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PROGRAM OF THE VISIT OF MRS. HELEN DELIĆ-BENTLEY, THE MEMBER
OF THE US CONGRESS, TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

June 24, 1989 (Saturday)

10,30

Arrival at the Belgrade airport

19,30

Dinner. Host Dragan Dragojlović,
President of the Commission for Re-
lations with Religious Communities
of the Executive Council of Serbia

June 25, (Sunday)

09,00

Lithurgy in the Temple of St.Sava

18,00

Reception at the Patriarch German

June 26, (Monday)

08,30

Meeting with dr Aleksandar Prlja,
Secretary form Foreign Affairs of
the Socialist Republic of Serbia,
in the Executive Council of the
Assembly of the SR of Serbia

13,00

Reception and lunch in the Serbian
Academy of Arts and Science

15,00

Reception at the President of the
Presidium of the SR of Serbia,
Slobodan Milošević

20,00

Commemorative session at the
Center Sava

Late supper. Host dr Aleksandar
Prlja, Secretary for Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Serbia

June 27, (Tuesday)

Departure form Belgrade in the
morning. Visits to monasteries
Žiča, Studenica (lunch) and Sopo-
ćani. Arrival to Priština in early
evening.

June 28, (Wednesday)

07,00

Lithurgy in the monastery Gračanica

11,00

Lunch given by the representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Gračanica

13,00

Gazi-Mestan

After the commemoration ceremony at Gazi-Mestan, departure for Belgrade

June 29, (Thursday)

If Mrs. Delić-Bentley is still interested, as announced, to visit some other monasteries it is possible to organize, visits to Topola, Kruševac, Ravanica and Manasija (lunch)

June 30, (Friday)

Departure for the USA



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley Reports



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Dear Friend:

As Marylanders, many of us have been brought up on stories of Francis Scott Key and the siege of Fort McHenry. Our children take field trips to Fort McHenry, learning of a young nation's attempt to defend itself in the face of a fierce and formidable enemy. Although the War of 1812 brought many hardships to young America, the bombardment of Fort McHenry inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the Star Spangled Banner.

None other than Old Glory elicited such an emotional and fervent expression of our soldiers' and citizens' dedication to the United States of America. Through the years, the flag has served as a monument to freedom. In the trenches of war, in the hearts of our immigrants and in the soul of our people, the flag is democracy—it is freedom, it is liberty.

It breaks my heart to hear flag-burners boasting of their right to burn the flag—to desecrate our nation. In response, I have submitted a constitutional amendment making misuse of the flag unprotected speech under the First Amendment. My office has received hundreds of letters on both sides of the issue, but the majority favor a Constitutional amendment. Burning the flag is not free speech; it is national vandalism at its worst.

After a considerable lull at the beginning of this session, Congress is now charging full-speed ahead on other important legislative issues. On June 30, the President signed the supplemental emergency appropriation for the Veterans' Administration—a much needed \$345 million of the total \$1.2 billion appropriation is earmarked for medical care.

Other important issues, such as child care, Section 89 and the Catastrophic Health Care Act of 1989, are still undergoing Congressional scrutiny...

Stay tuned for more information as these stories break.

Regards,

Helen Delich Bentley

Helen Delich Bentley
Congresswoman
2nd District, Maryland

HEADLINE UPDATE

Westinghouse Rakes in Air Force Contracts

● Westinghouse Electric's Defense and Electronic Systems Center received three separate Air Force contracts totaling approximately \$183.012 million. Work will be done in Baltimore for production of 36 AN/ALQ-131 electronic countermeasure pods, modifications for 150 fire control radars used in F-16 aircraft and for improvements to automatic test equipment used for F-111 aircraft.

Hunt Valley Firm Awarded \$50 Million For Air Pollution Testing

● EA Engineering, Science and Technology Incorporated, headquartered in Hunt Valley, has received the largest award in the firm's fifteen year history from the U.S. Air Force. EA will sample and analyze air quality at various Air Force bases across the country. As national awareness of the dangers of air pollution increases, efforts to monitor military air pollution are certainly welcome.

