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LETTER TO THE EDITOR(S),

10th of June, 1993.,

Sydney,

DEAR EDITOR,

It may be little consolation for anxious members of the Serbian community in Australia to read a couple of articles in the Australian press and to see a feeble attempt by this country's broadcast to interpret the events taken place in Belgrad last week.

I am writing on behalf of Serbs which were and are the true democrats residing in this country for decades, and also in the name of Mr. Draskovic's supporters. We are restricting ourself from the acts and 'preaching' of those who succumbed to Milosevic's propaganda and who have recently taken hold in the Serbian community, using the madness of the raging war in the parts of the former Yugoslavia for accomplishing their own goals.

No doubt, You are aware that last week the leader of extreme right (Serb Radical Party) and his deputies in the Yugoslav Federal Parliament ousted the President Mr. Dobrica Cosic, accusing him of encouraging the army to stage a coup. During the sitting of the Parliament, Mr. Mihajlo Markovic, Serb, deputy of the Serbian Renewal Movement (S P O), was beaten to the ground by the same hardline nationalists, for speaking in the protest of such a lawless act in the Parliament.

On hearing the news, Mr. Draskovic, leader of the Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO), reacted swiftly. With his deputies and some of the members of the party, Draskovic appeared in front of the building of the Yugoslav Parliament demanding Relisse of his beaten deputy - like any other leader or a human being of integrity and respect would have done being in his place.

Let us clarify certain issues - for messleading and propaganda could lead us of the path of the truth and justice.

Mr. Draskovic has NOT called a demonstration (due to the short time of the event) in an attempt to storm the Parliament building - as alleged, nor has he stood in front of the building in the personal deffence of Mr. Dobrica Cosic. "He, (Dobrica Cosic), is the victim of his own doings and the forces he created and supported" - said Vuk Draskovic. He was there, firmly opposing unlawfull violation of the Yugoslav Constitution - which, after all they themselves (communists and socialists) have had implemented against Draskovic's and other democratic leaders consent. He also protested against the beating of the member of the Parliament in the Parliament building - an act not seen or heard of in the democratic world.

The fierce clush has been caused by the riot police acting on the direct order by the present Milosevic's officials - not Mr. Draskovic, as alleged. That was purposely done to accuse Draskovic of leading violent and distructive attacks on the Parliament in an attempt to overthrow the present Government and seize the power in Serbia.

In contribution of this assertion stands the fact that Mr. Draskovic, his wife and other members of the Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO), weren't arrested at the site of the unrest and at the time of the unrest, but in the Parties headquarters at 2am in the morning - 4 hours after the unrest. Heavy numbers of police stormed the building and offices, brutally beating ones that were present, vandalising the archive and other SPO's documentation.

Through the night and the following day police were arresting civilians at the bus-stops, train stations, in the pubs, in the streets, in the private homes. Terror reigned through the capital of Serbia.

It is important to mention that news-paper reporters and TV' informers present at the place of unrest were mercilessly beaten by the police for being there because the officialls didn't want them as the eye-witnesis to the terrible scene which they (officials) have staged.

Mr. Draskovic and his wife Danica, were mercilessly beaten from the Party's

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headquarters to the police security vehicle, than, all the way to the prison and in it, receiving heavy and serious physical injuries and fractures. Police batons, clubs, fists and boots were used during this brutal, barbarous and bloodthirsty attack on Mr. & Mrs. Draskovic. Heavy bruises and open cuts on the main parts of the body and around the vital organs (like arms, legs, head, kidneys and heart), confirm savageneess and indicate the real intention of the officials. Mr. Draskovic was carried in and taken away on a stretcher and Mrs. Draskovic, 10 days after the beating can not straighten herself up. At the beginning of the 21st century - and in Europe, a woman was publically beaten, sustaining injuries which threatened her life for standing beside her husband and supporting him in his cause.

