

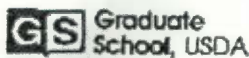
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Legislative Assistant  
**OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE HELEN BENTLEY**  
**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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Dear Ms. Brkic:

Here is the biographical data for Mr. Slavko Perovic, a USIA International Visitor from Montenegro. Mr. Perovic is a Member of Parliament and President of the Liberal Alliance Party. He would like to meet with Representative Bentley, if possible, to discuss the current situation in the former Yugoslavia. He will be accompanied by Mr. Philip Philipovich, U.S. Escort Interpreter.

Mr. Perovic will be in Washington June 20-25. Would you be able to arrange an appointment for him sometime that week? The best time in his schedule would be early morning (about 9:00 am), or anytime in the afternoon on Thursday, June 24th. Please let me know as soon as possible if another day would be better.

3:00 6-24

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

*Carol L. Grabauskas*

Carol L. Grabauskas  
Program Officer  
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I talked to Michael re him. You ~~will~~ have a meeting at 3:00 on Thursday, 6-24.  
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### Mr. Slavko PEROVIC

President of the Liberal Alliance Party of Montenegro  
Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro

### MONTENEGRO

June 21 - July 18, 1993

Mr. Slavko Perovic is a guest of the United States Government and is sponsored by the United States Information Agency (USIA). As a participant in USIA's International Visitor Program, he will be visiting the United States from June 21 to July 18, 1993, with the first week of that time in Washington. He will be accompanied by U.S. Escort Interpreter, Mr. Philip Philipovich.

His program is administered by the:

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### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

During the last two years, Mr. Perovic has been a strong advocate for the independence of Montenegro. He has also been an eloquent critic of the communist regime, and a persistent advocate of a free press. When founded, Mr. Perovic's party was qualified as a group of Montenegro nationalists, while they actually tried to point out the dangers of Serbian nationalism. Because of such views, Mr. Perovic was fiercely attacked by the government-controlled press, and was dismissed from his job as director of the National Archives. The Liberal Alliance Party is growing in popularity (including support from many Montenegrin Albanians and Moslems), as illustrated by the 12 seats it won in the 1992 elections to the 85-seat unicameral Parliament. During his U.S. program, Mr. Perovic would like to:

- \* Gain exposure to the nuts-and-bolts of practical politics in America. Learn about the organization, function, and funding of political parties and their role between elections; representation and promotion of the interests of different ethnic and political groups; political marketing; media and politics; and the role of an opposition.
- \* Examine the protection of civil rights of the general population as well as minorities (including political, ethnic, and cultural), and how abuses are monitored and rectified; explore American historical and cultural heritage.
- \* Examine U.S. policy towards Serbia (and especially, Montenegro) and discuss current research and media coverage of Central and Eastern Europe.

**Mr. Slavko PEROVIC**

**PREVIOUS  
POSITIONS:**

- Member of the Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Montenegro (representing the Reform Forces), 1990-1992
- Director of the Archives of Montenegro, 1989-1992
- Public Attorney for the Commune of Cetinje, 1984-1988
- Secretary of the Museums and Galleries of Cetinje, 1980-1984
- Communal Inspector for Labor Relations in Cetinje, 1979-1980
- Legal Intern at a Private Lawyer's Office in Niksic, 1978-1979

**ACADEMIC  
BACKGROUND:**

- Completed a graduate course in the cultural history of the Adriatic at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, Zagreb University, 1984-1986
- Passed the Bar examination in Belgrade, 1979
- B.A. in Law, The Law School in Titograd, 1978

**LANGUAGES:**

Native Serbo-Croatian; fair English and French

**PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Editor of a biweekly journal *Liberal*, published by the Liberal Alliance of Montenegro, 1990-present
- President of the Yugoslav Commission for Coordination of National Archives, 1989-1991
- Member of the Presidency, The Republican Fund for Culture in Montenegro, 1989-1991
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Montenegrin Cultural Monthly Journal, *ARS*, 1984-1986

**TRAVEL ABROAD:**

European countries. No previous U.S. travel

**PERSONAL DATA:**

Date of Birth: August 2, 1954  
Place of Birth: Cetinje, Yugoslavia  
Marital Status: Married

**DIETARY OR OTHER  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

Nonsmoker

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** Mr. Perovic is willing to address audiences on the following topics: "The Current Political Situation in Serbia and Montenegro," or "The Political Fate of Montenegro in the Period of Ethnic Domination in Yugoslavia."

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Central Prison. Rodoljub Draskovic said his brother sustained injuries all over his body and feet and was suffering from severe heart and kidney pains. He added that Vuk has promised to quit politics and resume his work as a writer once released from prison. SPO spokesman also read a message from Vuk Draskovic asking his supporters and sympathizers not to demonstrate on his behalf for fear of violent retaliation by police. Family members also described injuries to Draskovic's wife, Danica, as serious. Thirteen opposition groups and six pacifist organizations have demanded the release of the Draskovics. Radio B92 and international media carried the report on 7 June.

• Milan Andrejević

**MONTENEGRIN DEMONSTRATIONS.** Several thousand people demonstrated on 7 June against what they called the rise of fascism in the ramp Yugoslavia, and demanded independence for Montenegro. Slavko Perovic, head of the opposition Liberal Alliance of Montenegro (LSO), said Yugoslavia has become a "monstrous state" seeking to survive by "imposing tyranny on its own people," and warned that "mercenary" for Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic risk "spreading this tyranny to Montenegro." The head of the Movement Against Fascism, Milić Pavlović, said "Serbia has tumbled under the fascist blows" of Milosevic's regime. Pavlović added "The only way out for Montenegro is to separate from Serbia." In a separate development, a statement by political leaders in Montenegro condemned the ouster of Yugoslav President Dobrica Ćosić by the Federal Assembly by describing the action as indicative of a "lack of respect for rules of conduct and dignity." The statement also condemned the police actions against demonstrators in Belgrade saying the authorities violated their human rights. Radio B92 and Radio Serbia carried the report.

• Milan Andrejević

**POLITICAL FIREWORKS IN CROATIA.** The relations between Croats and Muslims are just one issue in a highly complex political battle shaping up between hard-core nationalists originating primarily in Herzegovina and more moderate forces. Globus reported on 4 June. On 15 May Cardinal Franjo Kuharić warned Herzegovinian Croats that they could be held accountable for war crimes against the Muslims and for bringing possible international sanctions down on Croats. Their leader, Mate Boban, replied to the prime in what Globus called a "vulgar" letter ghost-written by two militant nationalist Franciscan fathers. It appears that behind Boban are tough hard-liners in

Zagreb and Bosnia-Herzegovina, his elements of the Franciscan order in Herzegovina, while Kuharić is backed by most mainstream politicians, the Church hierarchy, and some of the Franciscans. Globus suggested that the contest has only just begun, and that Kuharić holds the moral high ground, with President Franjo Tudjman being a potential wild card in the game. Elsewhere in Zagreb, on 4 June parliament voted to remove ultrarightist leader Dobrica Ćosić from his position on that body's Committee for Human Rights. Ćosić had just returned from a speaking tour of the United States where he sharply criticized Tudjman and his ruling Croatian Democratic Community (HDZ) as being authoritarian. Deputies from the HDZ subsequently charged Ćosić with "insulting Croats" and launched a well-orchestrated campaign against the leader of the Croatian Party of Democratic Rights (HSP). The HDZ has used a variety of legal measures over the past year to hound the HSP, and charges of "terrorism" are still pending against Ćosić, who has otherwise been protected by his parliamentary immunity. *Wprost* #18 on 4 June and *Polska* on 5 June reported the story.

• Patrick Moore

**BEROV SUPPORTS US TROOPS IN MACEDONIA.** During a visit to Skopje, Bulgarian Prime Minister Lyuben Berov expressed support for the idea of placing US troops in the Republic of Macedonia. *Reuters* reported on 7 June. Berov said the idea was useful, although he pointed out that the operation would need firm backing from governments in Macedonia as well as Kosovo, another unstable area. The first Bulgarian premier to visit Skopje since World War II, Berov said bilateral relations have become a "factor for stability" in the region. With his counterpart Branko Crvenkovski, he signed agreements on trade, energy, education, crime-fighting, communication and transport.

• Kjell Engelbrekt

**MACEDONIA MISCELLANY.** British Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd paid his second visit to the Republic of Macedonia on 4 June, the last after Great Britain recognized the new country. *MILF* reports. He met with Acting Foreign Minister Boro Crvenkovski, and President Kiro Gligorov. In a press conference Hurd expressed the hope that tensions between Greece and Macedonia would soon be resolved and noted that the new country is experiencing serious economic difficulties resulting from enforcement of the UN embargo on Serbia. Meanwhile, Crvenkovski, in a letter to NATO Secretary-General Manfred Womser, broached the question of possible membership in that organiza-

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FROM FREE TRADE UNION INST

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March 6, 1992

Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley  
2010 Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bentley:

During my last visit to your office I spoke to you about the interest that my partner in USA Montenegro Tours has in joining the Committee to help raise funds for the Serb Network.

Gina Ilie and her husband have, for the last twenty years, operated several successful businesses in Paterson, NJ. In addition to being a partner in the USA Montenegro Tours she also is the President of Genik Company, which is in the process of setting up money transfer services to Yugoslavia from the United States.

Gina is planning, at her own expense, to send out a mailing to all of the Yugoslavs in the area and do whatever else she is able to raise money for the Serb Network. She would like to attend the March meeting with me in Chicago.

Also, you will find some suggestions for a letter to President Bulatovic of Montenegro. As I mentioned to you, we spent about 20 minutes with him. I briefed him on the Serb Network and its goals and asked for an impression, which he did not give because he was pressed for time. I feel that a letter from you with more information would get a positive response, especially that the referendum is over and Montenegro has officially decided to be a part of the new Yugoslavia with Serbia.

I will call you on Monday or if you get a chance, please call me at home any evening around 8:30 p.m. or later.

Sincerely,

Nick Klatch

Mila Banic

Mila

Brian Danic  
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March 6, 1992

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Predsjednik Predsjednistua  
Republike Crne Gore  
Predsjednistvo SR Crne Gore  
Bulevar D. Jovanovica 2  
81000 Titograd  
Yugoslavia

Dear President Bulatovic:

Nick Klaiich reported to me that he had passed on my message to you regarding the Serb Network Organization which was formed to relate their side of the ethnic crisis in Yugoslavia.

The Serbians were pictured as the aggressors in the American press and the Croats were the oppressed. The Croatean lobby in America spent over \$17,000,000 on a public relations firm, Ruder & Finn of New York, to gain this favorable position.

To counteract the propaganda, I was able to get all of the Serbian Organizations in America to set aside their differences and get together for a common cause - to raise money from all Yugoslavs in America - which will be used to hire a top public relations firm and to establish a Washington office to give the Serbian side of the story.

(Add another paragraph of information on the Network if needed.)

We are looking to the Serbian and Montenegrin leadership for moral support of the group and to provide us documented proof, if possible, of what is and has happened to the Serbs in the Kraajina sector of Crotea where the fighting was concentrated.

The group has monthly meetings in Chicago, Illinois. If you are interested in knowing more about the group, you are welcome to send an unofficial observer to the meetings who can be either a representative of your government or representing one of the Montenegrin companies in America.

I would be pleased to get your comments regarding the Serb Network.

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

Petar Popovic, the representative of the Montenegro Bank in New York, was interested in attending the meeting but he said that he would have to have the blessing of his government. I told him that I did not know if you could ask Bulatovic to select him. I said that I would ask you. I brought Petar to your office in July of last year.





H. R. H. CROWN PRINCE ALEXANDER  
OF YUGOSLAVIA

9 September 1993

The Honorable Helen D Bentley  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington DC 20515  
U S A

Dear Helen

It was a great pleasure to see you during my recent visit to Washington and to be able to spend some time discussing the tragic situation in the former Yugoslavia and the plight of the people.

May I introduce Mrs Mirjana Navarro Monzo whom I have known for many years. Mirjana is a dear friend, and like all of us, is deeply preoccupied with the tragedy we are witnessing every day. I know that Mirjana would like to talk to you about humanitarian issues.

On another issue, Michael Djordjevic is visiting London this weekend and we are meeting up to discuss the unfolding events. I will also be attending his convention in New York at the beginning of October.

I very much look forward to seeing you again on my next visit to Washington and I look forward to keeping in touch with you.

With my warmest personal regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alexander', with a horizontal line underneath.



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Congresswoman  
Helen Delich-Bentley  
Baltimore, Maryland  
U.S.A.

Dear Congresswoman Bentley:

Tanjug news agency is currently going through a very difficult period financially, due to the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia and the severe sanctions imposed by the United Nations.

The government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia does not finance Tanjug to any great degree, but its help now would be crucial to the agency's further existence. I would be grateful if you would use your influence with Prime Minister Milan Panić concerning financial help for Tanjug over the next few months. That help would allow us to complete the process of a change of ownership (privatization) of the agency. Our goal is for the agency to become one of mixed ownership: by certain Yugoslav media, the State, companies and banks. We hope that the process will be completed by the end of this year or the beginning of the next.

As you probably know, Tanjug has been, and still is, one of the ten best national news agencies in the world. It would be unfortunate for the country and the Serbian people, if it were to disintegrate, or rather, be reduced to a State agency or press bureau, such as can be found in neighbouring countries in the Balkans.

If Prime Minister Panić were to learn of your support for Tanjug by telephone or fax, I believe it would greatly help us resolve this matter.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dušan Zupan  
Editor-in-Chief and Acting Director  
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# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-1408

April 21, 1993

U.S. ACTION ON BOSNIA

*TO: HDB*  
*4/22/93*

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in signing the letter on the reverse to President Clinton urging stronger U.S. action on Bosnia.

Now is the moment of truth for U.S. leadership to confront genocidal Serb aggression in the Balkans.

This is the defining crisis of the post-Cold War era. Diplomacy, sanctions, United Nations "peacekeeping" and humanitarian relief have clearly failed to secure an outcome acceptable to America's moral values and national security interests.

The Administration's decisions over the next days will determine whether the United States acquiesces in genocide in Bosnia -- thereby inviting further Serb aggression, a wider Balkan war, and further erosion of the core principles crucial to the future of the transatlantic community -- or moves to confront it with force.

The letter we are asking you to co-sign will signal to the Administration that the Congress will support a new U.S. strategy that (i) recognizes and underscores that the acts of Serb forces in Bosnia constitute genocide; (ii) lifts the UN arms embargo from the Bosnian government and provides it with arms for self-defense; and (iii) uses NATO air power to enforce the will and conscience of the international community.

TO SIGN THE LETTER, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT RICHARD DOMINON AT 2-7030 (MCCLOSKEY), OR DEBBE BRUCE AT 2-1704 (BENTLEY) BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 21.

Member of Congress

Member of Congress

