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May 5, 1992

The Honorable Slobodan Milosevic  
President  
Republic of Serbia  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. President:

It was with profound disappointment that I learned of recent events in the Shayna Lazarevich child custody case.

As you may recall, I wrote you on March 24th, and then again in an appeal with 14 members of Congress on April 7th, urging you to insure that Ms. Lazarevich gain actual physical custody of her children, in accordance with the ruling of the courts in both Serbia and the United States.

Ms. Lazarevich was in contact with my office today, and informed me that her children were not in school for the past two days. She feels, and I cannot help but believe, that her ex-husband has either fled the country, or is in hiding.

I would urge you once again, to do all in your power to resolve this case, which I now have been involved in for over two years.

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

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May 13, 1992

The Honorable Slobodan Milosevic  
President  
Republic of Serbia  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. President:

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing you today. The hostilities in Bosnia-Hercegovina are continuing unabated.

Serbia has no friends, no allies, in this senseless killing. The economy of Serbia is in shambles. Serbia is at an all time low, and unless change comes rapidly, Serbia will have no chance to emerge from the ever deepening grave into which it is falling.

From what I understand, extremists from all sides are acting completely outside of government control. Continuation of the hostilities in Bosnia-Hercegovina very probably will lead to an explosion in Kosovo and other majority Muslim areas, and spread war throughout the Balkans.

I am not here to assign blame, there is more than enough to go around. However, all hands are pointing to Belgrade, saying you are the individual that has the power to stop this insanity.

I urge you to do all in your power to encourage Serbian forces in Bosnia-Hercegovina to cease hostilities, and to participate actively in the current forums that exist in order to bring peace to the Balkans. Anything less would be to the detriment of the Serbian people, not only in Balkans, but throughout the entire world.

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress