SESSION 02MAR EVENING, CROATIAN GOVT CONSIDERED

SITUATION IN B-H AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR QUOTE LEGAL

INSTITUTIONS OF GOVT UNQUOTE IN THEIR SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION

TO SITUATION FOLLOWING REFERENDUM.

2. DURING REGULAR MONTHLY PRESS CONFERENCE EARLIER SAME DAY, PRES

TUDJMAN NOTED THAT CENTRE OF GRAVITY OF YUGO CRISIS HAD SHIFTED

FROM CROATIA TO B-H, AND THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEEK

SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT WAR AND BLOODSHED THERE. ASKED WHETHER EVENTS

IN B-H COULD AFFECT SITUATION IN CROATIA AND PREVENT DEPLOYMENT OF

PEACEKEEPERS, TUDJMAN REPLIED THAT CROATIA WAS AND ALWAYS HAD BEEN

IN FAVOUR OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION, AND WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO ENSURE

THAT IT DID NOT/NOT COME TO WAR, SHOULD ANYONE SEEK TO RESOLVE

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SITUATION BY FORCE OF ARMS. EVENTS IN B-H COULD HAVE INFLUENCE ON CROATIAN SITUATION, BUT NOT/NOT A DECISIVE ONE. REGARDING ARRIVAL OF PEACEKEEPERS, HE CONSIDERED THAT THOSE WHO HAD TAKEN DECISION TO SEND PEACEKEEPERS HAD CONSIDERED POSSIBLE WORSENING OF CRISIS AND TAKEN OUTCOME INTO ACCOUNT, AS EVIDENCED BY DECISION TO LOCATED HQS IN SARAJEVO. HE THOUGHT THAT INTENSIFICATION OF CRISIS COULD ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT OF PEACEKEEPING FORCE, AND INCREASE ITS ENGAGEMENT IN B-H.

3. ASKED WHETHER LATEST EVENTS COULD IMPEDE RECOGNITION OF B-H BY CROATIA, TUDJMAN SAID THAT CROATIA WOULD AWAIT EVENTS THERE, NOTING THAT B-H HAD NOT/NOT YET SOUGHT RECOGNITION. IT WAS NECESSARY TO SEE WHAT OUTCOME OF REFERENDUM, POSITION OF B-H GOVT, AND VIEWS OF EUROPEAN AND WORLD COMMUNITIES WOULD BE. CROATIA WOULD CONDUCT ITSELF ACCORDINGLY. TO EXTENT THAT PEACE AND POLITICAL SOLUTION WERE SECURED, CROATIA WOULD RECOGNISE B-H.

4. TUDJMAN HOPED THAT INTENSIFICATION OF CRISIS WOULD ACCELERATE WORK OF BRUSSELS CONFERENCE, BUT WAS NOT/NOT CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD DO SO. NOR WAS HE CERTAIN THAT 09MAR WAS BEST POSSIBLE DATE TO HOLD CONF, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EVENTS ANTICIPATED IN SERBIA SAME DAY. HE HOPED WORK OF CONFERENCE WOULD SUCCEED, AND THUS ENABLE COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCCESSION, DIVISION OF DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS, AND DENOMINATION OF YUGOSLAVIA - NOT/NOT JUST FOR DIPLO, BUT PRIMARILY FOR ECON REASONS.

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5. CONCERNING CROATIAN COMMUNITY IN B-H, TUDJMAN NOTED THAT CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (HDZ), AS LEADING PARTY OF CROATIAN POPULATION IN B-H, WAS CLEARLY FOR REFERENDUM, FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALL THREE GROUPS, AND FOR FINDING POLITICAL SOLUTION THROUGH POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED IN DEMOCRATIC MANNER, SO AS TO AVOID BLOODSHED. MOST ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

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---VISITE A BUDAPEST VICE PM DE CROATIE

SOMMAIRE: VICE PM DE CROATIE, GRANIC A EFFECTUE COURTE VISITE A BUDAPEST. LORS ENTRETIENS AVEC MAE HONGROIS, GRANIC A AFFIRME QUE CROATIE NE PERMETTRAIT PAS A SERBIE DE PROFITER PRESENCE CASQUES BLEUS POUR SAUVER DU TEMPS ET RETARDER RETRAIT DE SES TROUPES. SELON HONGRIE, COMPORTEMENT CONTRADICTOIRE DU PRES TUDJMAN EST RESULTAT NECESSITE POLITIQUE DE DENONCER INVASION PAR AGRESSEUR SERBE TOUT EN DONNANT ASSURANCES POUR RESPECT DROITS MINORITE SERBE EN CROATIE. HONGRIE CROIT QUE PRESSIONS INTERNATIONALES ET DIALOGUE FRANC AVEC TUDJMAN ASSURERONT DE SA PART UN RESPECT DES ENGAGEMENTS QU IL DOIT PRENDRE POUR PERMETTRE SOLUTION AU CONFLIT. RETOUR DE LA POPULATION CROATE DANS VILLAGES QU ILS ONT FUIS SUITE A INVASION DE L ARMEE NATIONALE ET CONSTATATION DES DEGATS POURRAIENT A NOUVEAU FAIRE AUGMENTER TENSION INTER-ETHNIQUE.

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YOUgoslavie, MAE POUR DISCUTER VISITE A BUDAPEST 26FEV DU VICE PM
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PARTITES ENTRE GRANIC, HAUT-COMMISSARIAT DES NU POUR REFUGIES ET
AUTORITES HONGROISES CONCERNANT AVENIR DES REFUGIES CROATES EN
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A INDIQUE QU' AUCUNE ACTION CROATE N AURAIT LIEU DANS LES
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NATIONS-UNIS POUR GAGNER DU TEMPS ET RETARDER RETRAIT DE SES
TROUPES DU TERRITOIRE CROATE.

