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April 28, 1992

Mr. Roger Bahre
Senior Producer
Headline News
1 CNN Center
Atlanta, Georgia 30348

Dear Mr. Bahre:

I am writing in reference to your Monday, April 27, 1992, newscasts.

At various times throughout the day you showed maps of Montenegro and only portions of Serbia as the proposed Yugoslavia. It appears you deliberately cut out the Kosovo and Voyvodina regions of the maps.

For your information, Kosovo and Voyvodina never have been independent republics. They do have a certain amount of autonomy, but function under the Serbian constitution. The new constitution, passed yesterday, establishes a new Yugoslavia which embraces Montenegro and Serbia with Kosovo and Voyvodina as part of the latter.

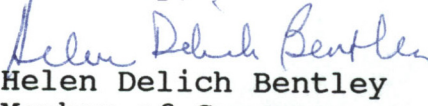
It appears that Headline News is receiving misleading information regarding the events in Yugoslavia. Right now, the situation in that country is volatile and changes by the minute. I think that you have an obligation to your viewers to give them an unbiased account of the facts and an accurate map of the new Yugoslavia.

I request that you make a correction regarding the erroneous maps you have shown. If you need assistance in putting together the facts about the Yugoslavian situation I am more than willing to speak with you at length. In addition, I can put you in touch with people who have been to Yugoslavia recently and can give an accurate picture of what is happening.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,


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