

July 8, 1992

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
1610 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20515-2002

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN:

THIS IS IN REGARD TO A COMPLAINT AND
CLAIM AGAINST JUGO BANKA OF BELGRADE,
SERBIA.

I AM WRITING THIS FOR MY MOTHER IN WHOSE
NAME THE ACCOUNT AT JUGO BANKA IS IN.

ZORKA BEGICH (BEGIC')
11554 AVENUE H.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617
PHONE - 312 - 646 - 3060
BORN MARCH 14, 1902; AGE 90.
U.S. CITIZEN.

OUR FAMILY HAS TRANSMITTED MONIES TO
YUGOSLAVIA VIA JUGO BANKA SINCE 1977.

THRU JUGO BANKA CENTRALNA-BELGRADE	\$24,300.00
THRU JUGO BANKA - CHICAGO	21,981.32
TOTAL REMITTANCES	<u>\$46,281.32</u>

EXHIBIT IIIA

THE MONIES THAT WERE TRANSMITTED WERE AT TIMES GIFTS TO THE RECIPIENT, AND AT OTHER TIMES, WERE LOANS TO THE RECIPIENT.

NEVERTHELESS, PRESENTLY ZORKA BEGICH HAS A BALANCE WITH JUGO BANKA OF \$20,015.27.

IN JANUARY 1991, A WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FROM JUGO BANKA WAS MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00
- THIS REQUEST WAS HONORED -

IN MAY 1991, A WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FROM JUGO BANKA WAS MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00
- THIS REQUEST WAS HONORED -

IN SEPT 1991, A WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FROM JUGO BANKA WAS MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.
- THIS REQUEST WAS NOT HONORED -

SUBSEQUENTLY THE CHICAGO OFFICE OF JUGO BANKA WAS CLOSED.

IN NOV. 1991, I WROTE A LETTER TO JUGO BANKA N.Y. - COPY ATTACHED. EXHIBIT I

IN NOV 1991, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JUGO BANKA N.Y. - COPY ATTACHED EXHIBIT II

THE GIST OF THE MATTER IS THAT MY
MY MOTHER IS OF CROATIAN DESCENT, AND
BECAUSE OF THAT, THE REQUEST WAS NOT
HONORED.

I ALSO MUST ADD THAT, THOUGH THEY HAD
IN THEIR POSSESSION, MY WITHDRAWAL REQUEST
OF SEPT 1991, I HAD TO FORCE THE
COMMUNICATIONS.

IN DEC 1991, I WROTE A LETTER TO THE U.S.
EMBASSY - BELGRADE - ATTN OF MR. PETER J. NOBLE.
COPY ATTACHED - I RECEIVED NO REPLY.
EXHIBIT III

IN MAR 1992, I AGAIN WROTE A LETTER TO THE
U.S. EMBASSY - BELGRADE
COPY ATTACHED EXHIBIT IV

IN MAY 1992 - I RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE
U.S. EMBASSY IN BELGRADE, THEY STATE, THEY
DID NOT HAVE MY FIRST TRANSMISSION! ?
COPY ATTACHED EXHIBIT V

SO THE QUESTION CAN BE ASKED, WHY AM I
WRITING TO YOU, WELL, I HAVE READ OF
YOU IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND I HAVE
SEEN YOU ON TELEVISION.

I AM ALSO AWARE OF YOUR INTEREST IN SERBIA,
AND THAT YOU HAVE CLOSE CONTACTS WITH
THEIR OFFICIALS.

WELL, IN MARCH 1951, AS I WAS LEAVING
TO ENTRAIN FOR SEATTLE WASHINGTON AND
THERE AFTER KOREA, MY MOTHER'S LAST
WORDS TO ME WERE "THAT IS YOUR
FLAG," AND SHE POINTED TO THE SMALL
FLAG BEHIND HER WITH THE 48 STARS
AND THE 13 STRIPES, (THAT FLAG IS STILL
DISPLAYED IN THE HOME).

So, IN MY OPINION, THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, YOUR
FIRST OBLIGATION IS TO U.S. CITIZEN'S AND
THEIR INTEREST.

So, IN MY MOTHER'S BEHALF, I AM REQUESTING
THAT YOU ASSIST IN THIS MATTER.