3. AVONS SOULEVE NOTRE INQUIETUDE FACE A COMPORTEMENT QUELQUE FOIS
CONTRADICTOIRE DU PRESIDENT TUDJMAN. VARGA NOUS A DIT AVOIR
ENTENDU MEMES INQUIETUDES DE LA PART ENTRE AUTRES DE ITALIE ET DE
TCHECOSLOVAQUIE QUI SE DEMANDAIENT SI TUDJMAN POUVAIT RESPECTER
SA PAROLE. IL NOUS A DIT QUE MESSAGE VEHICULE PAR GRANIC ETAIT
POSITIF EN CE QUI A TRAIT AU RESPECT DES MINORITES. ARRESTATION
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DANS SITUATION POLITIQUE DIFFICILE. D UNE PART, IL SE DOIT DE
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DROITS DE LA MINORITE SERBE EN CROATIE. COMPTE TENU DU HAUT NIVEAU D EMOTIVITE PRODUIT PAR CETTE QUESTION, IL NAGE EN SITUATION CONTRADICTOIRE. VARGA NOUS A FAIT REMARQUER QUE MEME APRES DEPART DES TROUPES YUGOSLAVES ET RETOUR DE POPULATION CROATE DANS LEURS VILLAGES, TENSION AUGMENTERA ENCORE PUISQUE CETTE POPULATION CONSTATERA LES DEGATS PRODUITS PAR CETTE INVASION. HAINE CROATE ENVERS SERBES N EN SERA QU EXACERBEE. SELON VARGA, PRESSIONS INTERNATIONALES SUR TUDJMAN LE FORCENT A MODIFIER NE SERAIT-CE SES ACTIONS, SINON SON POINT DE VUE. IL EST DONC ESSENTIEL DE MAINTENIR DIALOGUE NOURRI AVEC CE DERNIER ET EXPRIMER CLAIREMENT NOS PREOCCUPATIONS.

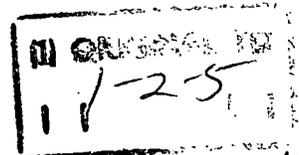
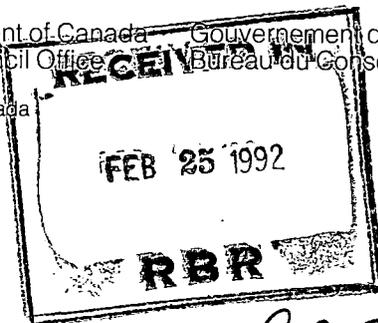
4.VARGA NOUS A DIT QUE HONGRIE A AVANTAGE A ENCOURAGER LE GOUVERNEMENT CROATE A ASSURER RESPECT DES MINORITES INCLUANT SERBES CAR UNE TELLE POLITIQUE AURA DE TOUTE MANIERE INFLUENCE POSITIVE SUR SITUATION DES CROATES D ORIGINE HONGROISE. MAIS DIFFICULTE DE LA SITUATION EN CROATIE EST AUGMENTE PAR L ABSENCE DE REELLE OPPOSITION DANS LA REPUBLIQUE.

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MEMORANDUM TO:

RBR Friedlander no further action until we establish diplo relus. filed Jan 93

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Letter to the Prime Minister from:

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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 prepare a draft reply to the attached letter and return it to me directly by MARCH 4, 1992 with a copy to CMG. It should be prepared as if for the Prime Minister's signature, although 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.

NOTE: We will want to give the Prime Minister an assessment of where our discussions with Croatia on diplo. reln. stand in a ~~evening~~ memo to cover any.

[Signature]
John McNee

Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat

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We would be grateful for your assessment

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[Signature]

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TRANSLATION

Honourable Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada

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Honourable Mr. Prime Minister:

Allow me to express my appreciation for your letter of January 23, 1992, in which you communicate to me Canada's willingness to support the entrance of Croatia into the Conference on European Security and Cooperation and the integration of Croatia into the international economic system.

As I emphasized in my earlier letter of thanks to you, on the occasion of the international recognition of the Republic of Croatia, we feel that it is of particular importance that diplomatic relations be established as soon as possible between our two countries. Such an action would contribute appreciably to the bilateral and traditional friendly relations between our nations and facilitate cooperation and communication in our efforts to peacefully resolve the crisis upon the territory of former Yugoslavia.

The Republic of Croatia has expressed its readiness to accept all international conventions and documents of the Conference on European Security and Cooperation which regulate human rights and rights of minorities. Croatia is the only republic to have drafted Constitutional law regarding human rights and minority rights. In my January 13, 1992, letter to Lord Carrington, I expressed the willingness of the Croatian Parliament to work out certain objections of the Arbitration committee of the Conference on Yugoslavia, under the condition that the same standards regarding human and minority rights be adopted, within the framework of the peace conference on Yugoslavia, by all now states upon the territory of former Yugoslavia.

I believe it is necessary to address these questions, as well as those regarding state succession, during the peace conference on Yugoslavia, a conference in which we all have a great interest.

Attached please find a copy of the cited letter to Lord Carrington.

Please accept my deepest respects,

Zagreb, February 18, 1992

Dr. Franjo Tudjman
President of the Republic of Croatia

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BRIAN MULRONEY
Prime Minister of Canada

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TRANSLATION

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Please allow me to express our gratitude for the decision of the Government of your country to recognize the independence of the Republic of Croatia. I firmly believe that this decision will contribute to ending the aggression against Croatia, to strengthening peace processes, and to a lasting and just solution of the crisis in the areas of former Yugoslavia. The establishment of diplomatic relations will promote the traditionally friendly relations between our peoples and create the groundwork for a comprehensive development of bilateral relations.

With the act of international recognition by your country, and by other countries in Europe and beyond, Croatia will, after a protracted struggle, appear in international life as an equal subject in integrating Europe.

We would like to assure you that we will consistently use Croatia's new international position to further peace, cooperation and the welfare of all the citizens of the Republic of Croatia and this part of Europe.

I would suggest a meeting of the representatives of our Governments at your earliest convenience, in order to negotiate the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Please accept, Mr. Prime Minister, my deepest respects.

Zagreb, January 16, 1992

*Dr. Franjo Tudjman
President of the Republic of Croatia*

TRANSLATION

H. E.

Lord PETER CARRINGTON
Chairman, Conference on Yugoslavia

Your Excellency,

In view of some misunderstandings concerning the position of the Republic of Croatia towards the consistent implementation of the Treaty Provisions for the Convention of the Hague, allow me to inform you as follows:

The Republic of Croatia reiterates its readiness to fully accept all the provisions of Article II, paragraph 2 c, of the Hague document.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the expressions of my deepest respect.

