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PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL ORDER: THE BOSNIAN CRISIS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1993, AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 16, 1993

Dear Colleague,

The drive to dismember Bosnia-Hercegovina, orchestrated by the Serbian leadership in Belgrade, continues unabated. Tens of thousands of Bosnians have been killed and hundreds of thousands have been forced from their homes, and still the dying goes on.

- * Earlier this month, a hospital in Sarajevo was shelled at the height of visiting hours.
- * Besieged towns were overrun when their defenders ventured out to collect badly-needed food and medicine dropped by American planes.
- * Attacks are increasing on the next likely target: Kosovo, where two million Albanians constitute 90% of the population.
- * The odious policy of ethnic cleansing has been accelerated in anticipation of a peace settlement.

This is not some obscure and meaningless conflict. Serbia's attack on the existence of Bosnia-Hercegovina is a moral outrage with clear implications for America's interests:

It threatens to ignite a regional war involving Greece, Turkey, Albania, Bulgaria, and others.

It encourages governments throughout the world, particularly in the republics of the former Soviet Union, to resolve disputes involving national minorities with violent and unilateral "solutions."

It represents an attempt to destroy and annex a UN-member state and violates the international principle against altering borders by force.

It is a decisive test of democratic principles and the rule of law in the post Cold-War world.

We invite you to join us in discussing these concerns and their implications for the United States, Europe, and the world in the Special Order on Tuesday, March 23.

Please contact Aaron Rosenbaum at x5-5335 if you plan to participate in this examination of our policies and options at this critical moment.

Very truly yours,

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