Behind the scene, leading to the last weeks incident, political coup was staged - (according to ousted President Dobrica Cosic). Mr. Slobodan Milosevic, (Serbian President) and his political ally, Mr. Vojislav Seselj (leader of the right-winger Serb Radical Party), were making the move to straighten the grip of Serbian hardliners on the rump federation. Ousting Mr. Dobrica Cosic and arresting the central figure of the Serbian democratic opposition Mr. Vuk Draskovic was needed so that Milosevic could have a free reign in a lawless country and with help of Vojislav Seselj, does whatever he likes.

The fact that Government Prosecutor's Office of Serbia has lodged a demand to the Constitutional Court of Serbia to ban the leading democratic party 'Serbian Renewal Movement' (SPO), affirms the above mentioned intention of Slobodan Milosevic - which means that Serbia with the present Government, is slipping back in the hands of hard core communists. Also, it is useful to keep in mind that the rift between Slobodan Milosevic and Mr. Vojislav Seselj, which has recently appeared in public was aimed only at convincing the West that Mr. Milosevic had turned from the war-wonger into a peacemaker.

Meanwhile, physically beaten up Draskovic, his wife and other arrested are held in the Central Prison, condemned and imprisoned for 30 days, without trial, denied even a lawyer to defend them, awaiting the hearing when hundreds of well prepared trump-charges are going to be laid against them. (This awaiting period could be extended up to the 6 months, pending on the Government's need or a 'pleasure').

The man of peace - Mr. Draskovic, has sealed up his own fate, trusting the WORLD with his destiny and his life by calling upon his party deputies, numerous members, leaders of other democratic parties in Serbia, universities, students, Serbian Institutions and the Serbian people in general - to keep calm and not to rise in his defence. "The conscience of the democratic World is going to defend me" - cried the voice of Draskovic from inside of the prison. True enough! - for what Milosevic, Seselj and others hard-core communists could do is unlimited, but what they will end up doing, depends a great deal on the voice of conscience of all the International Organisations of the Human and Civil Rights, depends on the voice of the free and the democratic World and its just and swift action in protecting the fundamental issues and the basic principles on which we stand and on which the safe future of human race is based.

The ones who do value the mentioned issues and realise the validity and consequences of them - have already taken a big task and effort to better up the present situation through the entire world.

What about Mr. Draskovic? Isn't he a victim caught in a cross-fire of the two opposite intentions? Does he deserve the WORLD'S VOICE OF CONSCIENCE to be heard in his defence? So far, in that respect little has been done outside Serbia. French, Italian and Greek Governments have demanded from Milosevic to release Mr. Draskovic and others from the imprisonment. Are we to believe that other democratic countries - including Australia, are going to keep a 'low profile' in the matter and that the international media has satisfied its duty by publishing couple of articles on the matter?!

We are of the opinion that real issues and basic principles are won or lost on the cases like Mr. Draskovic. Furthermore, we think that Mr. Vuk Draskovic is a fine example of a man who is a sincere democrat, genuine defender and promoter of the human and civil rights, passionate freedom lover, fierce fighter against any form of dictatorship or absolute power. Under the regime of Milosevic those fine attributes of a man have proved to be fatal for Mr. Draskovic.

As far as the West is concerned - it stands in the moral debt to Mr. Draskovic for

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his courageous and brave conduct during those two years of absolute madness and insanity of political upheaval and civil war in former Yugoslavia. In spite of the enormous risk, he stood firmly, not wavering, for the peaceful solution of the Yugoslavian crisis. Has the World already forgotten his words: "It is better to spend a whole year negotiating at the table than one minute fighting at the front" - which was repeatedly spoken in American Congress, Russian and Great Britain Parliaments, in Greece, France, Sweden, in the interviews, on TV and during public meetings in Serbia. If it was up to Draskovic, war in that part of the world would not have taken place, and all this hatred, vengeance, killing and destruction would not have happened.