Zagreb, January 13, 1992

Dr. Franjo Tudjman
President of the Republic of Croatia



REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA
PREDSJEDNIK

BRIAN MULRONEY

Predsjednik Vlade Kanade

Štovani gospodine Predsjedniče,

Dopustite mi da Vam izrazim zahvalnost na odluci Vlade Vaše zemlje da prizna neovisnost Republike Hrvatske. Čvrsto vjenujem da će ta odluka doprinijeti okončanju agresije protiv Hrvatske, jačanju mirovnih procesa i trajnom pravednom rješenju krize na prostoru bivše Jugoslavije. Uspostava diplomatskih odnosa unaprijedit će tradicionalno prijateljske odnose naših naroda i stvoriti osnovu za svestran razvoj bilateralnih odnosa.

Činom međunarodnog priznanja od strane Vaše zemlje i drugih zemalja Europe i svijeta, Hrvatska se nakon dugo vremena pojavljuje u međunarodnom životu kao ravnopravni subjekt u integrirajućoj Europi.

Želimo Vas uvjeriti da ćemo novi međunarodni položaj Hrvatske dosljedno iskoristiti za mir, suradnju i blagostanje svih građana Republike Hrvatske i ovog dijela Europe.

Predlažem da predstavnici naših vlada povedu uskoro pregovore o uspostavi diplomatskih odnosa.

Primite, gospodine Predsjedniče, izraze mog dubokog štovanja,

Zagreb, 16. siječnja 1992.

PREDSJEDNIK
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dr. Franjo Tuđman

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TO/À: Foreign and Defence Policy

LETTER FROM/LETTRE DE: Dr. Franjo Tudjman

SUBJECT/SUJET: Recognition of the independence of Croatia

cc: Messrs. Tellier, Shortliffe, Wright, Bilodeau, d'Ombraïn, BF, *Our files*

LETTER DATE/LETTRE DATÉE DU: January 16, 1992

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REMARKS/REMARQUES: *A letter for the Prime Minister's signature to President Tudjman is going up today which, in effect, answers his letter*

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REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA
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BRIAN MULRONEY
Predsjednik Vlade Kanade

Štovani gospodine Predsjedniče,

Nemilosrdni rat protiv Republike Hrvatske, bez primjera u navijoj povijesti po okrutnosti prema životima građana i razaranju naselja, gospodarskih i kulturnih dobara, nastavlja se pojačanom žestinom, osobito od dana kad je naviještena mogućnost dolaska mirovnih snaga OUN.

Izjave nekih vlada da nisu spremne za konkretnije korake koji bi očuvali pa i nametnuli mir na ovim prostorima objektivno su ohrabrivale agresiju protiv Hrvatske.

Suda kada su Ujedinjeni narodi, Zapadnoeuropska unija i vlade mnogih zemalja spremne odlučnije djelovati, srpska strana pribjegava novim podvalama. Formalno pristajući na slanje mirovnih snaga OUN, Srbija i JNA žele izbjeći međunarodnu izolaciju, odgoditi primjenu selektivnih sankcija i sprječati diplomatsko priznanje Republike Hrvatske i Slovenije. Prije slanja mirovnih snaga agresor nastoji zaokružiti teritorijalna osvajanja do linije zamišljenih granica Velike Srbije.

Srpska strana poduzima nove ofenzive za osvajanje hrvatskih gradova u narednih 25 dana procjenjujući da će za dolazak mirovnih snaga trebati 30-tak dana. Nakon toga, polikom srpskog oružanog čina i protjerivanjem hrvatskog i drugog nesrpskog stanovništva u njihovih domova, žele se pripojiti područja Hrvatske na kojima Srbi nemaju većinu i koji nikada nisu pripadali Srbiji. Srbija bi htjela da mirovne snage OUN iskoristi u te svrhe.

Istovremeno pojačanom propagandnom kampanjom svijet se obmanjuje tezom o genocidnosti hrvatskog naroda, npr. najravnijom upućivanju u pokolju 41 djeteta u Vukovaru. Time se na hrvatsku stranu želi prebaciti teret odgovornosti za strašna zlodjela

počinjena u ovom zločinačkom ratu. Poznat je slučaj u okolici Daruvara gdje je Promatračka misija EZ utvrdila da se ne radi o pokolju Srba od strane Hrvata već obrnuto o pokolju hrvatskog stanovništva od srpskih ekstremista. Zahtijevamo da se za vukovarski i slučne slučajeve formira međunarodna istražna komisija.

Također apeliramo na Vas da podržite inicijativu za formiranje Međunarodnog suda za ratne zločine protiv hrvatskoga naroda i drugih nesrpskih naroda, pa i protiv lojalnih Srba, pred kojima savjest međunarodne zajednice više ne bi smjela zatvarati oči.

Strašna razaranja i ljudska stradanja, vojno-tehnička nadmoć agresora i međunarodni smrti na čvrst oružja, što ozbiljnije pogada samo slabo naoružanu hrvatsku stranu, stavlja hrvatsku obranu i cijeli hrvatski narod pred najveća iskušenja potpunog razaranja i gubitka novih desetaka tisuća života. U svom pravednom, obrambenom ratu Hrvatska ne može biti primljena, niti sudbina hrvatskog naroda postaje mrlja na savjesti čovječanstva.

Stoga apeliramo na Vas da izvršite dodatni diplomatski i svaki drugi mogući pritisak na JNA i Srbiju da neodložno obustave dalja ratna razaranja i da se mirovne snage OUN odmah, u najkraćem mogućem roku upute u Hrvatsku.

U protivnom postoji realna opasnost da se predstojeća ofenziva prenese i na teritorij Bosne i Hercegovine koji agresor sve više koristi za napade na Hrvatsku. A poznato nam je da srpska imperijalistička politika i ostaci komunističke JNA teže izazivanju šireg sukoba pa čak i trećeg svjetskog rata.

U ovim za Hrvatsku najtragičnijim danima apeliram na Vas, u ime cijelog hrvatskog naroda, koji brani svoju tek izvojevanu slobodu i demokraciju, te pravo na opstojnost na svojoj zemlji, da učinite sve za obustavu rata i daljih razaranja i patnji civilnog pučanstva kakvih nije bilo ni u drugom svjetskom ratu.