Good News for Baltimore Shipyards

● At the urging of Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, terms were reached early July 9, bringing an end to the nearly four-month-old shipyard strike at the Bethlehem Sparrows Point Yard. The 1,200 shipyard workers affected by the strike ratified the agreement forged by the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America and Bethlehem Steel management. (see story inside)

● Baltimore's Curtis Bay Shipyard received a seven year, \$184 million award to refurbish nine, 210 foot cutters. Each of the nine cutters will be completely overhauled in what the Coast Guard calls their "mid-life availability."

Edgewood Arsenal Beneficiary of New Facilities

● Two new additions to the Edgewood Area of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds were unveiled during July in an effort to modernize the venerable Army facility.

● The U.S. Army has obligated \$3.78 million in a \$35 million contract to General Physics Corporation for establishment of a Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in Edgewood. The center will be a training ground for personnel for eight additional planned chemical demilitarization facilities across the country.

Congresswoman Bentley Meets With Defense Secretary Cheney



Congresswoman Bentley, pictured here with Secretary of Defense, Richard Cheney, discusses Defense appropriations at a recent Congressional Conference.



MILITARY ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley is now accepting applications for nominations to the United States Service Academies for the entering class of 1990.

To receive a nomination for the Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Naval Academy, or the United States Military Academy at West Point from Representative Bentley, please send a letter to the Towson District Office at 200 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204. The staff person handling the applications is Sandy Dawson, who can be reached at 301/337-7222.

All applicants should be advised that they must be a U.S. citizen, at least 17 years old and less than 22 years old at the time of admission, and never been married.



The third grade class from Garrison Forest School for Girls paid a summer visit to Washington and are pictured here with Congresswoman Bentley. Members of the class are Heather Schloss, Carey Scanlan, Erica Robinson, Susie Malayaman, Nadia Khajawea, Melissa Harrison, Emily Haile, Neilla Daniels, Kathleen Danieliwick, Sommer Brooks, Jana Brooks, Cammy Boyd, Lindsay Baswell, Kate Aumann and Kasia Gatchalian.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPARROWS POINT SHIPYARD BACK IN BUSINESS AT LAST!

The reopening of the Sparrows Point Shipyard after a protracted strike by the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IUMSWA) will breathe life back into the maritime economy of Baltimore. In settling the contract dispute, the most important consideration was for both parties to come out of the negotiations with a sense of satisfaction.

Commendation must go to the union's negotiating team, led by Murphy Thornton, President of IUMSWA's Local 33 and IUMSWA's national President Arthur Batson. Kudos are also extended to Bethlehem Steel's team, headed by Jack Klutz, Vice President for Human Relations for Beth. Steel Corp., and Steve Sullivan, Human Relations Manager at Sparrows Point Shipyard.

Korean War Veterans' Memorial Design Unveiled

After a week of examination and deliberation of the 543 submissions, the American Battle Monuments Commission has selected the winning design for a Korean War Memorial Monument.

The design, depicting a double column of thirty-eight sculptured soldiers marching up a gentle slope toward an American flag, is surrounded by a screen of evergreens to the south (Independence Avenue) side of the site and by a grove of hardwood trees to the north.

The prize-winning design was submitted by a team composed of architects and landscapers who are also faculty members at Pennsylvania State University.

The last major hurdle for the Korean War Veterans' Memorial is raising the money for construction and maintenance. Anyone interested in additional information should contact my Washington office at (202) 225-3061.



Summer interns pose on the Capitol steps with Congresswoman Bentley. From left to right they are: Bikram Aulakh, Sheila Flynn, Lorne Fetzek, Alfredo Tandler, Betsy O'Connell, Meghan Hennessy, Charlene Suddhimondala, Lara Zizic, Marianne Gluckert, Michael Albert, Wendy Butler and Amy Dawson.

Summer Interns Add Spice To Congressional Life

Once again, the summer brings us a new group of excellent summer interns. This year, out of thirteen interns, three returned from last summer and ten are new faces. Among the interns the ethnic representation was such that sometimes we were running our own mini-United Nations—Thai, Slavic, Ukranian, Sikh—it was a learning experience for all of us.

Two of the three second-year interns, **Mark Frantz** and **Lorne Fetzek**, work in the Washington office. Mark is a Senior attending Allegheny College and is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science.

Lorne returns to Washington after spending his junior year abroad at the Kansai University of Foreign Studies in Osaka, Japan. Lorne is a candidate for a BA in International Studies with a minor in Japanese. His great bank of knowledge helps the office understand a myriad of issues relating to trade between our nations. Eventually he hopes to pursue a career in international business.

