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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 1991

Dear Republican Colleague:


As you may know, a resolution concerning Yugoslavia sponsored by Representative Lantos is currently being circulated for co-sponsorship in the House. We think it has become very clear through both official State Department policy and actions on the floor of this body, that the U.S. should remain neutral until the situation in Yugoslavia is resolved in one form or another. Because similar language on the Foreign Assistance Act amendments had just been defeated, we did not believe that the Yugoslavian question would come up once again as a legislative matter in this house.


So it was to our great dismay to see a circular issued by the Republican Study Committee containing not only a copy of Mr. Lantos' -- a democrat's -- resolution, but also a request for co-sponsorship.

Being concerned about this, we queried as to the origination of the RSC's actions. The explanation given us was that it was an error on the part of one of the committee's staffers. This staffer has called since to apologize for his actions.

So, we are writing today to inform our colleagues that this body must retain its neutrality during the fragile negotiations that currently are taking place in Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

  
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