Primate izraze mog dubokog šovanja.

Zagreb, 21. studenoga 1991.

PREDSJEDNIK

REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE



dr. Franjo Tuđman

TRANSLATION

BRIAN MULRONEY

Prime-Minister of Canada

Dear Mr. Prime-Minister,

The merciless war against the Republic of Croatia and her citizens, as well as the destruction of villages, the economy, and cultural treasures, is unparalleled in recent history and is currently escalating, particularly since the announcement of the possibility of the installation of peace-keeping forces.

The pronouncements of certain governments that they are unprepared to implement concrete steps protecting and ensuring peace upon Croatian territories only serve to encourage aggression against Croatia.

Now, when the United Nations, the Western European Union, and governments of many countries are prepared to take stronger measures, the Serbian aggressors are resorting to new insinuations. By formally agreeing to the installation of peace-keeping forces by the United Nations, Serbia and the Yugoslav National Army wish to escape international isolation, delay the implementation of selective sanctions, and avoid the diplomatic recognition of the republics of Croatia and Slovenia. Before the peace-keeping forces are installed, the aggressor is attempting to establish control of all territory extending to the borders of what is envisioned as a "Greater Serbia".

The Serbian side is undertaking new offensives in order to occupy Croatian cities within the next twenty five days, figuring that the arrival of peace-keeping forces will take approximately one month. Afterwards, after having established an occupational "fait accompli" and expelling Croatians and all non-Serbians from their homes, they want to take territories of Croatia where Serbs are not in the majority and which have never been a part of Serbia. Serbia wishes to use the United Nations peace-keeping forces to accomplish this goal.

At the same time, the world is being deceived by escalating propaganda campaign, depicting the purported genocidal nature of the Croatian nation, and epitomized, for example, by the recent claim that 41 children in Vukovar had been massacred. Through such tactics, the responsibility for the horrible crimes committed in this evil war is thrust

upon the Croats. The case of Daruvar is well-known, where European Community monitors established that massacres there were not committed by Croats against Serbs but, on the contrary, by Serbian extremists against the Croatian population. We demand that an international commission be formed to investigate the case of Vukovar and other similar cases.

We also appeal to you to support initiatives to form an international war crimes tribunal to investigate crimes against the Croatian nation and other non-Serbian peoples, as well as loyal Serbs, to whose suffering the international community cannot further close its eyes.

The terrible destruction and human suffering and death, the military-technical superiority of the aggressor and the international embargo against the importation of arms is affecting more and more the poorly-armed Croatian forces, and exposes the Croatian defense forces and the entire Croatian nation to potential total destruction and the loss of further tens of thousands of lives. Croatia cannot be destroyed while pursuing her just and defensive war, but the fate of the Croatian nation will be a stain on the conscience of all mankind.

We therefore appeal to you to apply all diplomatic and other possible pressure on the Yugoslav National Army and Serbia to cease further war destruction, and to send peace-keeping forces of the United Nations immediately to Croatia.

There is otherwise a very real possibility that the impending offensive will spread into the territories of Bosnia and Hercegovina, which are being used more and more frequently to stage attacks against Croatia. We are acquainted with the fact that Serbia's imperialist politics and the remains of the communist Yugoslav National Army desire to create conditions for a wider conflict, even a third world war.

In these most tragic days for Croatia, I appeal to you in the name of the entire Croatian nation, which is defending its recently-acquired freedom and democracy, as well as its existence upon its own territory, to do all in your power to stop the war and further destruction and suffering of the civilian population, the extent of which was not seen even in the second world war.

Please accept my deepest respects,

Zagreb, 21 November, 1991

PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Dr. Franjo Tudjman

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TO/À: ~~FOREIGN AND DEFENCE POLICY~~

LETTER FROM/LETTRE DE: Dr. Franjo Tudjman *2nd letter*

SUBJECT/SUJET: War against Croatia

CC: Messrs. Tellier, Shortliffe, Bilodeau, Wright, d'Ombrain, BF, File Our

LETTER DATE/LETTRE DATE DU: November 27, 1991

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REMARKS/REMARQUES: *The Prime Minister is currently reviewing Quebec policy on Croatia. A reply to his letter should be delayed until his review has been completed. Therefore, we suggest that a reply to the deadline be amended to January 15, 1992.*

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2/1/92 A letter has gone to the PM today that will refer to this letter from Dr. Tudjman with reference number 000668

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Letters to the Presidents of Croatia and Slovenia

Attached are letters that, if you agree, you would send to the Presidents of Croatia and Slovenia to spell out the assurances that Canada will require before establishing diplomatic relations with the two republics.

The proposed letters follow your letters to the presidents of the former Soviet republics; in particular, they seek assurances on both republics' plans for adherence to fundamental CSCE principles.

The letter for Croatia specifically mentions the need to protect the Serbs and other minorities. It also refers to Canada's humanitarian assistance, our commitment to peacekeeping and to maintaining the UN arms embargo. It also urges Croatia to show leadership in developing constructive relations with the other republics of the former Yugoslav federation.

Once signed, the letters will be delivered in Zagreb and Ljubljana by a senior official of External Affairs, who is departing on the weekend.

Original Signed by

R. Bilodeau

Paul M. Tellier

McNee/Heinbecker



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

JAN 23 1992

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 this country.

We look forward to establishing diplomatic relations with you. Elaboration of your government's plans for adhering to the fundamental principles of the CSCE, with particular emphasis on full respect for human rights and the protection of the Serbian and other minorities in Slovenia, would both send a very welcome note of assurance at home and greatly facilitate the establishment of diplomatic relations between us. Canadian officials will seek an early opportunity to discuss these matters with your government.

Canada is ready to support Slovenia in becoming a full member of the CSCE. We are also prepared to help 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 you chart this new course. Slovenia can count on Canada's full support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

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BRIAN MULRONEY

Mr. Milan Kucan
President
Republic of Slovenia
Ljubljana, Slovenia



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

JAN 23 1992

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 this country.

Before establishing diplomatic relations with Croatia, Canada will wish to be satisfied as to your government's plans for adherence to the fundamental principles of the CSCE. In this connection, full respect for human rights and the protection of the Serbian and other minorities in Croatia are particularly important. Elaboration of your plans in this regard would both send a very welcome note of assurance at home and accelerate the establishment of diplomatic relations between us. Canadian officials 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. We are also prepared to help Croatia to integrate itself into the international economic system.

Canadians have been deeply disturbed by the tragic violence which has engulfed Croatia. Canada has provided substantial humanitarian relief to victims of the conflict in Croatia and other areas and will continue to do so. At the same time, Canada will continue to observe the United Nations' embargo on shipments of arms to all parties in the conflict.

Dr. Franjo Tudjman
President
Republic of Croatia
Zagreb, Croatia

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I 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 participate in such a force. Croatian leadership in developing stable and constructive relations among the states of the former Yugoslav federation will be vital to creating a durable peace.

I do not underestimate the challenges Croatia now faces. Canadians wish the people of Croatia every success as you chart this new course. Croatia can count on Canada's sympathy and support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

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---CROATIA;POLICY ON BOSNA-HERCEGOVINA(B-H)

IN COURSE OF ADDRESS TO HDZ CONGRESXS 23FEB,PRES TUDJMAN MADE

FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON FUTURE OF B-H AND CROAT COMMUNITY THEREIN:

BEGINS

FOR US AND FOR THE WORLD,THE CENTRE OF GRAVITY OF THE CRISIS ON THE
TERRITORY OF FORMER YUGOSLAVIA HAS MOVED TO B-H,WHICH STILL CALLS
ITSELF A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT AN INDEPENDENT,
SOVEREIGN CROATIA IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE
CRISIS IN B-H TO WHICH IT IS HISTORICALLY AND GEOPOLITICALLY TIED.
CROATIA MUST BE A FIRM SUPPORT FOR SECURING THE RIGHTS AND POSITION
OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE IN B-H.JUST AS WE WOULD CONDEMN ANY POLICY
WHICH LED TO THE TERRITORY OF B-H BEING USED FOR AN AGRESSIVE WAR
AGAINST CROATIA,SO WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE EC AND UN TO
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF WAR TO THAT REPUBLIC.WE ARE CONCERNED THAT

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THE RIGHTS OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE MUSLIM AND SERBIAN PEOPLES BE SETTLED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM, ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY (IN THE POLITICAL AND TERRITORIAL SENSE) FOR EACH OF THESE PEOPLES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A CONFEDERALLY CONSTITUTED (IE BY CANTONS) B-H. IN THAT CASE, THE CROATS OF B-H MIGHT HAVE DUAL CITIZENSHIP, IE CROATIAN. IN ANY CASE IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT WITHOUT AN AGREED SOLUTION THERE CAN BE NO/NO STABLE OR LASTING PEACE IN THIS REGION OR IN THIS PART OF EUROPE.

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2. REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP ELICITED STANDING
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---YUGOSLAVIA:PEACEKEEPING-CROATIAN VIEWS

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SUMMARY:WILL HAVE SEEN FROM REFTEL THAT CROATIAN AUTHORITIES

(FORMIN SEPAROVIC AND PRESIDENT TUDJMAN) PROVIDED RBD WITH
 DETAILS ON THEIR CURRENT STAND ON DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPERS
 IN CROATIA.NEW INTERPRETATION IS THAT BLUE HELMETS SHOULD HELP
RE-ESTABLISH CROATIAN CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY OVER LOST
TERRITORIES, NOW THAT MANY IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNIZE
INDEPENDENCE OF CROATIA.

2.REPORT:FORMIN SEPAROVIC HIMSELF RAISED QUESTION OF UN
 PEACEKEEPING RECALLING HIS MEETING WITH SSEA A FEW DAYS BEFORE
 IN PRAGUE.CURRENT CROATIAN VIEWS ARE IN REACTION TO THE
 NEGOTIATION PROCESS UNDERTAKEN BY UN DEP SECRETARY GENERAL
 GOULDING THAT INCLUDED MEETING WITH REPS FROM SERBIAN ENCLAVES
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CROATS WERE SHOCKED WHEN GOULDING NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY WITH BABIC IN KNIN. EVEN IF HE TRIED TO DEMONSTRATE CROATIAS FULL COMMITMENT TO THE LETTER OF THE UN PEACE PLAN (EX: ART. 19 ON PRESENCE OF POLICE FORCES ON A NATIONAL REPRESENTATION BASIS), FORMIN SEPAROVIC CLEARLY EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING ANYTHING WITH QUOTE TERRORIST REBELS UNQUOTE.

3. RBD INSISTED THAT ANY CHANGE IN INTERPRETATION OF PEACE PLAN COULD FURTHER DELAY DEPLOYMENT OF PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN CROATIA. HE REITERATED PM AND SSEAS SUPPORT FOR PEACE PLAN AS A WAY TO END THE STATE OF WAR IN CROATIA. SEPAROVIC DID NOT/NOT SHOW ANY EVIDENT SIGN OF COMPROMISE BUT HE RENEWED CROATIAS SUPPORT FOR CDN PARTICIPATION WITHIN UN TROOPS.

4. RBD ALSO CONVEYED SSEAS CONCERNS ON UN PEACEKEEPING WITH PRESIDENT TUDJMAN DURING 35-MIN CALL AT HIS TEMPORARY OFFICE IN ONE OF TITOS VILLAS IN SUBURBS OF ZAGREB. RBD INDICATED THAT GOULDING WAS REPORTEDLY PESSIMISTIC FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES THE WEEK BEFORE AND THAT CANADA WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING MORE ON THE NEW CROATIAN STAND. TUDJMAN CONFIRMED LINE EXPRESSED BY SEPAROVIC, IE THE DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPERS SHOULD BE DONE ACCORDING TO THE CONTENT OF THE PEACE PLAN (PARALLEL DEPLOYMENT OF UN TROOPS AND DISARMAMENT OF QUOTE TERRORISTS UNQUOTE IN THE SERBIAN ENCLAVES). TUDJMAN REITERATED VIEW THAT GOULDING SHOULD NOT/NOT PUT REQUESTS OF

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QUOTE INSURGENTS UNQUOTE AS SOMETHING TO BE DISCUSSED. IN SUMMARY, TUDJMAN FELT THAT UN PEACEKEEPING SHOULD COME TO CROATIA, BUT FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD AND ONLY IN ORDER TO SEE THE DEPARTURE OF THE YUGOSLAV ARMY AND THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CROATIAN AUTHORITY.

5. UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE SINCE RBD MEETINGS AND THAT GERMANY MAY NOW BE TRYING TO INDUCE TUDJMAN TO ACCEPT PEACE PLAN. ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE, SERBIANS ARE TRYING TO CONVINCED LEADERS OF SERBIAN ENCLAVE, PARTICULARLY BABIC.

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---CROATIA: NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

NO/NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE, BUT LOCAL MEDIA REPORT THAT FORMIN SEPAROVIC IS TO BE REPLACED BY DEPTY PRIME MINISTER MATE GRANIC, WHO WOULD ALSO CONTINUE IN FORMER CAPACITY. SEPAROVIC WOULD BECOME FIRST CROATIAN PERMREP TO UN, WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY PROMOTING ACCEPTANCE OF CROATIA AS MEMBER OF ORGANISATION.

2. IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN WEEKLY TABLOID GLOBUS 20FEB, GRANIC STATED THAT CHANGE HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY PRES TUDJMAN. PROBABLE APPOINTMENT OF SEPAROVIC AS UN PERMREP DID NOT/NOT CONSTITUTE DEMOTION: AT CURRENT JUNCTURE CROATIA WOULD NEED TO BE REPRESENTED IN NEW YORK BY PERSON OF HIGHEST RANK.

3. MFA HAVE PROMISED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHEN APPOINTMENT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

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---CROATIA: PERSPECTIVES ON CONFLICT

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DURING MTG 02FEB, RBD ASKED MINISTERIAL INTERLOCUTOR FOR VIEWS ON HOW CONFLICT MIGHT BE RESOLVED AND WHAT FORM POSTWAR ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN FORMER YUGO REPUBLICS MIGHT TAKE. RESPONSE WAS THAT CROATIA HOPED TO ESTABLISH COOPERATIVE LINKS WITH ALL REPUBLICS, INCLUDING SERBIA, BUT PROCESS WOULD BE COMPLEX AND MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA.

2.REPORT: CROATIA ANTICIPATED NO/NO DIFFICULTY WITH SLOVENIA, AND HOPED THERE WOULD BE NONE WITH B-H. HOPE WAS THAT B-H WOULD BE PRESERVED WITHIN EXISTING BOUNDARIES; IF B-H WERE TO BE DIVIDED, CROATIA WOULD BE UNDER OBLIGATION TO TAKE CARE OF CROATS IN B-H. INTERLOCUTOR QUICKLY ADDED THAT ANY SPECULATION ABOUT BOUNDARIES WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS CLOSER TO HOME.

3.CROATIA WAS READY TO RECOGNISE AN INDEPENDENT MACEDONIA UNDER WHATEVER NAME IT CHOSE. THERE MIGHT BE OTHER MOTIVES, INVOLVING

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SEVERAL COUNTRIES, BEHIND CURRENT DIFFICULTIES OVER NOMENCLATURE. ALBANIAN COMMUNITY WOULD OBVIOUSLY PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE THERE AND IN KOSOVO.

4. REGARDING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH SERBIA, CROATIA WAS RELYING ON DEPLOYMENT OF UN PEACEKEEPERS TO END WAR AND RESTORE PRE-WAR BOUNDARIES. THEN WOULD BE TIME TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS SUCH ISSUES AS RECOGNITION, SOVEREIGNTY, GUARANTEED BORDERS, AND GUARANTEES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITY RIGHTS ON BOTH SIDES. (INTERLOCUTOR NOTED IN PASSING THAT SERBIA WOULD NOT/CURRENTLY MEET HAGUE CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION OF MINORITY RIGHTS OF HUNGARIANS AND ALBANIANS). CROATIA WOULD ALSO WISH TO RAISE ISSUE OF WAR DAMAGES. OTHER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDED DIVISION OF DEBTS AND ASSETS INCLUDING EMBASSY PROPERTIES ABROAD. (HONCON ZAGRB HAS ALREADY RECEIVED NOTE FROM MFA ASKING THAT CDA PREVENT ANY SALE OF YUGO DIPLO PROPERTIES IN CDA UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS RESOLVED).

5. CROATIA NO/NO LONGER HAD ANY INTEREST IN QUOTE SHARING A STATE UNQUOTE WITH SERBIA, ACCORDING TO INTERLOCUTOR. BUT AS TWO INDEPENDENT STATES THEY COULD HAVE A GOOD, COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP.

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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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6 October 1991

Rt Hon Brian Mulroney MP
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you from the air raid shelter beneath the offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Zagreb.

Our capital city is under attack once again from aircraft of the Federal Yugoslav Army.

Militarily, the situation in Croatia is very grave. The ancient town of Dubrovnik, notwithstanding its World Heritage listing, is being progressively destroyed by bombardment from the air, sea and land.

In eastern Croatia we have suffered terrible losses and much of the area has been destroyed as the dirty war being waged throughout our homeland moves ever closer to the capital.

As a consequence of this perilous situation, the democratically elected government of the Republic of Croatia is desperately calling for help from its friends in Canada.

We appeal to you Prime Minister, to use your good office to call on President Bush of the United States to help save our country from destruction.

We believe it is imperative for the US Sixth Fleet to sail into the Adriatic Sea to provide a restraining influence on the Yugoslav Federal Army.

We urgently seek a meeting of a senior delegation from our Government with the President to inform him of the grave danger in which our country is situated and to request the intervention of the United States to prevent further attacks from the Yugoslav Federal Army which has effectively declared war on Croatia.

In addition, we implore the Government of Canada to immediately recognise the independence of the Republic of Croatia. We believe, in so doing, Canada will be quickly joined by other nations and Canada's initiative will contribute greatly to the prospects for a peaceful resolution to the war.

This afternoon, I intend to travel to Brussels to seek the NATO's intervention in the war to halt the destruction of our country.

I cannot emphasise enough the grave danger in which Croatia is now placed.

As you are no doubt aware, on Thursday 3rd October, there was a coup d'etat executed on the Federal Presidency of the Yugoslav Federation. Effectively, the Presidency is now in the control of President Milosovic and the leadership of the Yugoslav Federal Army.

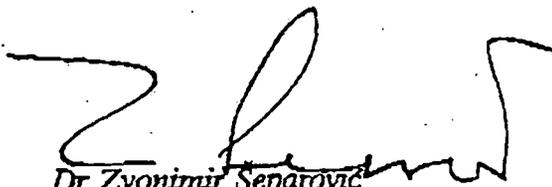
It is now clear that for a long time prior to the dissolution of the Yugoslav Federation, the Federal Army and the Serbian leadership have planned to destroy the movement to democracy and independence in Croatia. This plan is now being executed with ruthless determination and is being accompanied by a cynical and thoroughly misleading propaganda campaign which has lulled the West into believing this is purely a domestic political dispute and not an all-out war on Croatia for the purpose of the annexure of Croatian territory into Greater Serbia.

In conclusion, I wish to stress the gravity of our situation. We have mobilised all Croatian males between the ages of 17 and 50 and if necessary we will fight to the end to save our nation.

However, there is still an opportunity for Canada and other countries to stave off a terrible and bloody finale to this war.

Prime Minister, we implore you to help save our country.

Yours sincerely,



*Dr Zvonimir Šeparović
Minister of Foreign Affairs*

MEETING HELD AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE HAGUE

ON 4 OCTOBER 1991

Participants:

Mr Van den Broek (Chairman)

President Tudjman

Lord Carrington

President Milosevic

Ambassador Wijnaendts

General Kadijevic

Mr Sizeland (note taker)

(interpreters)

Statement read by His Excellency Minister Van den Broek

Together with Lord Carrington I chaired a two and a quarter hour meeting with the Yugoslav parties to discuss the current situation in Yugoslavia and the prospects for a peaceful political solution to the crisis.

A twin-track approach was agreed by the participants:

1. Political.

It was agreed that the involvement of all parties concerned would be necessary to formulate a political solution on the basis of the perspective of recognition of the independence of those republics wishing it, at the end of the negotiating process conducted in good faith. The recognition would be granted in the framework of a general settlement, and have the following components:

- a. A loose association or alliance of sovereign or independent republics.
- b. Adequate arrangements to be made for the protection of minorities including human rights guarantees and possibly special status for certain areas.
- c. No unilateral changes in borders.

As a first step it was agreed that representatives of the Serbian communities in Croatia and Eastern Slavonia should be invited to meet the Conference coordinator, Ambassador Wijnaendts, and the two deputy Chairmen on Tuesday, 8 October to discuss possible future arrangements. This would be within the framework of the sub-committee established to consider the Rights of Minorities (two other sub-committees are considering Economic Cooperation and possible Institutional Framework respectively).

2. Situation on the ground

We noted that the cease-fire is violated by all parties. Therefore, in parallel with the steps outlined above to further the process of reaching a political solution, it was agreed that the parties concerned would seek to reduce tension and create a more favourable environment for the negotiations by:

- a. on the part of the Croatian authorities, lifting immediately the blockade of JNA garrisons and other facilities (see annex) and
- b. on the part of the JNA, relocating and regrouping its units in Croatia, with the assistance of EC-monitors.

As Lord Carrington will be visiting New York next week for consultations on Yugoslavia with the UN Secretary General, it was agreed that the next plenary session of the Conference should be held in the week beginning 14 October.

TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

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Brussels, 7 October 1991

Subject: Declaration on Yugoslavia, informal meeting of ministers of foreign affairs, Haarzuilens, 6 October 1991.

The following declaration on Yugoslavia has been issued by the ministers of foreign affairs of the community and its member states at Haarzuilens on 6 October 1991

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Declaration on Yugoslavia

(informal meeting of ministers of foreign affairs, Haarzuilens, 6 October 1991)

The ministers of foreign affairs of the community and its member states, meeting at castle de Haar at Haarzuilens on 6 October 1991, are dismayed that heavy fighting is continuing in Yugoslavia in spite of the agreements reached in The Hague on 4 October 1991 between presidents Tudjman and Milosevic and general Kadijevic, in the presence of the president of the council and the chairman of the conference on Yugoslavia.

The violence and breaches of cease-fire agreements are committed by all parties in the conflict. grave doubts exist as to the will of parties to settle their disputes by peaceful means. Ministers are alarmed in particular at reports that the jna, having resorted to a disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force, has shown itself to be no longer a neutral and disciplined institution.

Ministers are determined that those responsible for the unprecedented violence in Yugoslavia, with its ever increasing loss of life should be held accountable under international law for their actions.

At the meeting of 4 October, it was agreed that a political solution should be sought in the perspective of recognition of the independence of those republics wishing it, at the end of a negotiating process conducted in good faith and involving all parties.

The right to self-determination of all peoples of Yugoslavia cannot be exercised in isolation from the interests and right of ethnic minorities within the individual republics. These can only be assured through peaceful negotiations for which the conference on Yugoslavia including its arbitration commission has been convened. Ministers reiterate their determination never to recognise any changes of borders brought about by force.

In that context ministers recall their statement of 5 October, condemning the seizure of the federal presidency by a few members of that body. Ministers deplore that yet again the commitments undertaken by the major players in the Yugoslav crisis are not

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The blockade of all JNA barracks and facilities in Croatia encompasses the following measures by the competent military and civilian Croat authorities:

- Restoration of all PTT communications and other facilities, such as water, electricity and gas.
- Restoration of unhindered and free access and exit through removal of physical obstacles such as mines or blockades and of armed units.
- Such free access and exit should allow JNA military and civilian personnel and their dependents free movement, it being understood that any such movement will not be in military formation and/or with weapons, unless notified 24 hours in advance to the multinational Monitor Mission and the Croat authorities, and monitored by them.
- Supply of food and other goods of a non-offensive nature as well as medical services will thus be given unhindered access.

JNA will not conduct any military operations against Croat forces from barracks and facilities in Croatia, the blockade of which has thus been lifted.

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being honoured. They demand from all parties to implement Friday
agreement in all its aspects no later than by 7 October 24.00 hrs
failing that, ministers will take restrictive measures to be
applied against those parties continuing to flout the desire of
the other Yugoslav parties as well as the international community
for a successful outcome of the conference on Yugoslavia. They
will then terminate the cooperation and trade agreement with
Yugoslavia and only to renew it with those parties which are
contributing to the peace progress. Ministers have asked the
political committee and the commission to identify
immediately further measures, including in the economic field. They
call on all other countries to support the position in this respect.

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Ministers are deeply concerned over the threat to the security of
the monitors in the face of violence at an unprecedented scale.
They wish to leave no doubt that the monitors will continue to
perform their duties in accordance with their mandates only as long
as their security can be assured.

They invite the secretary-general of the United Nations to speed
up his report in accordance with Security Council resolution 713,
and to that effect consider sending a special envoy to Yugoslavia
without delay.

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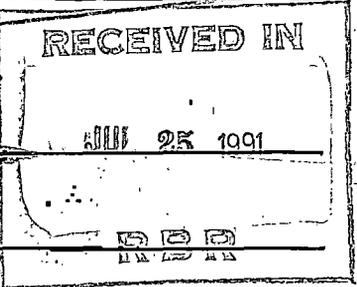
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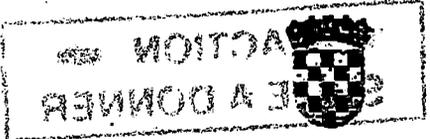
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Zagreb, July 19, 1991*

*His Excellency
Mr. Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister*

**CANADA
Ottawa**

Dear Mr. President,

Hereby we are informing you that the Government of the Republic of Croatia has adopted the draft for the Plan for the Solution of the Yugoslav State Crisis on its session on July 15, 1991, which we are enclosing herewith.

The draft for the Plan is a result of the endeavours of all parties concerned for a peaceful and complete solution of the Yugoslav crisis, having in mind the achieved Brijuni Agreements with the European Communities, and the present conditions in Croatia, Slovenia and other republics in Yugoslavia.

The proposed Plan represents a package of necessary decisions which would be signed as an Agreement by the representatives of the republics, the Federal Executive Council and the Presidency of the SFR Yugoslavia.

The annex to the Agreement would be signed by other international legal entities as well, who approve of the content of the Agreement and would thus guarantee the fulfilment of the first provision of the proposed Plan.

We are applying to you with the request to take the draft of the Plan for the Solution of the Yugoslav State Crisis into consideration, and if you regard it as appropriate, we would appreciate your support and contribution for its realization.

Looking forward to your answer and expressing the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain

Yours Sincerely,

*Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia
Dr. Franjo Gregurić*

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PLAN FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE YUGOSLAV STATE CRISIS

1. Recognition of the sovereign and independent states, i. e. of the subjectivity of all Yugoslav republics in accordance with the rules of international law.

2. In mutual relations among the republics the principles of international law should be respected, especially the principles of peaceful settlement of all disputes. The obligation should be undertaken to make use of the procedures and institutions for settling such disputes including law courts and arbitration.

3. Initiation of the disassociation process among the republics, as well as between the republics and the Federation, the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia, by making use, if the need should arise, of international arbitration.

During the time of the disassociation process, it is necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of all the bodies, organs and institutions of the Federation till the moment of their extinction, i.e. the cessation of the functioning of the individual bodies, organs and institutions.

4. Conclusion of the Agreement on the Association of Sovereign States based on the model of the European Communities.

5. Strict respect of human rights and the rights of national minorities subject to internal and international supervision.

The content of the abovementioned five points could be included into the Declaration, which would be signed by representatives of the republics, the Federal Executive Council and the collective Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The Annex to this Declaration would be signed by additional international subjects (states), who would thus confirm their acceptance of its contents and guarantee the fulfilment of the first point of the Plan.

All acts would form integral parts of the Agreement, i.e. the above points would represent a package, and their implementation should start simultaneously.

EXPLANATION

1. The aim of the Plan for the Solution of the Yugoslav State Crisis is to provide the basis for discussions and negotiations between the representatives of the republics on one hand, and the representatives of the republics and the Federation on the other hand, in order to find a permanent and sensible solution of the Yugoslav state crisis by democratic and peaceful means.

2. The Plan represents an integral whole. All points are interconnected and should be adopted as a whole. It is very important to bear in mind that the realization of all points has to commence simultaneously.

3. If the Plan is accepted as basis for discussion and the final agreement, a group of experts would prepare drafts for the agreement on the association of sovereign states, the agreement on the disassociation process, the declarations on the international and legal recognition of the republics as subjects of international law which would be signed, together with other attendant documents, by the representatives of third countries (e.g. permanent members of the Security Council of the United Nations or the European Community). All these documents would form integral parts of one comprehensive agreement.

The experts would be nominated by agreement.

4. Point I of the Plan implies the mutual recognition of the republics as subjects of international law, as well as the recognition of the republics as international legal entities by third states. After that, the republics would be bound, as international legal entities, to respect the rules and the principles of international law.

We wish to point out the principles of the United Nations Charter in particular which include respect for territorial integrity and present borders, the undertaking to refrain from using or threatening force, developing friendly relations etc.

The principle of peaceful solution of conflicts includes Law Courts and arbitration which hand down rulings (in distinction from some other means of peaceful solution of disputes, e.g. conciliations, mediations and rendering of good offices etc., the implementation of which do not obligate the states).

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5. The process of disassociation would last for a certain period of time depending on the area of activity. Consequently, the extinction of organs and institutions of the Federation would proceed gradually. These organs and institutions would normally operate until the final disassociation would be accomplished.

6. Point 4 refers to the establishment of the association of sovereign states on the model of the European Community. The content of the association agreement would be determined by negotiations between the republics and would conform with their interests.

By entering into an agreement of alliance, the process of "association" would commence, that is, the process of organizing the bodies, organs and institutions which would perform agreed offices within the association of sovereign states.

Thus the process of disassociation would advance together with the process of reorganization, the set up of bodies, organs and institutions and the commencement of their operation within the association.

7. The respect for human rights and the rights of national minorities are guaranteed on the highest level of civilization, in accordance with the international conventions and internal legislation. The respect for internal and international legal principles would be subject to supervision by internal and, if necessary, international authorities.

8. The content of the Plan has been made up in such a way as not to oppose against the interests of any republic, though it probably will not comply with all requirements of the individual republics.