Significant contributions also come from the five interns making their debut on Capitol Hill. They are: **Sheila Flynn**, **Bikram Aulakh**, **Betsy O'Connell**, **Amy Dawson**, and **Wendy Butler**. Sheila is entering her final year at the University of Maryland, College Park. Betsy is another welcome new face. She attends Washington & Lee University and hopes to pursue a career in law.

Bikram has been working with the Legislative Director, Christopher Griffin, where he has learned many aspects of the law. Bik has a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and hopes to attend law school and become a dedicated public servant.

The very energetic Amy will soon start her final year at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

Wendy, at sixteen is the youngest member of our intern corps this year. This has not deterred her from making significant contributions to the office.

The district office in Towson is also filled with a wonderfully spirited group of individuals, instrumental in the day to day operations of the office. The dean of the Towson office is **Lara Zizic** who takes a great interest in issues regarding Serbia. Lara is a recent high school graduate and is planning to attend Barnard College in New York City this fall. She is a tremendous asset and the office wishes her great success with her studies.

Other Towson interns include **Meghan Hennessy**, **Charlene Suddhimondala**, **Marianne Gluckert**, **Michael Albert**, and **Alfredo Tandler**. Meghan, a sophomore at Holy Cross, is an avid Lacrosse player. She has wasted no time in entering public service as is witnessed by her active role in the Holy Cross student government. Although not yet committed to a firm field of study, Meghan leans toward pre-med.

A very committed individual, Charlene Suddhimondala is a Communications major at Goucher College. She is an active participant in college functions and was President of Goucher's Commuting Students Organization. Her ambition is to one day work in public relations.

Marianne Gluckert attends Emory and Henry College and majors in Interdisciplinary Studies. She has a wide range of interests, making her an invaluable source of information. While in school, she focuses her extracurricular activities on the Emory and Henry Pre-Law Society and works as a tour operator for the admissions office.

The youngest intern in Towson this year is Michael Albert. Michael came to us by way of Maryland's Gifted and Talented Program. He presently attends Randallstown High School where we wish him continued academic success.

Rounding out our ethnic melting pot is Alfredo Tandler. Alfredo is an effective worker and has dealt with a wide variety of issues. He majors in sociology at The University of Vermont and would like to eventually pursue a career in law.

We have enjoyed working with all of our summer volunteers and we certainly wish them well in their future endeavors. Thank you for everything!



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*Bills & Amendments Introduced by
Congresswoman Helen Bentley in the 101st Congress*

■ **H.J. Res. 304** A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to burning the flag of the United States. There are currently sixty-five cosponsors, and four hearings to date, have been held.



■ **H.R. 2940** Would authorize the Secretary of Transportation to convey vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet to groups of nonprofit organizations for use in funding merchant mariner memorials.

■ **H.R. 444** A bill requiring components or ingredients of U.S. equipment, materials, commodities or supplies be shipped on American flag vessels.



While visiting Yugoslavia, Congresswoman Bentley met with the President of the Republic of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic.

CONGRESSWOMAN BENTLEY VISITS YUGOSLAVIA

Invited as a special guest by His Holiness Patriarch German, the Prelate of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Representative Bentley helped commemorate the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo.

Although the week-long visit caused the Congresswoman to miss votes on the 1990 Foreign Assistance bill, her trip made important inroads into areas previously closed to Western influence.

In a meeting with Slobodan Milosevic, the President of Serbia, Representative Bentley urged him to nurture and embrace the growth of freedom and openness in his country. Feeling this point was well taken, the Congresswoman took to the streets, meeting and befriending willing Yugoslavians.

Overall, the Congresswoman considered the trip a success—the Eastern Bloc's move towards democracy is certainly a welcome change of heart.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS IN THE DISTRICT

Our office has been pleased to be invited to participate in most of the Eagle Scout ceremonies in the District. The scouting program, which teaches and reinforces good character traits, recognizes the highest achievement of any one of its young members by conferring upon them the rank of Eagle Scout. We are happy to present each new Eagle Scout with a flag flown over the United States Capitol. Recent Eagle Scouts whom we have met in your neighborhood who should be congratulated are.....

