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Special Collections Department 1420 Maryland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21201-5779 http://archives.ubalt.edu СРПСКА НАРОДНА СТРАНКА
SRPSKA NARODNA STRANKA
The Serbian national party
Mažuranićev trg broj 3
ZAGREB - CROATIA
Zagreb, 29. travnja 1992.

## Dear Madam

The Serbian national party in the Republic of Croatia was founded by that part of the serbian people that did not question the Croatian nation's right to their own state. Relying upon the principle of protecting every people's right to their own state, our party wants to solve the position of serbian nation in the Republic of Croatia according to the model of settling minority nations position in modern democratic states of Europe and the World in general, By these views we try to contribute to the peaceful solving of crisis in the former Yugoslavia as well as to promote the development of democratic relations in Croatia.

Relying upon the unquestionable right of every people to its own state, the international community, as well as the USA, recognize the Republic of Croatia as a sovereign and independent state.

We take this opportunity to thank the USA and you personally for recognizing the Republic of Croatia, for it will undoubtedly help solve crisis in this part of the world. We are convinced that your personally had a saying in the recognition od Croatia by the USA, and we thank you for it.

The war, in which the Yugoslav national army tries to conquer as much of croatian territory as possible, is still going on in Croatia. The aggression on Croatia by the army was started under false justification of protecting the Serbs in Croatia. The Serbs have been submitted to fierce propaganda and ideological indoctrination, so that a part of us was used and rushed into the war against our native Croatia, and the Croatian nation, as well as other nations. A Part of the Republic of Croatia's territory is under the control of extremists who do not recognize the croatian authorities nor do they want for those territories to ever be returned to Croatia again.

As you know, the Croatian Republic is recognized within the frontiers existing before the war, and this position is shared by the USA. The behavior of extremists on our part could provoke further conflicts as well as a bigger war. We have asked the croatian authorities to pass a constitutional law on human rights and the rights of etnic and national communities or minorities which would define the position of Serbs

in the Republic of Croatia. This should implicate the existence of a territorial autonomy. The law was passed also because of Croatia's obligation resulting from the Hague conference. The laws are now being passed that will make possible the implementation of the constitutional law. We attach much importance to the law on administrative and territorial units in the Republic of Croatia that should protect the Serbs' right to a territorial autonomy.

Since you are a part of our nation and since we are convinced that you are willing and able to contribute, together with other democratic forces of serbian nation, to the realisation of those Serbs who do not yet understand it, that our future lies in a peaceful life, in this part of the world, with the Croatian nation, in a democratic state, we kindly ask you to come and visit us in Croatia as soon as possible.

Your stay in Croatia, the program and the protocol, will be organized by the Serbian Democratic Party, that is just now celebrating an year of its existence. Due to this fact, your stay in Croatia would be an extreme honor for us.

We kindly suggesty you to come in May from 11th to 16th, but we are ready to accept any modification of terms from your side.

Respectfully yours

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