RESPECTFULLY
Paul Begich

PAUL BEGICH

11554 AVENUE H.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617

PHONE - 312 - 646-3060

P.S. BORN IN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

JUNE 29, 1928

NOVEMBER 18, 1991

EXHIBIT I

JUGO BANKA REPRESENTATIVE
500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10110

REGARD ACCOUNT OF ZORKA BEGICH
SLOBODNI RACUN # 12-85-93123-8

IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER 1991,
I REQUESTED MR. TOMO D. BRKANOVIC,
OF JUGO BANKA'S CHICAGO OFFICE TO
WITHDRAW \$8,000.00 FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED
ACCOUNT.

AS OF OCTOBER 7, 1991 I HAD NOT RECEIVED
A REPLY FROM YOUR CHICAGO OFFICE.

I CALLED THE CHICAGO OFFICE OCTOBER 7,
1991 AND WAS TOLD BY THE SECRETARY,
JOVANKA, THAT MR. TOMO D. BRKANOVIC
HAD RESIGNED.

I WAS FURTHER INFORMED BY JOVANKA TO
CALL THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF JUGO BANKA.

ON THAT SAME DATE, I CALLED THE
NEW YORK OFFICE OF JUGO BANKA AND
TALKED TO A "ROSIE".

ROSIE, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ADVICE
HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CHICAGO

OFFICE. SHE INDICATED THAT A WITHDRAWAL
WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF
A COMPUTER NUMBERING CHANGE OVER.

AS OF THIS DATE ~~→~~ I HAVE NOT HEARD
FROM YOUR CHICAGO OFFICE OR THE NEW YORK
OFFICE.

PLEASE RESPOND -

Paul Begich

PAUL BEGICH
11554 AVENUE H,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617

(TELE) 312-646-3060

COPY TO: U. S. SENATOR PAUL SIMON



JUGOBANKA

NEW YORK AGENCY
500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10110
C/S-RP

Re my letter of 11/18/91
EXHIBIT II

ITT 425667 YUGNY-UI
TELEPHONE: (212) 704-2900

21NOV1991

MR. PAUL BEGICH
11554 AVENUE H.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617

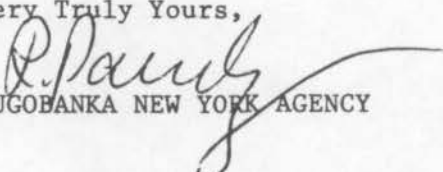
REF: acc; 12-85-93123-8 ZORKA BEGICH.

Dear Mr. Begich:

Regarding your letter dated November 18, 1991 for withdrawal of funds from above account, upon the review of this file you wrote a letter to our Rep Office in Chicago on Sept 18, 1991 with the same request.

Please be advised that we are not a bank, rather an Agency for branch offices of Jugobanka in Yugoslavia, where actual accounts were opened. As a consequence of the situation in our country please note that as of August 28, 1991, all former branch offices of Jugobanka in the Republic of Croatia (above mentioned account was opened with Jugobanka Split-Republic of Croatia) have discontinued the relationship with the system of Jugobanka, with Head office in Belgrade. Namely such branch offices are to the best of our knowledge, presently transformed into separate, independent banking institutions under new account relationships. For the time being, they receive, and make payments through other banks operating in the Republic of Croatia, since they maintain no accounts with the Agency. Authority to effect payment is vested in the former Jugobanka Branch Office in Split. If you wish you could contact them directly at tel.number: (058) 47-444, or fax (058) 44-831.

Very Truly Yours,


JUGOBANKA NEW YORK AGENCY

A COPY OF THIS WAS SENT . . .

To U.S. EMBASSY

BELGRADE

ATTN: MR. PETER NOBLE

TO U.S. EMBASSY

REGARD: JUGOBANKA
ACCOUNT OF ZORKA BEGICH
A/c # 12-85-93123-8

ZORKA BEGICH —
U.S. CITIZEN
BORN MARCH 14, 1902; AGE 89

ADDRESS: 11554 AVENUE H.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
60617

THE WRITER IS PAUL BEGICH, SON OF ZORKA BEGICH; WHO HAS POWER OF ATTORNEY.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1991, I SENT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO JUGOBANKA - CHICAGO TO WITHDRAW \$8,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 12-85-93123-8. I RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. (UNUSUAL).

OCTOBER 7, 1991 I CALLED JUGOBANKA - CHICAGO AND WAS TOLD BY MRS. JOVANKA ULAHOVIC THAT THE MANAGER, MR. TOMO D. BRKANOVIC, HAD RESIGNED; EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 1991. ALL DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN SENT TO NEW YORK. THAT I SHOULD TALK TO "ROSIE" IN THE NEW YORK

OFFICE.

