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June 4, 1993

President Slobodan Milosevic  
Republic of Serbia  
11000 Beograd  
FR Yugoslavia

Dear President Milosevic:

The recent happenings in Belgrade are cause for disbelief and grave concern. It is particularly disturbing to see Serbian police forces use tear gas, rubber bullets, and other forms of violence to break up anti-government demonstrations.


Of particular concern are the reports that Vuk Draskovic not only has been arrested, but also beaten up in jail and not allowed to receive proper medical treatment. He belongs in a hospital, not in jail. Vuk and I have never been particular friends, but I respect him for his endeavors as do many other Serbian-Americans -- and we cannot understand why a person should be mistreated, harrassed, and attacked because he disagrees politically with his government. That is what democracy is all about, and you have said on various occasions that Serbia is a democracy. Is it?

Not only should Vuk Draskovic be freed to receive all the medical treatment he needs, but all of the political leaders of the Serbian Renewal Movement who have been arrested should be released as well. The people of Serbia deserve and should have the freedom of speech.

The ultra-nationalist policies -- backed by terror and suppression of freedom of expression -- which appear to be the order of the day in Serbia today are not what the Serbian people want. That unyielding path could cause a civil war to erupt inside Serbia in the near future.

One final comment -- The longer Vuk Draskovic is harrassed, the more popular he will become and the image of a "Serbian Nelson Mandella" will blossom to fullness. Think about it! Think of all of the Serbian people and not just about a few high-handed heavies near you.

Warm regards,

  
Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress



REPUBLIKA SRBIJA  
KABINET PREDSEDNIKA

Beograd, June 4, 1993.

Mrs. HELEN DELICH-BENTLEY

Member of Congress

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Dear Mrs. Delich-Bentley,

In your letter to the President of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Slobodan Milošević, from June 4th, 1993, you expressed several unfounded statements and erroneous assessments which obviously show that you are not well informed about the recent events in Belgrade, for there were no violent preventions of anti-government demonstrations in Belgrade. As a matter of fact, it was a violent and destructive attempt of the Srpski pokret obnove, headed by Vuk Drašković to seize the building of the Parliament, and an armed attack against the security forces, in which one policeman lost his life, one was heavily injured, and 32 persons were injured.

Such acts of violence are not and can not be considered as democratic expression of political opinions, and they are liable to energetic stamping out and legal punishment in all democratic countries of the world.

Your statement about the alleged ill-treatment of Mr. Vuk Drašković who was arrested on that occasion is also incorrect, which is shown by competent physicians' reports.

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In order to inform objectively about these events, and bearing in mind the fact that you speak Serbian, we send you a video-cassette which shows completely these violent demonstrations of the Srpski pokret obave.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

  
Goran Milinovic

CHIEF OF CABINET OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF SERBIA

# Helen Delich Bentley

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TO: DR. RADOVAN KARADZIC

FROM: CONGRESSWOMAN HELEN DELICH BENTLEY

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MESSAGE: PLEASE RESPOND AS  
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Dr. Radovan Karadzic  
Leader of Bosnian Serbs  
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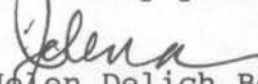
Dear Dr. Karadzic:

My office has received contradictory reports regarding the detention camp in Omarska. While the Western media has stated that Slavic muslims are being held in this camp, Serbian newspapers like Vecernje Novosti have claimed that Serbs are captives in this camp.

Specifically, Miroslava Privislaver from Vienna claims to have recognized her brother, a Serb, as one of the prisoners. Therefore, I would like you to let me know just what nationality the prisoners in this camp are and what exactly is going on there.

I expect that you will follow up on your offer to the Red Cross to take over the Serb-run detention camps. This is of key importance if the Serbian name is ever to be cleared in the Western press.

Sincerely yours,

  
Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

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TO: Dr. Radovan Karadzic  
Leader of Bosnian Serbs  
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FROM: Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley

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August 2, 1992.

Dr. Radovan Karadzic  
Leader of Bosnian Serbs  
Pale

Dear Dr. Karadzic:

In the past few days, more and more reports have been heard over here regarding "concentration camps" in which Serbs in Bosnia and Hercegovina allegedly have placed Croatian and Slavic muslim civilians.

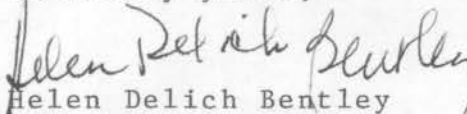
We expect this news to blow up in the major Western media sometime during this week. I hope it is not true.

Please investigate this and be prepared to take outside neutral observers to the sites to show that it is not true. The sooner this is done the better it will be for the Serbian people.

With the plethora of disinformation that ruins the Serbian image daily in the West, this is one more incident that would be absolutely devastating.

That is why you need to take immediate action to see to it that the Serbian name is cleared in regard to the existence of any Serb controlled "concentration camps" in Bosnia and Hercegovina. Anything less is bound to doom the Serbs of Bosnia and Hercogovina and Serbia.

Sincerely yours,

  
Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

cc: Prime Minister Milan Panic



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President Slobodan Milosevic  
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11000 Belgrade  
Yugoslavia

Dear President Milosevic:

According to the TANJUG reports I received last week, your government is in the process of nationalizing the "Politika" news organization.

At this time, when the entire world has joined in condemning Serbia for its role in the conflict in Yugoslavia, and when Serbia daily is villified by vehemently negative international press coverage of the crisis, this is one of the worst moves you could have made.

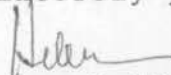
It is crucial that Serbia not make itself vulnerable for criticism because of the lack of freedom of the press, as Croatia has been recently because it banned the weekly Danas. In fact, such a step backwards will place you at the same level as Franjo Tudjman and his dictatorial controls.

I am doing my best to present Serbia in a positive light when it comes to freedom of the press and freedom of speech. If you pursue your goal to have the state own "Politika", the international press is bound strongly to condemn such an action and destroy Serbia's already bad image.

Not only that, but if you attempt to demolish those gains in Serbia's media arena by installing only your mouthpieces at the head of media houses, as happened at the Second Program of Radio Belgrade in April, magazines and newspapers like Vreme and Borba are bound to replace traditional media sources like Nin and Politika.

Therefore, I appeal not to retrogress! Serbia to date has been able to say that it proudly embraces freedom of the press, and this is a big plus for us. We must not provide one reason for Serbia's enemies to justify portraying it as an undemocratic society. I urge you not to blemish Serbia's image even further by making "Politika" your government's private mouthpiece.

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Deputy Speaker of the Serbian Parliament  
11000 Belgrade  
Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. Petrovic:

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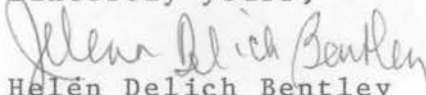
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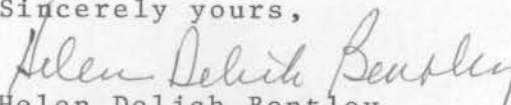
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