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The Secretary of State for External Affairs

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The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, P.C., M.P.  
House of Commons  
Room 433, Centre Block  
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OTTAWA, Ontario  
June 29, 1992

The Honourable Barbara McDougall, PC, MP  
Secretary of State for External Affairs  
Room 231 West Block  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Madame Minister:

As the situation is rapidly deteriorating in Bosnia-Herzegovina and further strategies are being considered to stabilize matters, including armed intervention, I ask you to take immediate measures to ensure the safety of Canadian civilians in the area of Yugoslavia. *JPD*

I also urge you to review the impact on Canadians and Canadian enterprises of sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro, with a view to alleviate, as far as possible under the terms of the Economic Measures Act, any loss or damage they may have suffered as a result of these sanctions.

First, there appears to be no clear plan to safely evacuate Canadians from Sarajevo. To date, they have been encouraged by our mission in Belgrade to not attempt leaving the Capital for fear that they could get hurt. While sensible in some ways, I believe this policy must now be revised in light of a potential escalation of hostilities. I would therefore like to know what measures, if any, have been set in place to provide for their safe relocation.

I would particularly like to ask about [REDACTED] a young Canadian who was completing his doctorate in medicine at the University of Sarajevo when the conflict broke out. [REDACTED] nother has expressed very deep concern over the government's lack of assistance to ensure the safe return of her son to Canada. Please tell me what specific steps will be taken to ensure this young man's safe return.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from Nancy Manning which details the case of [REDACTED] a Canadian taken prisoner at the POW camp at Knin in Croatia. I am informed that the only assistance offered by your department to ensure the fair treatment and/or release of [REDACTED] was to contact the International Red Cross to see if they could locate him. In light of the fact that it may take months before the Red Cross finds [REDACTED] and considering the mistreatment inflicted on prisoners in these camps, I urge you to do more. For instance, will official representations be made by the Canadian government to the Serbian authorities, and other concerned parties? I would appreciate receiving a detailed report on the government's actions in this case.



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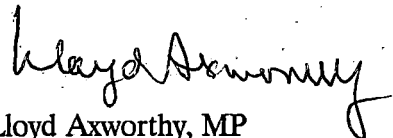
June 29, 1992

With respect to the impact of sanctions applied against Serbia on Canadians, I ask you to give every consideration to the situation of [REDACTED] a Canadian whose long awaited dream of travelling to Europe has been shattered by the suspension of the licences on Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) for air services between the two countries, and the freezing of Yugoslavian assets. [REDACTED] has been informed that Canada must respect the terms of the UN economic measures resolution against Serbia, and thus, cannot unfreeze parts of the Yugoslavian assets to allow for the reimbursement of [REDACTED] tickets.

In the wake of the ratification of Bill C-53 which grants the Canadian government more authority and flexibility in the imposition of sanctions against foreign states, and in the aftermath of the recent unfreezing of Iraqi assets for humanitarian purposes, I urge you to further review [REDACTED] request. Hopefully, a more human response can be developed for someone who may have lost years of savings, and who is now prevented from seeing family and friends after a long separation.

I thank you for your attention to these matters and await your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Lloyd Axworthy, MP  
Winnipeg South-Centre

Enclosures.

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Tel. (403) 430-6085

June 22, 1992

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy  
Room 433-C, Centre Block  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Axworthy,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Croatian Community of Edmonton. On May 5, 1991, one of our members, Canadian citizen [REDACTED] was taken prisoner and is now being held by the Serbian Chetniks at the P.O.W. camp at Knin, Croatia, which is now occupied by the Serb Army. We have every reason to believe that he is being mistreated according to reports from prisoners who have recently been released from this same camp.

We ask that you take this matter up in the House of Commons with these specific goals:

- 1) Canadian intervention to free Canadian citizen [REDACTED] from the Serbian P.O.W. camp prison at KNIN.
- 2) Ensure that [REDACTED] treatment as P.O.W. prior to release is in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

This matter is of the utmost urgency, since we believe that any Canadian inquiry about this Canadian citizen would certainly help provide some assurance of fair treatment by the Serb Army.

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The following particulars about [REDACTED] might be useful to you in this case:

Name: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED]

Eyes: [REDACTED]

Hair: [REDACTED]

Address: From 1981 to present -  
[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Next of Kin: [REDACTED] Mother, same address and phone

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Place of Birth: Croatia

Date Landed in Canada: [REDACTED] at Halifax

Then directly to Nelson, B.C. until 1981

Canadian Citizenship [REDACTED]

Left Canada for Croatia: Dec. 10, 1991

Date missing in action: May 5, 1992

Location of P.O.W. camp where located: Knin, as confirmed by  
released P.O.W.'s and Government of Croatia

If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me. Please do not forsake this Canadian in his desperate situation.

Thank you,



Nancy Manning

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ILLUST: Star\*photo\*(MIKE SLAUGHTER) THE LONG WAIT: Liliana Gliha of Toronto holds\*photo\*of her\*son,\*Michael, while she waits for call from\*Sarajevo\*saying he's safe.

MEMO:

Mom prays\*son\*survives in\*Sarajevo\*

Liliana Gliha spent\*Mother's\*Day pacing the living room of her Toronto home, praying for the phone call that signals her\*son\*is still alive.

Gliha's eldest\*son,\*Michael, 26, a medical student in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina, has not been heard from in 10 days.

"I don't have any more tears to cry," Gliha said yesterday, her voice cracking with emotion. "I don't know what else to do; I feel totally helpless."

Michael Gliha is in his fourth year of studies at the Medical University of\*Sarajevo,\*a city now under siege by Serb forces.

Ethnic Croats and Muslims voted to declare Bosnia's independence in February. They have since clashed with minority Serbs and the federal army, both of which are opposed to Bosnia's secession from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

At least 600 people have been killed in the fighting which now centres on\*Sarajevo,\*the site of the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Gliha's\*son,\*Michael, is somewhere in the middle of it.

"The last time he called, he told me he was trying to get out; he had almost no food left and that was 10 days ago.

"But I know it's worse than even he would say. He wouldn't tell me everything because he knows I am beside myself with worry."

'He said, 'Don't panic.' He didn't realize things were going to explode.'

Gliha has appealed to Canada's external affairs department and the United Nations for help in rescuing her\*son.\*But they have both told her there's nothing to do but wait.

Canadian consulate officials have warned Michael Gliha not to



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attempt to flee by land since Serb forces control much of the countryside.

Western agencies have been unable to bring emergency food supplies through blockades that ring the city. The airport remains closed and under the control of the Yugoslav army.

Yesterday, telephone lines to\*Sarajevo\*were inoperable.

Michael Gliha had a chance to leave the city more than a month ago, but decided against it because final exams were approaching.

"Mom, I have been here the whole year at school, I can't throw it away," Gliha quotes her\*son\*as saying. "He said, 'Don't panic; don't be unreasonable.' He didn't realize things were going to explode.

"He's a student; he's not involved in politics."

Michael Gliha began his studies in\*Sarajevo\*four years ago after failing to qualify for medical school in Canada. "He said medicine was the only career he wanted in life. He didn't care what sacrifices he had to make."

Liliana Gliha was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and fled the country with her family in 1963. She went to Switzerland, where Michael was born, then emigrated to Canada in 1967.

In her Cabbagetown home where she lives with her husband and two other children, Gliha yesterday kept vigil beside the phone while watching television to digest the latest reports from \*Sarajevo.\*

"For\*Mother's\*Day this year, I want my\*son\*back. Alive," she said.

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16 SEP. 1992

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ADVISING THAT SUBJ IS DETAINED IN VOJNIC PRISON. ACCORDING TO  
LETTER, SUBJ WAS ARRESTED 24JAN93 BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO BE  
MOBILISED. HE WAS RELEASED SAME DAY, BUT RE-ARRESTED 25JAN93, AND  
HAS SINCE THEN BEEN ON HUNGER STRIKE IN EFFORT TO PUT PRESSURE ON  
AUTHORITIES.

2.SUBJECT ADVISED ICRC THAT HE AND FAMILY WISHED TO BE EVACUATED  
WITH ASSISTANCE OF NATL REPS. ICRC IS ABLE TO FACILITATE.

3.ICRC ENQUIRE WHETHER WIFE OF SUBJ WILL REQUIRE VISA TO ENTER CDA.  
VISA OFFICER HERE WILL REPLY.

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W.O.

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W.O. RETURNED FROM ROUNDS. [REDACTED] IS TO BE CALLED RE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MOTHER BGRAD. HE SHOULD CONTACT [REDACTED] IN THE MORNING. A CDN FAMILY - FATHER, [REDACTED], MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN AGES 17 AND 20 WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS. THEY ALL HAVE MINOR INJURIES AND WILL BE HEADING BACK TO CDA 09JUL92. LOCAL PRESS IN MEXICO HAS PICKED UP THE STORY. FAMILY IN CDA HAS BEEN INFORMED BUT WANTS NOBODY ELSE INFORMED. IF PRESS CALLS, LINE IS WE ARE AWARE OF CASE AND HAVE GIVEN ALL POSSIBLE CONSULAR ASSISTANCE BUT CANNOT RELEASE FURTHER DETAILS DUE TO PRIVACY ACT. W.O. SHOULD NOTE Q & A ON [REDACTED] CASE.

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J POA RBR BMM 17:08

JACKIE FROM THE OFFICE OF M.P. JIM EDWARDS, EDMONTON S.W. 403-444-0414 REPORTS THAT A CONSTITUENT, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] AND A CDN CITIZEN NOT/NOT HOLDING DUAL YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP WAS CAPTURED ON MAY 5, 1992 AND IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD BY SERBIANS IN CROATIA. THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS EXACT LOCATION BUT REPORTS ARE HE WENT OVER TO YUGOSLAVIA WITH A BROTHER WHO WAS FIGHTING FOR CROATIA. HIS NEW PPT NBR IS NOT KNOWN, THE OLD PPT NBR (1991) WAS [REDACTED]. W.O. LEFT MSG WITH MP'S OFFICE THAT THIS INFO WOULD BE PASSED TO EAITC CONSULAR OFFICIALS THUS. AM.

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USS REQUESTING [REDACTED] SEE HIM ASAP.

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CALLER GIVEN TEL NBR FOR [REDACTED]

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TO EXTOTT JPO IMMED

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- [REDACTED] - POLICE REPORT

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