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Dear Helen: Going through some old magazines came across these names of Serbs active in the Republican party - might be of use:

Mike Stepovich Jr: appointed Governor of Alaska in 1957 by President Eisenhower

Prof. Miroslav Draskovich: member of GOP foreign policy advisory group 1968

Late  
Gus Knezevich - longtime chairman Humboldt County GOP Central Committee - Nevada

Mitchell Helich - GOP candidate for Utah Governor 1964  
 - State Senator 1942; re-elected '46  
 - GOP minority whip - GOP leader '49 & '50  
 - Solicitor for Interior Dept in first Nixon admin. 1954

William Hayes: GOP candidate for Lieut-Governor of Texas 1980  
 - lost to Connally  
 - father Serb

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Peter Katicich - Indiana State Representative

Ron Dicklich - State Senator - 5th District - Minnesota

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John  
D. Vinick Dem State Senator Wyoming

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Reprints  
Olga

January 27, 1992

The Honorable Lawrence S. Eagleburger  
Deputy Secretary  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street, Room 7240  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter concerns our conversation of the other day, regarding the intense political pressure exerted by the Croatian-American community on the Administration to back their cause, based on the supposition that the majority of Croatian-Americans are Republicans.

This is simply not an accurate statement.

The majority of people of Yugoslavian descent in the eastern United States, be they Croatian, Serbian, or Slovenian, are workers in the steel, mining and other blue-collar industries, and by default, have historically voted, and continue to vote Democrat.

As later generations of Yugoslav-Americans continued their westward migration, those who became involved in white-collar and professional pursuits changed to the Republican party because it best represented their needs. This accounts for the Republican affiliation of a minority, and I will stress minority, of these individuals. In fact, the only large conservative voting block of Yugoslav-Americans are Serbian-Americans who changed their affiliation to Republican after WWII, due to the perceived sell-out by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman in allowing Tito and the Communists to assume control of Yugoslavia.

One only has to look at Members of Congress of Yugoslavian descent to ascertain this reality:

Republican:	Myself - Serbian Barbara Vucanovich - Serbian John Kasich - Unknown
Democrat:	James Oberstar - Slovenian Joe Kolter - Croatian Dennis Eckart - Slovenian Pete Visclosky - 1/2 Croatian The late John Blatnik - Croatian Senator Tom Harkin - Slovenian

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In addition, Governor Rudy Perpich of Minnesota, now active in Croatian affairs is also a Democrat, while Governor George Voinovich of Ohio, half-Slovenian, half-Serbian, is a Republican.

I would caution you to be careful in depending on any Croatian-American votes in the upcoming election. Current sentiment in the Croatian-American press is very anti-Bush, and even with U.S. recognition of Croatia, I believe that it will stay that way due to both the lack of involvement in, and the slow action by the Administration on the Yugoslav crisis.

I would respectfully request that you take the myth of a substantial "conservative voting bloc" of Croatian-Americans with the requisite grain of salt. The Serbian-American population of the U.S. represents at least as large a block, and while not as well organized, certainly will cast its votes in reflection of President Bush's Yugoslav policy.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

## U P D A T E

of a Chicago site for a new \$10.8 billion airport, the normally ornery local papers suggested he'd learned more than fractured diction at his father's knee. The *Chicago Tribune* even said Daley's "stunning victory" in getting a bi-state commission to agree to build the airport at Lake Calumet, on the gritty, industrial Southeast Side 14 miles from the Loop, was "the biggest coup for a big-city mayor in decades," a political second coming of sorts. It's no small compliment in these parts, given that some people still talk about the "Old Man" in the kind of hushed tones otherwise reserved for Mussolini in southern Italy.

At the moment, it doesn't seem to matter that building the new airport would require leveling thousands of homes, obliterating a few hundred acres of wetlands and relocating parts of two rivers. Never mind that it would sit atop dozens of toxic sites. And might not be needed at all. Ever since 5,000 people lined up in a snowstorm for 500 jobs at a new downtown hotel, people around here have been looking for some good economic news, and this is it. Supporters say the massive public works undertaking will create 200,000 jobs and pump up to \$15 billion a year into the economy.

Getting the 8,200-acre Southeast Side site chosen over neighboring down-and-out Gary, Ind., and three rural locations after eight years of intense wrangling finally proved Daley knows how to play ball.

Two years ago, he enlisted then-Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner to modify the site-selection committee to add three Chicagoans to the three Illinois residents already there, guaranteeing they'd outnumber the Indians on the commission. In February, Daley sealed the deal. He won the support of Illinois Republican Gov. Jim Edgar by agreeing to share control over the new airport (plus the currently Chicago-run O'Hare and Midway Airports) and its construction contracts and jobs.

The airport could come back to haunt the mayor. Its projected cost has already doubled. Turning the depressed Southeast Side into an airport would mean demolishing about 8,000 homes in mostly poor and working-class neighborhoods. The protests have started, and litigation alone could stretch beyond the airport's projected opening in 2005. And that doesn't take into account a \$1 billion-plus

## ALONG THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

BY JAMES A. BARNES, RICHARD L. COHEN AND CAROL MATLACK

There haven't been many winners in Yugoslavia's bloody civil war, but the campaign treasuries of Patrick J. Buchanan and Bill Clinton have benefited indirectly from the conflict.

Croatian-Americans, traditionally a well-heeled, politically active and Republican-leaning ethnic group, are angry that President Bush took so long to formally recognize Croatia, which seceded from the Yugoslav federation last summer. Early this year, they showed their displeasure by rallying around Buchanan; Robert V. Schneider, a Washington lobbyist for the Croatian-American Association, estimates that Croatian-Americans have raised at least \$100,000 in campaign contributions for Buchanan.

Now, they are reaching out to Clinton. Representatives of the Croatian-American Association began meeting with the Clinton campaign several weeks ago, encouraging the Democratic hopeful to speak out on the issue. They were delighted when Clinton included a plug for Croatian independence in a major foreign policy speech that he delivered in New York City on April 1.

Now, Croatian-Americans are planning major fund-raising events for Clinton in at least five states, Schneider said. "The Democratic Party has a tremendous opportunity here," he said. "The Bush Administration has treated them [Croatian-Americans] with disrespect."

Former Jesse Jackson campaign aide Steve Cobble has started an independent effort to get the two-time White House hopeful drafted for the No. 2 spot on the Democratic ticket. In letters to about 150 of Jackson's 1988 supporters, Cobble encouraged them to round up petition signatures, lobby convention delegates and alternates and contact their local news media. Jackson adviser Frank Watkins said Jackson was "aware" of the effort but "doesn't have an opinion on it." Jackson has said he would run if nominated.

From now to the July convention, Watkins said, Jackson would continue to work on voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts and urge Bill Clinton and Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. to "broaden their message." Watkins also said it was "likely" that Jackson will be appearing in states that have yet to hold their Democratic presidential primaries.

With the recent retirement announcements by Reps. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D., and Frank J. Guarini, D-N.J., at least 56 House Members are certain not to be back next year because of retirement, defeat or a bid for another office. That is one of the highest totals this early in the cycle since the end of World War II, according to *Vital Statistics on Congress 1991-92* (CQ Press). Prospects are growing that the number of new Members will exceed the 92 elected in 1974 and may reach the postwar record of 118 freshmen in 1948.

Dorgan, who is seeking the Senate seat to be vacated by retiring Kent Conrad, D-N.D., became the 11th House Member (8 Democrats, 3 Republicans) to run for the Senate. Guarini joins 22 other Democrats and 9 Republicans in announcing his retirement. In addition, one Democrat and one Republican are running for governor and five Democrats already have lost their primary reelection bids. Six pairs of incumbents have matched up for redistricting-forced contests in which at least one is certain to lose; of those, one is in a Democratic primary, two are in Republican contests and three will be in November. With Dorgan and Guarini stepping down, the number of Ways and Means Committee retirees has reached nine (seven Democrats and two Republicans). ■

From the desk of

RALPH VINOVIH


April 14

Dear Helen:

Don't know whether or not you saw this article from National Journal about Croatia American political action. What about this new problem in Bosnia? According to press accounts I have seen, the Serbs living there don't feel threatene as the Serbian government claims. Is <sup>it</sup> about time for Serbian Americans to denounce and reject this turkey Milosevic? publicly and in loud terms?

What do you think?

Best wishes,

  
r.v.

P. S. Just heard that Bill Lowery is not running for reelection.  
Another opening on Appropriations Committee.

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April 27, 1992

Vice President  
Packaging Design  
U.S. Grocery Products

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As a Republican Serbian American I wish to voice my extreme disappointment with the administration in it's continual maltreatment of all Serbians, proposed sanctions in the Serbia and Krajina regions and the propagation of misinformation about the Serbian people to the world.

Serbians have always been allies of the United States. Serbians have historically fought for and died for democracy and freedom.

It is a sad day when the United States labels Serbians as the "pariah of the world". Margret Tutwieller is misinformed.

We Serbian Americans ask you to please assist this small nation to not fall prey to external political pressures and propoganda. By not helping America would only be supporting those "genocidal" factions to rise again and continue slaughtering Serbian Orthodox men, women and children This now is self evident in Bosnia-Hercegovina. Without the help and guidance of the United States we Serbians are doomed as a people, a culture and religion.

Sadly,

Jovo Balach

cc: Hon. Congresswoman Bentley, Maryland  
Hon. Congressman Crane, Illinois  
Hon. Congressman Kleczka, Wisconsin  
Hon. Congressman Moody, Wisconsin  
Serbian American Media Center  
Serbnet, Inc.



# PANAYOTOVICH

## Republican Candidate for Congress 11th District

February 1, 1994

Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley  
1610 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-2002

Dear Mrs. Bentley,

I hope that you and your family are enjoying a happy and prosperous New Year. I celebrate the Serbian Orthodox New Year by throwing a party for all my friends and longtime political supporters. It was especially crowded this year because I am seen as the front runner in the race to fill the seat being vacated by Illinois Congressman George Sangmeister.

I am once again writing to ask for financial assistance for my Congressional race. I understand you are running for Governor of Maryland and I realize all too well that you are busy trying to finance your own campaign. However, I think we both agree it is imperative for the Serbian community to have at least one Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives now that you are leaving.

After your generous support in 1992, I would not bother you if I thought our race was a doomed cause. I lost by less than 1% of the vote in a Republican district two years ago, and now the campaign is no longer at a disadvantage by opposing an incumbent. The 11th Congressional district **will** return to the Republican column this year in any event. The only question now is whether the Republican nominee will be a Serbian-American.

I have enclosed a copy of my most recent campaign biography as well as the voting history of the district. Should you have any questions about our race, please contact me through the campaign office at (312) 721-6668. I look forward to speaking to you.

Sincerely,

*Hvala,*  
*Sam*  
Sam Panayotovich

# Sam Panayotovich

Republican Candidate for U.S. Representative • 11th District Illinois

## Service In Government

State Representative - 35th District  
Illinois International Port Authority  
Illinois Economic Board

National Conference of State Legislatures  
Illinois Liquor Control Commission  
World's Fair Committee - 1992

## Service To Republican Party

Republican Committeeman - 10th Ward  
Cook County Executive Committee

State Central Committeeman - 11th District  
RNC Labor Council Member

## Service To Community

Instructor - Governor's State University  
Instructor - Olive Harvey College  
East Side Chamber of Commerce  
Southern Illinois University Student Body President - 1969

Teacher - George Washington High School  
St. Michael's Serbian Orthodox Church  
East Side & Hegewisch Little League

## Success In Business

Barney's Market Club Restaurant  
Consulting & Marketing, Inc.  
Milan's Restaurant

Play It Again Sam's Restaurant  
Garment Wheels Men's Clothing

## Legislative Awards And Honors

Voted Best Freshman State Representative of 1983 - Illinois Political Reporter  
Illinois Fraternal Order of Police President's Award  
U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars Certificate of Appreciation  
Illinois Wildlife Federation Certificate of Appreciation  
Lions Club International Certificate of Appreciation  
National Special Olympics Certificate of Appreciation

**Sam Panayotovich and his wife Cindy have two sons, Sam and Adam.**

## 11th Congressional District Election Results 1984 - 1990

Year	Office	Democrats		Republicans	
		Vote Total	Vote Percent	Vote Total	Vote Percent
1990	U.S. Senate	103,475	62.8 %	61,290	37.2 %
	U.S. House	62,058	41.0 %	89,284	<b>59.0 %</b>
	State Rep.	85,803	53.2 %	75,408	46.8 %
	Governor	79,253	48.4 %	84,605	51.6 %
	U. of I. Trustee	69,329	50.2 %	68,777	49.8 %
1988	President	96,032	43.3 %	125,729	56.7 %
	U.S. House	92,144	43.0 %	122,052	<b>57.0 %</b>
	State Rep.	110,900	50.7 %	107,756	49.3 %
	U. of I. Trustee	81,941	44.3 %	103,189	55.7 %
1986	U.S. Senate	99,269	63.6 %	56,789	36.4 %
	U.S. House	61,579	42.5 %	83,253	<b>57.5 %</b>
	State Rep.	88,901	58.2 %	63,873	41.8 %
	Governor	8,900	5.7 %	91,674	58.3 %
	U. of I. Trustee	63,273	48.6 %	66,904	51.4 %
1984	President	93,309	39.4 %	143,317	60.6 %
	U.S. House	92,247	40.5 %	135,600	<b>59.5 %</b>
	State Rep.	122,608	54.9 %	100,626	45.1 %
	U. of I. Trustee	92,094	46.4 %	106,243	53.6 %

In the last two non-presidential election years, the Republican candidates for Congress in the 11th Congressional District got **57.5 %** (1986) and **59.0 %** (1990). Historically, the party out of power performs better than average in off presidential election years. Consequently, the average Republican percentage of 57%/59% should rise above 60% for the Republican nominee in the 11th Congressional district in 1994.

**The winner of the Republican primary will be the next Congressman.**