May 12, 1989: **Michael J. Brayton** Troop 444
Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church
Phoenix, Maryland

May 21, 1989: **Carl Rach** Troop 984
Perry Hall Presbyterian Church
Perry Hall, Maryland

May 22, 1989: **Christopher Lee** Troop 970
Holy Family Catholic Church
Randallstown, Maryland

May 26, 1989: **Kevin C. Kavanagh** Troop 340
St. John's Methodist Church
Lutherville, Maryland

May 27, 1989: **Tobias C. Joy** Troop 701
Babcock Presbyterian Church
Towson, Maryland

June 2, 1989: **David J. Galloway** Troop 444
Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church
Phoenix, Maryland

June 7, 1989: **Patrick Bollinger** Troop 880
Warren Elementary School
Cockeysville, Maryland

June 8, 1989: **John P. O'Neill** Troop 732

Jason C. Hessler Troop 732

Michael S. Harmel Troop 732
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
Perry Hall, Maryland

June 9, 1989: **Darian A. Krimm** Troop 444
Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church
Phoenix, Maryland

June 17, 1989: **Edward Charles Lang** Troop 438

Carl Joseph Adams Troop 438
St. Rita's Catholic Church
Dundalk, Maryland

July 22, 1989: **Francis J. Pawlak, III** Troop 745
Essex United Methodist Church
Essex, Maryland

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

by CONGRESSWOMAN HELEN DELICH BENTLEY

Supreme Court Tatters Old Glory

America has been blessed with many enduring patriotic symbols—the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, the bald eagle. This Fourth of July, however, we will have the chance to salute the greatest symbol of them all—the American flag.

This year, however, it seems almost as if it's "open season" on the red, white, & blue. And I am outraged because of it.

Just last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was legal to burn an American flag. To burn the flag—the justices maintained—is simply another expression of free speech.

I have known many people who have fought & died in defense of the American flag. I have also met many who would gladly do the same.

But I am very pleased to say that I have yet to meet the individual whose best way of expressing himself is by setting Old Glory aflame!

At the same time the Supreme Court made this foolish decision, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy was convicted of violating New Mexico noise ordinances just because his flag made too much noise when the wind blew!

What is going on here? Has everybody forgotten what a flag is supposed to mean?

For it is not just a tool—some relic of the past to be researched or an ornament to be hung. It is as alive as the nation it represents. It is a sacred object, something whose greatest worth is to be found in the hearts of those it represents.

And it stands for many things. For example, our flag is a living memorial to any person—soldier, astronaut, or president—who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of our country, whether it be by accident or at the hands of one of our nation's foes.

It stands for pride in America's accomplishments—at Iwo Jima, at Fort McHenry, & on the moon—where even after 20 years it is still the only one there.

Most of all, our flag stands for freedom. America—despite what some would have you think—is still the last best hope on earth for people yearning to breathe free.

Think about it. Indeed, while I can name many nations where people are fighting to get out, ours is still the only one where people have sacrificed & will sacrifice all to get in.

And nobody understands the meaning of the American flag better than naturalized Americans. Indeed they are among our nation's most special citizens, for they have to earn the right to call themselves an American.

There are people like fourteen-year-old Jeri Petranova, whose family I helped settle in the United States after fleeing persecution in their native Czechoslovakia. When he arrived at BWI airport he told me—with tears in his eyes—that the first time he felt safe was when he saw Old Glory hanging in the visa office of a U.S. embassy overseas.

There are people like Elena Okas, a Lithuanian, who recently told me that she always salutes the American flag, regardless of where she is.

There are people like Isabel Razuri Jones, a Peruvian who recently witnessed instances of terrorism after a visit to her native country & assured me, "The American flag now means more to me than ever."

Folks like these truly understand what the American flag & its freedoms mean, for unlike many Americans who take their liberties for granted, they know what it was like without them. For them, oppression is not something to be imagined, but to be remembered.

I have fought many battles in the halls of Congress, yet I never imagined that I would be fighting a "Battle to Save the American Flag!"

It is a battle, however, that I intend to win. But I will need your help to do it.

This Fourth of July, when you see the flag coming down your street, stand up & give it the best salute you can. For never has our flag needed our respect & affection more than it does now.