OCTOBER 7, 1991, I CALLED THE NEW YORK OFFICE AND TALKED TO ROSIE. ROSIE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST. HER COMMENTS TO ME WERE MIXED, INCONCLUSIVE, AND CONFUSING.

- ACCOUNT NUMBERING SCHEME WAS BEING CHANGED
- APPROVAL HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM BELGRADE.
- I NEVER SENT THIS MONEY THROUGH JUGOBANKA.
- ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES!

(EXHIBIT 1) NOVEMBER 18, 1991 I SENT A LETTER TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF JUGOBANKA, BY CERTIFIED MAIL.

(EXHIBIT 2) NOVEMBER 21, 1991 A REPLY WAS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF JUGOBANKA; REQUEST NOT HONORED.

IN GENERAL

MY MOTHER HAS MANY RELATIVES IN YUGOSLAVIA. SHE (WE) HAVE ASSISTED THOSE RELATIVES DIRECTLY, AND INDIRECTLY WITH ADVANCES.

MUCH OF THIS MONEY HAS BEEN SENT THROUGH JUGOBANKA CENTRALNA BELGRADE,

AND THROUGH JUGOBANKA CHICAGO.

PER RECEIPTS IN MY POSSESSION, MONIES SENT --

THRU JUGOBANKA CENTRALNA BELGRADE.

(EXHIBIT 3)

\$ 24,300.00

(EXHIBIT 4)

THRU JUGOBANKA-CHICAGO.

21,981.32

TOTAL REMITTANCES

\$ 46,281.32

HISTORY WITH JUGOBANKA CHICAGO

MONIES HAVE BEEN SENT THROUGH JUGOBANKA-CHICAGO SINCE APRIL 20, 1984.

I BECAME DIRECTLY ACQUAINTED WITH MR. TOMO D. BRKANOVIC, SOME TIME IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1990.

AT THAT TIME, I REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WITHDRAWING MONIES FROM THIS ACCOUNT. I WAS ASSURED BY MR. TOMO D. BRKANOVIC THAT THIS WAS NOT A PROBLEM.

A WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FOR \$5,000.00 WAS MADE IN JANUARY 1991. THIS REQUEST WAS HONORED. A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 WAS RECEIVED; CHECK # 1810, DATED JANUARY 15, 1991, DRAWN ON JUGOBANKA-NEW YORK AGENCY ACCOUNT WITH NBD BANK OF CHICAGO.

A WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FOR \$4,000.00 WAS MADE IN MAY 1991. THIS REQUEST WAS HONORED. A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 WAS RECEIVED; CHECK #1986, DATED MAY 15, 1991, DRAWN ON JUGOBANKA - NEW YORK AGENCY ACCOUNT WITH NBD BANK OF CHICAGO.

IN THE LATER PART OF JUNE OR FIRST PART OF JULY I DISCUSSED WITH MR. TOMO D. BRKANOVIC, THE SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA, AND THAT I WOULD BE REQUESTING A WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES IN THIS ACCOUNT IN SEPTEMBER 1991. I WAS ASSURED BY MR. BRKANOVIC THAT I WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED, AND THAT A WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE "NO PROBLEM".

SEPTEMBER 18, 1991 A REQUEST WAS MADE TO WITHDRAW \$8,000.00. NO RESPONSE.

COMMENTS

ANY DECISIONS MADE BY JUGOBANKA HAS BEEN UNILATERAL. IF I HAD BEEN INFORMED OF ANY FORTHCOMING CHANGES I WOULD HAVE ACTED ACCORDINGLY. I HAD INQUIRED, BEEN MIS-LEAD, AND NOT INFORMED, NOR, GIVEN A

OPTION. THIS MAY BE A STANDARD PRACTICE IN YUGOSLAVIA. THIS IS NOT A STANDARD PRACTICE OR A PROPER PRACTICE IN THE UNITED STATES. FURTHER, I HAD TO FORCE A RESPONSE FROM THIS ORGANIZATION.

WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU CAN RENDER, IN THIS MATTER, WILL BE APPRECIATED.

PAUL BEGICH
11554 AVENUE H.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
60617

TELE- 312-646-3060

MONIES SENT FROM JUGOBANKA - CENTRAL NA - BELGRADE

DATE	JUGOBANKA BELGRADE - 1ST NATL OF CHICAGO	
NOV 7, 1977	~~~~~>	700.00
DEC 29, 1977	~~~~~>	1000.00
JUL 05, 1978	~~~~~>	10000.00
JUN 23, 1980	~~~~~>	1800.00
DEC 26, 1980	~~~~~>	1800.00
JUN 9, 1981	~~~~~>	3500.00
DEC 24, 1981	~~~~~>	1500.00
DEC 15, 1982	~~~~~>	2000.00
DEC 15, 1982	~~~~~>	2000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 24300.00

" TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED + 00/100 "

MONIES SENT THROUGH JUGO BANKA - CHICAGO

DATE	To --		
JUL 10, 1984	JOSIP PERICA ~~~~~ ↓	29449	
OCT 30, 1984		31891	
JAN 11, 1985		32500	
APR 15, 1985		31875	
OCT 31, 1985		52000	
JAN 23, 1986		23082	
JUN 28, 1986		44500	
JAN 23, 1986	MILJENKO PERICA ~~~~~ ↓	33635	
JUL 7, 1986		30600	
FEB 23, 1986		49500	
APR 14, 1987		39100	
APR 12, 1989		100000	
NOV 1, 1989		99500	
APR 9, 1990		69500	
APR 15, 1990		56000	
APR 12, 1989	ZORKA NOVAKOVIC KATICA NOVAKOVIC	100000	
APR 12, 1989		100000	
DEC 17, 1986	MARKO COLAK ~~~~~ ↓	30000	
MAY 4, 1987		200000	
AUG 31, 1987		100000	
SEPT 26, 1988		30000	
DEC 12, 1988		30000	
DEC 21, 1989		30000	
DEC 18, 1990		200000	
JUL 10, 1985		200000	

MONIES SENT THROUGH JUGO BANKA - CHICAGO

DATE	To -		
APRIL 20, 1984	STIPE BEGIC		1000 00
DEC 17, 1986	STIPE BEGIC		300 00
SEPT 29, 1987	ZELKO ROGOSIC		1000000
JUL 6, 1987		~	1500000
DEC 15, 1988		~	95000
DEC 4, 1989		~	30000
MAY 23, 1988	NADA MARUSIC		30000
DEC 12, 1988		~	20000
DEC 2, 1989		~	10000
DEC 18, 1990		~	10000
DEC 12, 1988	MARY PASTOVSKI		10000
DEC 21, 1989		~	10000
DEC 18, 1990		~	10000
MAY 23, 1989	DR. IVO VULIC		30000
			<u>\$ 2198132</u>

EXHIBIT IV

MARCH 14, 1992

AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BELGRADE
ATTN: PETER NOBLE

REGARD: JUGOBANKA

ACCOUNT OF ZORKA BEGICH.
A/c# 12-85-93123-8

ZORKA BEGICH

U.S. CITIZEN

BORN MARCH 14, 1902; AGE 90

Address: 11554 AVENUE H.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617

DECEMBER 20TH 1991, I MAILED TO YOUR ATTENTION
DETAILED MATTER PERTAINING TO JUGOBANKA AND
ZORKA BEGICH.

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
THE RECEIPT OF THAT LETTER AND DOCUMENTATION.

I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THE MAILING HAS
BEEN RECEIVED.

AS TIME PERMITS, I WOULD APPRECIATE THE
STATUS OF MY REQUEST.

RESPECTFULLY
(SON) PAUL BEGICH Paul Begich
11554 AVENUE H,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617.

P.S. ENCLOSED \$10.00 FOR MAIL/HANDLING.

EXHIBIT V

RE-LETTER 3-14-92



U.S. & FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

KNEZA MILOSA 50
11000 BELGRADE
YUGOSLAVIA

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Tx: 11529 AMEMBA YU
Fax: (38-11) 645-096

U.S. MAILING ADDRESS: US&FCS
AMERICAN EMBASSY
UNIT 25402
APO AE 09213-5070

May 20, 1992

Mr. Paul Begich
11554 Avenue H.
Chicago, IL 60617

Dear Mr. Begich:

This is in reply to your recent letter to Mr. Peter Noble. Mr. Noble left the post a few months ago. I have checked our files and did not find your previous letter and do not know what the case is about.

Enclosed please find \$10 that you have sent in your letter to us. There is no need to send money for mail/handling.

Sincerely,

Radmila Diklic
Commercial Assistant