Exposed to public bashing and condemnation by strong and obnoxious Milosevic's propaganda, Mr. Draskovic has consciously risked his own political career and integrity, sacrifice his image in the name of more valuable deeds. Let us remember that he has sided with and supported the decisions of U.N., Security Council and the West in general. Meanwhile, Mr Milosevic insolently and obstinately has constantly outraged and insulted everybody, accusing the entire world as being a mortal enemy of Serbia and the Serbian people - cashing-in on a hardship caused by implementation of the rigorous sanctions.

Now, while the World is frantically and without success trying to solve the problem(s) in war torn Bosnia, Draskovic is behind the bars almost forgotten by the World!!! It is astonishing to know that any attempt, intervention, demand, petition, protests by Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO) leaders and members, others democratic parties, institutions, associations - even the Serbian Orthodox Church, has been 'laughed of' and simply disregarded by Milosevic and his comrades. Even the 'hunger-strike' commenced in front of the Parliament building was dispersed and the participants arrested and questioned.

All in all, hardline communist Milosevic versus a sincere demokrat Draskovic, perceivable by the eye of the World. If given the 'green light', Milosevic is going to cause disastrous consequences for unfortunate and innocent people (for it has no part in Government decisions making), Serbia and the World - for communism is fighting for salvation.

In the name of justice and a better, more certain and secure future for a whole humanity, let us not be biased, let us not overlook or ignore Mr. Draskovic's case - since today 'nothing is too far' and 'nobody is unimportant', and it could demonstrate to be a costly mistake. Serbian democratic opposition (Mr. Draskovic is a central figure of), however feeble and insignificant it may appear to be today - due to the present war tension and the embargo on Serbia, it does exist and it is attentively guarding Serbia from slipping back into absolute power of the communists.

Let us not permit that Mr Draskovic receives a 'post-mortem' decoration some time in the future, like his countryman - another democrat, honorable General Draza Mihajlovic who received the 'Legion of Merit' by President of USA Mr. Truman for his effort and help to the allies cause during World War II - but 2 years after his (General Mihajlovic), execution by Tito and his communists.

In the name of the cause which Mr. Draskovic is fighting for - FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY FOR ALL, save him now.

We remain grateful to You and all Australians for any help You will be able to render in this situation.

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YOUR EXCELLENCY, /DRAR SIR,

8. june, 1993.,
Sydney

As you are probably aware the central figure of Serbian opposition, Mr.Vuk Draskovic and his wife Danica Draskovic, have been arrested in Belgrad on June the 2nd, past midnight, 1993., at 'Serbian Renewal Movement' party's H.Q. in incredibly brutal fashion.

Since then, they have been charged with series of crimes allegedly committed during recent protest meeting held in the front of the Yugoslav Parliament. Mr.Draskovic and his wife are accused of attack on constitutional system of Yugoslavia and other crimes against the State with the purpose of undermining the present political system in Serbia.

The meeting was a spontaneous expression of public outrage and indignation of an undemocratic and uncivilized act by a parliamentarian. It was held owing to the brutal bashing of Mr.Mihajlo Markovic, opposition member of Parliament by representative of Mr. Vojislav Seselj's right wing party - Mr.Branislav Vakic, an ex-boxer.

Indignant and highly provoked, Mr.Draskovic went to the Parliament to lodge his official protest against such an unheard of act in Parliament. What was meant to be a peaceful demonstration turned out to horror by extremely brutal measures employed by state police. Methods used by the police: smashing the heads of the protestors with drawn guns, cruel beatings of woman and children, even innocent passers-by, arrests of the journalists in order to hide the truth from the public - are considered illegal and violation of democratic principles by the civilized world.

This abominable act could not have been done without the approval of the responsible Government's authority. It only proves that the police acted as personal henchman of Mr. Milosevic and his Government. Within Serbia however, in the absence of any indication to the contrary, it is realized that the police was not acting independently of the governing party apparatus. It is not yet a question of terror in the historic Stalinist sense, but it is possible to speak of a regime very similar to the one Tito established back in the forties - a system of depriving Serbian opposition of almost everything of value: press or other media, right to criticize, freedom of speech and the freedom as well.

Political opposition is hardly tolerated under Mr.Milosevic's regime.This is typical of one-party state, and is even more typical of the one party communist's state, where any expression of anti-socialism is considered anti-state and treated as a crime.

Between 1990 and 1993 pressure on the political opponents of Mr.Milosevic's regime reached a state of paranoia. Mr. Vuk Draskovic tried to put an end to this paranoid attitude by publicly denouncing Serbian president's and his right wing ally Mr.Vojislav Seselj's crimes against human rights bringing about a change of political climate in Serbia, but without much success. Serbia is not a country in which a pluralism of ideas is allowed or where there is democratic tolerance of different views. Milosevic's regime and its close right wing collaborators are no more tolerant of the opposition than their police, whose job is to eliminate it by barbaric methods.

One is led to believe that president Milosevic, becoming impatient with

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the lack of result stemming from 'easy treatment', decided to take stronger, more direct action to the task of subduing his political opponents, and eliminating the most dangerous amongst them, once and for all.

Mr. Draskovic and his wife were the first to experience president's wrath. After being arrested they were submitted to the barbaric assault to which one is usually submitted in a totalitarian state during and after arrest. After being brought to the Central prison in Belgrad, police like raging, angry beasts, charged at the arrested couple slamming their guns against prisoners faces, head, shoulders and back till they fell to the floor and then kicked them senseless with the points of the boots. This grave physical abuse and infringement of the basic human rights was the result of cynical measures of the relevant government bodies. To remove all traces of the horrendous physical abuse, before the time they were brought before the court and the closer relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Draskovic were subjected to extensive medical treatment.

In democratic world this kind of the police behaviour seems incredible and it is against both - the law and the prevailing standards of the human conduct, but it does occur unless stopped by intervention of the world public opinion and diplomatic pressure of the world power. On that depends the fate of Mr. and Mrs. Draskovic.

We are convinced that the Serbian people will continue to oppose this regime until it does grant the people liberties and rights as embodied in the Charter of Human Rights by the U.N. But, we need help from all true democratic states.

Since Milosevic's Government refuses to recognize the power of the existing Human Rights Committee, it leaves us no other alternative but to ask Governments of the free and democratic countries and international bodies for preservation of human rights to take Mr. and Mrs Draskovic under their protection and at the same time publicly denounce Yugoslavia as an oppressive and authoritarian state run by an extremist elite in a society in which most people are not free.

We appeal to You to employ Your authority and position to help the new victims of undemocratic behavior of today's Government of Yugoslavia and Serbia.

We remain grateful to You for any help You will be able to render in this situation.

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Belgrade, 18.07.90.

Vuk Draskovic
Vuk Draskovic
President of the Supreme
Council and Leader of the party

Za gospođu Helen Delić-Bentli
Kongresmen u u USA Kongresu

Poštovana gospođo Delić-Bentli,

Danas je 15 juni 1993 i u ranu zoru je u Prištini-Kosovo, Srbija, mnogo ljudi čekalo u redovima za hleb. Mlaka takođe, nema već danima. Prosečna plata je ovih dana bila 15 USA dolara, a moja plata, koja je nešto veća od prosečne, bila je dovoljna za kupovinu četiri vrećica deterdženta.

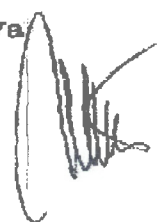
Danas je 15 juni 1993 i predsednik države Srbije je Slobodan Milošević, a takozvane Savezne države Jugoslavije je čovek čije ime niko ne zna da kaže jer je apsolutni anonimus.

Danas je 15 juni 1993 i već petnaest dana u Centralnom Zatvo-
ru u Beogradu leže pretučeni Vuk i Danica Drašković.

Poštovana gospođo Delić-Bentli, Vi ste svojevremeno bili aktivni u promociji tada anonimnog aparatčika S.M., kao i mi bili ste prevareni; umesto da se izbavimo iz monstruoznog i propalog sistema, upali smo u prevaliju totalitarizma.

Pomozite svojom plemenitom i demokratskom političkom aktivnošću da sprečimo da Srbija postane prah i pepeo. Pomozite da iz okova oslobodimo novog srpskog viteza Vuka Draškovića. Pomozite da svi bezumni ne likvidiraju hrabru i plemenitu Danicu Drašković, onu koja se bori za staru srpsku slavu.

Vaša odana,
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Srbija



Priština, 15 juni 1993

Za gospođu Helen Delić-Bentli
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Draga gospođo Jelena,

Ne zamerite mi na slobodi sa kojom Vam se obraćam. Pišem Vam kao Srpkinji, kao gostri u Hristu. Pišem Vam gospođo Jelena iz zatvora, iz najvećeg i najstrašnijeg zatvora koji u svetu postoji. Pišem Vam iz Srbije. Da, Vaša i moja Srbija, naša majka Srbija je sada samo jedan ogroman zatvor sa deset miliona zatočnika. Živite u slobodnom svetu, ne znate kako je težak zatvorenički život. Trebalo bi mi stotine i stotine listova da Vam napišem kako je strašan ovakav život, kako je nemilosrdan, kako je zao naš "upravnik zatvora" sa Dedinja...

Da, samo jedan čovek nas je zaključao sa hiljadu katanaca, samo jedan čovek je zgazio na naša ljudsko dostojanstvo, samo on nas je ponizio do krajnosti, samo taj čovek je kriv za našu sudbinu. Verujte mi, gadno mi je i ime da mu pomenem, toliko nam je zla naneo. Neću Vam pisati, draga Jelena, o bolesnoj, anemičnoj, nehranjenoj dečici; neću Vam pisati o ljudima koji rade za deset nemačkih maraka; ne o onim pačenicima koji čekaju u dugom redu za tanjir tople čorbe iz narodnih kuhinja; neću Vam pisati o ljudima koji umiru od najbanalnijih bolesti; ne o bebama, tek rođenim, koje umiru bez antibiotika... Strašno je, verujte, strašno je živeti danas u našoj Srbiji. Naša mila otadžbina postala je pendrek država, država krvo- ločne policije i nevinih zatvorenika, Srbija je država koju vode ubice, lopovi, njima "zakon u topuzu leži"!

Pišem Vam zbog jedne hrabre Srпкиnje, sestre naše koja leži prebijena u najgoroj tamnici naše zatvorske države. To je Danica Drašković - pametna, obrazovana, temperamentna i iznad svega, hrabra žena koja je zgazila na svoj lični život i predala ga, poklonila ga majci Srbiji!

Za vreme demonstracija ispred Savezne Skupštine (države koja ne postoji!), uhapšena je zajedno sa svojim suprugom, gospodinom Vukom Draškovićem. Zatvoreni su u beogradskom Centralnom Zatvoru (CZ-u), zatvoreni i premlaćeni! Tučeni su onako kako samo srpska komunistička policija to zna. Na svetu taj zanat od njih niko bolje ne zna. Prema rečima ljudi koji su ih obišli (advokati i porodica), Vuk i Danica su u veoma lošem stanju. Imaju konstantne glavobolje, krvne podlive na glavi, po grudima, u predelu bubrega... Jedan očevidac, koji iz straha nije rekao svoje ime, tvrdi da je Vuk vučen po zatvoru od dvojice policajaca koji su ga držali za kosu, da su ga dvojica držala a trojica ga besomučno udarala, skakala po grudima (!!!), nogama šutirala u glavu.

Fretman sa gospodom Danicom je još gori. Zamislite kako se oseća žena koja je prošla kroz takvu torturu koja ima krvne podlive po glavi, leđima, stomaku i grudima. Da ironija bude još veća, Draškovići nisu podvrgnuti odgovarajućem lečenju i njihovo zdravstveno stanje je kritično, čak opasno po život.

Naš "upravnik zatvora" sa Dedinja u paničnom strahu od Vidovdanskog sabora, u strahu od socijalnih nemira i gneva naroda odlučio se za jedan takav poguban potez (tipično za čoveka čiji brod tone!). Mislio je zaplašiće, umiriće nezadovoljni narod ako prvog čoveka demokratske opozicije

zatvori i krvnički ga izbatina. Nažalost, batinaš sa Dedinja je bio u pravu. Ljudi su se zatvorili u svoje kuće, ćute, boje se za svoje živote i živote svojih porodica, od straha ne stide se ni svog crnog obraza, crnog jer nisu podigli svoj glas za odbranu pravednika.

Poštovana gospodo Jelena, molim Vas, prvenstveno kao čoveka, kao ženu, pa tek onda kao Srpkinju i američku građanku, i kongresmena jedne velike, demokratske zemlje, molim Vas založite svoj autoritet, učinite koliko je do Vas da izbavimo Danicu i Vuka od komunističkog terora. Izbavljajući njih, izbavljamo sebe, oslobađamo Srbiju, vraćamo joj ugled i poštovanje koje je imala kroz istoriju.

Iskreno Vaša, *Tatjana Panić*

Priština,
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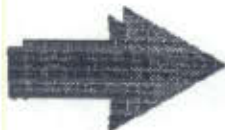


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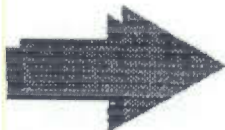


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Legal Concern/ill-treatment

2 June 1993

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA:

Vuk DRASKOVIC, President of the Serbian Renewal Movement (SPO)

Danica DRASKOVIC (female)

Dragan MILICIC

Liljana LASIC and about 30 others

Amnesty International is concerned at the arrest of some 30 people, including Vuk Draskovic, the President of Serbia's largest opposition party, on 1 June 1993 following an anti-government demonstration in the capital, Belgrade. The organization is further concerned at reports that the police have seriously ill-treated Vuk Draskovic, his wife Danica, and others.

At about 10.30 pm on 1 June 1993, some 30 armed and masked policemen, belonging to special police units, burst into the SPO's headquarters and ordered Vuk Draskovic, his wife Danica, Liljana Lasic (the Vice-President of the party), Dragan Milicic (a parliament deputy for the party) and about 30 others, reportedly other deputies and some journalists, to leave the building. The policemen did not have court permission to enter the building nor a court order to make arrests.

According to eye-witnesses, both Draskovic and his wife were beaten on the way out of the office, in the street and in the cars that took them off in an unknown direction. The next day, 2 June, a hospital doctor who had treated Vuk Draskovic the night before for his injuries, was interviewed on the independent Studio B television. He stated that Draskovic had very serious injuries, including a broken jaw and possible internal injuries.

The arrests followed a demonstration of some 4,000 people, led by Draskovic, protesting against the government of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and the ousting of Federal Yugoslav President Dobrica Cosic through a no-confidence vote in Parliament. In the aftermath of the vote against the President an SPO deputy, Mihailo Markovic, was assaulted outside the debating chamber by Branislav Vukic, a member of the extreme nationalist Serbian Radical Party. According to press reports demonstrators approached the Parliament building with Vuk Draskovic at their head. When they attempted to enter the parliament they clashed with police, who reportedly used truncheons and later teargas and rubber bullets to disperse them.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- noting reports of the arrest on 1 June 1993 of some 30 people, among them Vuk and Danica Draskovic, Liljana Lasic, Dragan Milicic, by special police units, apparently in connection with demonstrations earlier that day;
- expressing concern at reports that Vuk Draskovic, his wife and others

This Urgent Action appeal originated from Amnesty International's research headquarters at the International Secretariat in London, United Kingdom. Amnesty International is an independent worldwide movement working for the international protection of human rights. It seeks the release of men and women detained anywhere because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religious creed, provided they have not used nor advocated violence. These are termed prisoners of conscience. It works for fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners and works on behalf of such people detained without charge or trial. It opposes the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment of all prisoners without reservation.

have been ill-treated by the police;
 - urging the authorities to disclose their whereabouts, to ensure that they are not further ill-treated in detention and to allow them access to lawyers and their families;
 - calling for their immediate and unconditional release if they are not charged promptly with recognizably criminal offences.

APPEALS TO:

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 [Dear President]
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 Predsednik Republike Srbije
 Srpskih vladara 14
 11000 Beograd
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Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia:
 Mr Zoran Sokolovic [Dear President]
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 11000 Beograd
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Premier - President of the Serbian Government:
 Mr Nikola Sainovic [Dear Premier]
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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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 Bulevar Lenjina 2
 11000 Beograd
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Humanitarian Law Fund:
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Ambassador Ivan Zivkovic
 Embassy of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the Colorado office between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, Mountain Time, weekdays only, if sending appeals after July 14, 1993.

Use take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended action.

Messages and other letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically motivated.

Postage costs: airmail letters cost 50 cents a page (1/2 oz.) to most

countries; aérogrammes are 45 cents each; airmail postcards cost 40 cents to most countries. Mail with colorful stamps may not reach its destination.

The name of Amnesty International may be used. Although letters written in a private or professional capacity are often more effective.

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY
2D DISTRICT, MARYLAND

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Mr. Slobodan Milosevic
President
Republic of Serbia
11,000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Dear President Milosevic:

It is with great urgency that I again write to you regarding the incarceration of Vuk and Danica Draskovic, and other members of the Serbian Renewal Movement.

Reports continue that the Draskovics have suffered terrible wounds during their incarceration and are not receiving adequate medical treatment. Their health is the concern of many persons, including myself. Regardless of what created the problem--and I have not yet received your promised videocassette of the incident which provoked their arrest--they should not be beaten or mistreated while incarcerated. This concerns me greatly, and I will take whatever action appropriate.

On Monday, I will be appealing to Amnesty International, Helsinki Watch, and the CSCE to do what they can to ensure that the tenets of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which Yugoslavia has signed, are observed in the case of Vuk and Danica Draskovic and the other incarcerated members of the Serbian Renewal Movement. I ask that you give them every consideration, and ensure that all Serbian authorities involved cooperate.

Please honor my request.

Sincerely,

Helen Delich Bentley
Member of Congress

P.S. I am still very disappointed in Serbia's handling of the Lazarevich children.

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Congress of the United States
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June 18, 1993

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Ms. Maryam Elahi
Amnesty International
304 Pennsylvania Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Elahi:

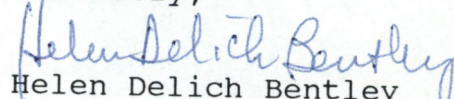
It is with great urgency that I am writing to you regarding the incarceration of Mr. Vuk Draskovic and his wife Danica, and other members of the Serbian Renewal Movement, a Serbian opposition party. His people report they have been held under harsh conditions, and there is great concern that the Draskovics' lives are in jeopardy.

I am appealing to you to request that Amnesty International become actively involved in determining whether these reports of human rights violations are true. Allegations of torture committed by the Serbian police must not go unchecked.

Reports are that the Draskovics have been injured during their incarceration and are not receiving adequate medical treatment. This concerns me greatly. Action must be taken immediately.

Please do everything within your power to ensure that the tenets of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which Yugoslavia has signed, are observed in the case of the Draskovics. Also please do whatever is possible to ensure the physical safety of the Draskovics and their associates.

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