Enough of this already! Our flag is a beacon of hope to others around the world—like the students in China—who struggle for freedom against incredible odds. Let's rise up as a nation & show the rest of the world it still means something to us.

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CONGRESSWOMAN BENTLEY pictured here with Mr. Tateo Tamura and Mr. Keiichi Kojima, representing Baltimore's sister city of Kawasaki, Japan, met to discuss issues of mutual concern to both the United States and Japan.

CONGRESSWOMAN BENTLEY was presented the "Spirit of Enterprise Award" by U.S. Chamber of Commerce Representative Mick Staton, for facing the growing challenge in the international trade arena.



HELP US SO THAT WE CAN HELP YOU

If you have a problem concerning the federal government... **Be Specific:**

- If it involves correspondence or telephone calls, keep copies and names;
- If it involves a check, keep the number of the check and the exact amount;
- If it involves a piece of legislation, be sure to give us the bill number and author;
- Give your name and address (please print) and a phone number where you may be reached during the day.

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HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

His Grace Bishop Christopher
Serbian Orthodox Diocese
of Eastern America
P.O. Box 368
Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143

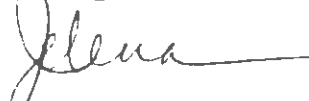
Dear Bishop Christopher:

It was truly a pleasure and an honor to spend time with you during our stay in Serbia. The events which we had the privilege of witnessing firsthand were truly "once in a lifetime" events and will never be forgotten.

I look forward to meeting with you in the near future to offer whatever assistance I may in resolving the schism in our Church in America. By the grace of God we will soon have a united Serbian Orthodox Church under the leadership of His Holiness Patriarch German and the canonical Synod of Bishops of our Church.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

Mr. Dmtar L. Rakich
16848 Ellis Avenue
So. Holland, Illinois 60473

Dear Dmtar:

It was certainly a pleasure spending time with you as part of the "American Delegation" to the commemorations of the historic 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo.

We will certainly be in touch with you as we prepare our activities in Washington to bring out the truth about the plight faced by the Serbian people in the Kosovo province.

As soon as our photographs come back, I'll be sure and send some to you.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

*With love to
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HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

His Holiness Patriarch German
Prelate of the Serbian Orthodox Church
The Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate
7 July No. 5
Belgrad
Yugoslavia

Dear Patriarch German:

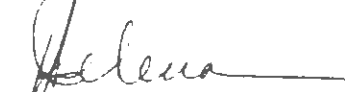
I would like to express my very warm gratitude for your invitation to myself and my husband to be your guests for the very special and moving commemorations of the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo and the dedication of the Cathedral of Sveti Sava.

Our trip was a great inspiration to me, as was our audience with your Holiness at the Patriarchate. I know that our discussions will be of great value to me as I strive to ensure that the truth about the situation in Kosovo and the suffering of the Serbian people there is made known. Also, it was heartwarming to know that persons of the Orthodox religion once more are allowed to freely participate in their faith.

Your gifts to myself and my husband will always be treasured. I hope you are soon restored to very good health, and I look forward to seeing you again when I am able to return to Yugoslavia.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

His Grace Bishop Sava
The Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate
7 July No. 5
Belgrad
Yugoslavia

Dear Bishop Sava:

I would like to thank you for your very warm hospitality during my trip to Yugoslavia. Our excursion to monasteries in your diocese was truly one of the highlights of our trip.

I am confident that by our working together, we will be able to spread the truth about the actual situation the Serbian people are faced with in the Kosovo province.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

Deacon Radomir Rakic
The Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate
7 July No. 5
Belgrad
Yugoslavia

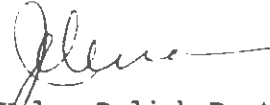
Dear Deacon Rakic:

I would like to thank you for your very warm hospitality during our visit to Serbia. It was certainly very nice to be met at the plane upon our arrival, and wished bon voyage at the end of our trip.

I know we will always remember the many truly tremendous events we witnessed in Serbia and especially Kosovo, and we look forward to being able to come again,

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

Mr. Slobodan Milosevic
President
The Socialist Republic of Serbia
Belgrad
Yugoslavia

Dear President Milosevic:

I would like to thank you for your very kind hospitality during my recent visit to Serbia. I can think of no more thrilling site than seeing the multitude of people who gathered at Gazi Mestan on Vidovdan from your helicopter as we left for Belgrad.

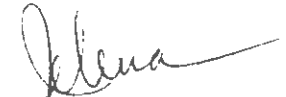
I left your country convinced that many good things will come of your presidency, including the economic reform needed to bring the republic out of the present economic hardships.

I also am confident that the information I gained while in Serbia will allow me to present a factual statement to the United States Congress of what is really happening in Kosovo and how the Serbian people have been driven from that land.

Once again, thank you for your hospitality. I look forward to returning soon to Serbia, as it is more meaningful to me than ever.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 4, 1989

Mrs. Bojana Adamovic
Office of the Foreign Ministry
Socialist Republic of Serbia
Nemanjina 22-26
Belgrad
Yugoslavia

Dear Bojana:

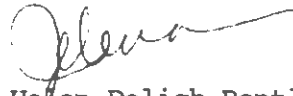
I would like to thank you for all the time and effort you devoted to making sure that my trip to Serbia would be both an effective and enjoyable one.

My trip was well planned and I was able to accomplish a great deal of important business during my stay there. Much of this was due to your constant attention to the details of my trip.

Once again, thank you for all your help.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 15, 1989

Dr. Alexander Prlja
Secretary of State
for the Republic of Serbia
Socialist Republic of Serbia
Nemanjina 22-26
Belgrade
Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet with you during my trip to Serbia. The valuable information that I have gained will be of tremendous value to me as I attempt to inform the American Congress and people of the plight faced by the Serbian people in Kosovo.

I must reiterate that for my efforts to be successful, I must have factual evidence to present before the Congress. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, I would find a copy of the dossier that you said you would prepare concerning human rights violations against Serbs in Kosovo perpetrated by the ethnic Albanian majority very useful.

Incidentally, I have initially confirmed that the "Helsinki Commission" will be in Yugoslavia the week of August 19 and I expect to be with them. It is important that you be available to tell your side of the story.

I thank you for the time that your office took to make sure that my trip would be an informative and a pleasant one. I look forward to making sure the truth will be known about Kosovo.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

July 15, 1989

Mr. Dragan Dragojlovic
Bastovanska 5
Belgrade
Yugoslavia

Dear Dragan:

I would like to thank you for everything you did to make my trip to Serbia so special. Your constant attention to every detail and your giving of your time to be with us personally during the whole trip was more than we could ask for.

It did my heart good to see a Church that is alive and well and thriving in Serbia. I know that a good part of the reason for this is because of your government's desire to have a nation that is truly open and free, and also because of your hard work.

I will be working very hard to ensure that the truth about the crisis in Kosovo is made known to the American people and Congress. I will keep you advised of my efforts and hope to work with you on accomplishing this goal.

Incidentally, I learned recently that the "Helsinki Commission" will be in Yugoslavia the week of August 19 and I intend to be with them. I will let you know of the exact details of the visit when they are finalized.

Once again, thank you for everything you did for us. Your friendship is truly valued and I look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
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July 15, 1989

The Honorable Warren Zimmerman
Ambassador of the United States
to Yugoslavia
The Embassy of the United States
Belgrade
Yugoslavia

Dear Ambassador Zimmerman:

I would like to thank you for your hospitality during my recent trip to Yugoslavia. The trip was a very useful and informative one for me, and the commemorations at the site of the Battle of Kosovo were truly "once in a lifetime."

I am very concerned that the complete story about the situation in Kosovo be known. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, I am very concerned that a one-sided picture of repression against the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo be balanced by the "other side."

Once again, thank you for your hospitality and I look forward to seeing you in the near future, either in Yugoslavia or in this country.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Joseph Presl
Deputy Chief of Missions
The Embassy of the United States
Belgrade
Yugoslavia

Dear Mr. Presl:

I would like to thank you for our very open and frank discussions about the political situation in Yugoslavia during my recent visit there.

As I am sure you are aware, I am quite concerned that the crisis in Kosovo not be painted as a one-sided picture. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, I am also concerned that the rights of the Serbians in the Kosovo province have been infringed upon even more so than the rights of ethnic Albanians.

I look forward to keeping in touch with you about the situation, and hope that together we will be able to bring out the complete story of what has transpired in Kosovy.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress