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Mr. Darin Babic

February 02, 1993

Mr. William J. CLINTON,
President of the USA,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
WASHINGTON, DC, 20500
USA

Dear Mr. President,

Harry Hopkins' "The White House Papers" described the opinion of the President of the United States of America, Mr. F. D. Roosevelt, one of the greatest men that walked this Earth this century, expressed to Anthony Eden, on March 14th, 1943:

"... The President expressed his oft-repeated opinion that the Croats and Serbs had nothing in common and that is ridiculous to try to force two such antagonistic peoples to live together under one Government. He, the President, thought that Serbia, itself, should be established by itself and the Croats put under a trusteeship ..."

I shall add, that heroic Serbian people, on March 27th, 1941 said: "No!" to A. Hitler, with now already a historic: **"Better grave, than a slave!"** As a result, nazi Germany viciously attacked Kingdom of Yugoslavia, by bombing its capital, Belgrade on April 6th, 1941 (over 20,000 dead civilians).

On that same date, on April 6th, but 1992, the USA, along with the EC recognized Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia as independent states and war in former Bosnia-Herzegovina started.

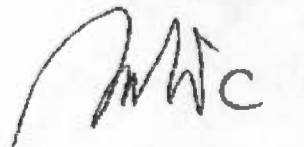
Today, Serbs still say: **"Better grave, than a slave!"**

We know what FDR would say today.

However, we may only hope that his successor, President W.J. Clinton would be as visionary as FDR was. Will You, Mr. President, recognize the rights of Serbs, the rights of self-determination and the right for Serbian people to live in a common state?

Respectfully Yours,

cc: Hon. Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali,
Hon. Yoshio Hatani,
Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney,
Congresswoman, Helen D. Bentley.



Mr. Drago Babic

- U R G E N T -

February 10, 1993

Mr. Warren CHRISTOPHER,
US Secretary of State,
Department of State,
2201 C Street,
WASHINGTON, DC, 20520
USA

Dear Mr. Christopher,

Writing this letter/appeal to you, I am hoping that I may be able to influence you to ask yourself certain questions, but before your statement on the official USA policy stand on former Bosnia Herzegovina this afternoon. These questions, basically, are those that my children would ask me to clarify. Without your help I would be unable to give them a correct answer. These questions (remember, my children are posing them), and reasoning for them, go as follow:

How come that the USA, the greatest power on Earth today, contrary to your (mine) promises to us, is deciding to throw their full support behind a fundamentalist Islamic government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, knowing well that it is unjust and biased?

How come that the USA, who you always praised to us, will willingly sacrifice Serbian people as a nation to satisfy some self-interest?

How come that USA today does not understand, that no Balkan nation caused this tragic war in former Yugoslavia, but that the former colonial powers decided to recolonize the area with the help of "vassal" nationalities there? How come that the USA will stand for recolonization of former Yugoslavia, by the former colonial powers: Austria-Hungary, supported by Germany and blessed by Vatican, on one hand and Turkey, supported by Islamic World on the other? How come that the USA will condone such actions, by siding with these powers and will punish the Serbs for standing in a way of recolonization of their territories?

How come that the USA today does not understand that the Serbs were demonized before their traditional allies, such as: USA, Great Britain, France, Russia? It was done through the effort of the former and present colonial powers in the region. Serbs that way became "powerless", with no support and eliminated as potential barrier in the realization of the plan of recolonization.

How come that the USA does not comprehend who the victim and who the perpetrator of evil is in the region?

How come that the USA does not want to understand that Serbs are negated the principal rights of any nation: the right for self-determination and the right for living in one, common state?

How come the USA will not understand that Serbs have the ownership right to 84% of the land in former Bosnia-Herzegovina?

How come that the Republic of Serbia is punished for "aggression" on Bosnia-Herzegovina, when it was never involved in any aggression? It is the Serbs from Bosnia-Herzegovina, who responded to an offensive by the Slavic Muslims and both, Bosnian and regular Croatian armies in their grab for Serbian land!

How come that the USA today does not understand that Serbs made 30% population of territory what Marshal Tito decided to be Croatia, before 1941, and that through the genocide, Serbs hardly make 8% of the

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population there today? How come that Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which was a part of the Independent State of Croatia during the Nazi occupation, had a population, prior to the creation of this monstrous state, of 44% and Slavic Muslim had 30 some per cent? How come, when today there are 43% Muslims and 37% Serbs? It means that two ethnic groups, recognized as a Croatian people during the last WW, eliminated the Serbs through the genocide. How come that the USA is rewarding these two ethnic groups for the atrocities they committed against Serbs 50 years ago? How come it is possible, that this happens today? How come there is a reward for genocide? What justification for forcibly altering the demographic picture 50 years ago?

How come that the USA is considering the JNA an aggressor at the break of the war in Bosnia, when that youth was stranded on the territory that they considered their own prior to April 8th, 1992 and even though the political decision was to withdraw troops from Bosnia, they were stopped, shelled and slaughtered before UN observers and Gen. L. MacKenzie in their attempt to withdraw? When they responded to the attack, they were declared aggressors!

How come the USA does not recognize, or give at least a benefit of a doubt, that Serbs are attacked on all fronts by enemy nations and that they have the right to defend themselves? Great Britain uses the right to defend 1200 British subjects on the Malvinas (Folklund), half a globe away from Great Britain, but Serbs from Serbia are forbidden to come to rescue of Serbs outside its administrative borders, even though there is a definite danger of extermination of Serbs there! As a matter of fact, FR of Yugoslavia is punished with sanctions for allowing the humanitarian aid to go to Serbs in Bosnia and for accepting about 600,000 refugees on its territory (including about 100,000 Slavic Muslims)!

How come that the USA accepts illogical statements, without questioning, such as:

President of Turkey, Mr. T. Ozal stating that the cause and blame for the war on the Balkans is the premature recognition of the secessionist states within former Yugoslavia, by the EC, USA, etc. but for it the Serbians should be militarily punished (bombed).

Minister for External Affairs of Canada, Ms. Barbara McDougall, states that Croatia should be condemned for aggression on the UN protected Serbian Republic of Krajina, however to stop it tighter sanctions should be imposed on Serbia.

Lord Carrington, former Chairperson of the Conference on Yugoslavia, quitting his post stated that the blame for the war was aggressive and bully type premature recognition of the secessionist states within former Yugoslavia.

Lord Owen, present Co Chairman of the Conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina, before his appointment to the post, was very vocal in condemning Serbs and asking for military intervention. Now, after being exposed to the situation, he does not mention Serbian aggression, but states that Serbs are historic and rightful owners of 64% of land (factual) in Bosnia! Embarrassing for him to be so mistaken prior to accepting the post of a Co chairman. Perhaps for that reason he still would like to see Serbs roll back some land to 43%, for "punishment" for defending their lives and territories. How come the Serbs should be bombed for Croatian planes violating "no-fly zone"?

Dear Mr. Christopher, how come the USA...?

Respectfully yours,



cc.: President, Mr. William J. Clinton,
Congresswoman, Mrs. Helen Delich Bentley,
Serbian Unity Congress

Mr. Drago Babic

OUTSMARTED BY THE LEADERS IN GENOCIDES -
FOR DESTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAVIA - U.S.A
IS NOW LOOKING FOR EXCUSES TO ESCAPE
RESPONSIBILITY BY BLAMING SERBIA

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Germany (with the "Drang nach Osten") and Vatican (with forcefull catholicisation -- "convert or die") ideas, wanted Serbia (as barrier of such ideas) destroyed, through destruction of Yugoslavia - using as a lure "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF HITLER'S COLLABORATORS" (Croats, Muslims and Macedonians)

Hitler's collaborators wanted escape for their the most gruesome genocides over Serbs (at Hitler's time)-- through destruction of Serbia and Yugoslavia;

Serbs wants to stay in Yugoslavia - In order to escape (by U.S.A RECOGNITION of so called "LEGITIMATE RIGHT) to be pushed under the authority of their butchers - under the authority and rule of " Convert or die".

U.S.A, outsmarted by Germany and Vatican, fall in trap of "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" FOR SELFDETERMINATION to Hitler's collaborators, therefore, pushing Serbs and by Hitler and Tito granted Serbian territories, under the authority of Hitler's collaborators (under the rule of "Convert or die")

Serb's resistance to be pushed under the authority of their butchers, and U.S. stubborn refusal to correct its mistake and recognize SELFDETERMINATION RIGHT and to Serbs, created this bloodshade of innocent victims, (product of U.S policy and influence)

United Nations, through the U.S. Influence, continued where Hitler ended Serbs rejected Hitler and now are rejecting humiliations and insults and use of Hitler's policy - fighting for justice against the rest of the World.

Instead of acting as Executors of Hitler's Last Will and Testament, United Nations should not under the name of Human Rights and Humanity destroy what should be saved. Consequences of destruction should have been foreseen and avoided. Rewarding of Hitler's collaborators and punish Serbs for resisting Hitler and now, resisting refusal of recognition of their SELFDETERMINATION RIGHT can not be considered as just and right and, trying to put blame on Serbs is continuance of wrongdoing. RECOGNITION TO THE SERBS OF RIGHT OF SELFDETERMINATION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO SAVE WHAT CAN BE SAVED AND PEACE ACCOMPLISHED

Unnecessary use of force without wisdom is leading to the burial of justice, what is ending in unforeseen consequences.

Destruction of Yugoslavia by itself is very bad; wrong intervention in Bosnia is leaving black stain on American's good reputation.

Tito in order to destroy Serbia opened the door to the Albanians to move into the Serbian heart-land (Kosovo), allowing them to chase out Serbs on the most gruesome manner. Cubans are moving to Florida on American good intention, but Kosovo joining Albania will be almost as Florida joining Cuba. Mr Bush's interference in Kosovo has no justification whatsoever- neither for U.S. interest, less for Albanians living in Kosovo (just a policy of foolishness and senseless destruction

U.S military glory could only contribute to the complete fall of U.S. prestige in the World

Before the Second World War Serbs were in overwhelming majority in Bosnian and Herzegovina population, but clubbing of Serbs to death under the rule "convert or die" cut their population for almost one million

Mr Bush's New Order " OBEY OR DIE" has to replace " convert or die" means forcing lambs to live together with the wolves - pushing Serbs to live together with their butchers-Croatians and Muslims. Also such policy, with the new treat with Kosovo (knowingly that Serbs will die, but never give their heartland to Albania, U.S. treating Serbs means just new bloodshed) has no other explanation but subjecting justice and humanity to the mighty force.

Why is U.S doing that?- to cover error of RECOGNITION by blaming Serbs?

Except for destructions and bloodshed what else U.S. has accomplish with the destruction of Yugoslavia and why.

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We have just returned from Ottawa where we attended a roundtable discussion on Bosnia and Hercegovina, December 7, 1992, to report upon the scandalous and unethical behaviour of Liberal External Affairs Critic, Mr. Lloyd Axworthy.

This roundtable discussion, as originally conceived and organized by Mr. Axworthy, was to have 32 participants--but not a single Serb or Serbian organization was invited to attend. (Please consult the enclosed original list of participants.) Fourteen Croatian representatives were invited, five Bosnian Muslims, including Muhamed Sacirbey, Bosnian ambassador to the United Nations, two Slovenians, two Hungarians, including their ambassador, an Albanian, a Macedonian, a Jewish representative, Italian, Bulgarian, a Greek--but not a single Serb.

The list of original participants, however, does include the Yugoslav Charge d'affairs in Ottawa, Gradimir Bugarski. According to information we received while in Ottawa, Mr. Bugarski was ambivalent about attending the event, but was leaning toward reluctant participation. This all changed, however, when he received an urgent call from one of the invited ambassadors. This ambassador stressed that Mr. Bugarski not attend what was little more than a lynching orchestrated by Mr. Axworthy. The ambassador was shocked that Mr. Bugarski would even contemplate attending.

It was revealed through further discussion that only the letter of invitation (enclosed) had been sent to the Yugoslav embassy, not the list of participants! Mr. Axworthy's office had "failed(?)" to convey all those who would be in attendance to the Yugoslav embassy. Mr. Bugarski then "leaked" the details of the Axworthy "setup" to personal friends who then faxed them to various Serbian organizations. Although this information became public only around noon on Thursday, December 3, 1992, because of the cooperative nature of the original recipients, by about six or seven that evening most of us were aware of Mr. Axworthy's plans.

We--in this I mean the collective Serbian community of the Toronto area--had one working day in which to try to change the format of the roundtable. Only the Axworthy office knows who many Serbs called their office on Friday, December 4 to demand a change, only they know how many Liberals pressed Axworthy representatives for a more equitable exchange. (It must be stressed that we did receive help from within the party and that a blanket condemnation of the party is not warranted.) We cannot know whose letter or whose phone call resulted in four spots for Serbian representatives being opened up and two Serbian speakers being included on the agenda, all we can know for certain is that without the collective energy and effort of Serbs from across Canada, this roundtable would have been the travesty Mr. Axworthy had intended.

What we were promised by Sunday, December 6, 1992, was four representatives, two of whom would address the roundtable at the outset. Mr. Sacirbey was the first scheduled speaker, Zdenka Gast

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of the Capitol Hill Advisory Committee on Croatian Affairs was to be second. Two Serbians were to follow and Tedd Weyman of the World Life Institute was to close the speeches, whereupon a discussion would follow. Of course, what we were promised is not what we got.

Slobodan Golubovich, the first Serbian speaker, did speak in sequence, but Nick Tintor was ignored entirely. Only after the discussion was opened to everyone at the roundtable did Mr. Axworthy recognize Mr. Tintor, who then demanded that he address the group and read his prepared text. Mr. Axworthy acquiesced.

Two points specifically related to the roundtable must be addressed. Mr. Axworthy claims that by inviting the Yugoslav charge d'affaires, Mr. Bugarski, he had satisfied the request for a Serbian speaker. This is an insult, for 50 years the Yugoslav embassy has not represented the interests of the Serbian people--let alone the Serbs of Canada. No Yugoslav official will ever represent the interest and concerns of the Serbs of Canada. We are Canadians, the Yugoslav official is not. Mr. Axworthy's office admits they made a "mistake" by not inviting Canadian Serbs. We cannot accept this explanation. The Serbs were deliberately and systematically excluded from this roundtable. Mr. Axworthy's only mistake was that his ruse was uncovered at the last minute.

The charge was made that the Serbs are often not invited to events such as this roundtable because they don't have an umbrella group or a single spokesperson who is easily accessible. There is some truth to this charge, but it is more of a smokescreen. Why were 14 Croatian representatives invited if they are a cohesive, homogenous group? Yes, our community suffers from its internal divisions but we are not exceptional in this regard. We are a small ethnic group and consequently our internal divisions may be more apparent, but we should not be penalized for a trait common to most ethnic groups, especially those who have had an ambiguous relationship with the "homeland."

When we first complained about being excluded from the roundtable, we were offered the possibility of a separate roundtable for Serbs alone, sometime in the future. This is a hollow and deceptive gesture. There is a significant difference between Serbs attending a forum in which they are the lone participants and a roundtable on Bosnia and Hercegovina with the representatives of the entire Balkan peninsula--minus the Serbs, of course--in attendance. The former is a non-event catering to an annoying ethnic group, the latter is a forum from which politicians take quotes and information and later form policy.

Getting back to the Croatian representation, the most fascinating question that must be addressed is why was Anton Kikas of Kikas Ltd sitting at the table? A year ago, Mr. Kikas was apprehended with a plane loaded with illegal arms destined for Croatia in violation of the United Nations arms embargo. He was imprisoned in Belgrade and released after paying an astronomical fine. Let's not indulge in guilt by association, but at a roundtable where Serbs were undeniably excluded, Mr. Kikas who represents no known Croatian organization, only his firm, Kikas Ltd., is one of the invited guests. Furthermore, how is it that when Mr. Axworthy is forced to cut the Croatian representation by more than a third, Mr. Kikas still maintains his seat?

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From our perspective it seems pretty clear. What Mr. Kikas personally failed to accomplish--namely deliver a plane of weapons to kill Serbs--he will now achieve through Mr. Axworthy and the Liberal Party. Where in the past the Croatian community of Canada raised money for weapons from among its members, Canadian taxpayers will be footing the bill for the future extermination of our people. In other words, you and I will be paying for the bombs destined to slaughter our own parents, brothers, sisters, children, friends and relatives. Apparently, Mr. Axworthy is not interested in hearing what law-abiding Canadian Serbs have to say, but an international arms smuggler has his ear.

Now we proceed to the Tuesday session before the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade. When we called John Bosley's office to complain that, once again, the Serbs were deliberately denied an opportunity to speak on Bosnia and Hercegovina, we were informed that the December 8, 1992 session was organized by Mr. Axworthy. (It is important to note here that one of the many excuses offered for excluding Serbs from the roundtable was that the Serbs--perhaps this is an implied ethnic slur--would disrupt the forum. If we accept this rational--and ignore its discriminatory implications--what possible rational could there be for silencing the Serbs on Tuesday?

It was not until after 4:00 p.m. on Monday that Nikola Pasic was confirmed as the witness before the standing committee for Tuesday morning. Mr. Pasic had to arrange travel plans for his flight from Toronto to Ottawa at the last minute. We also wondered why Mrs. Gast, a Washington lobbyist was invited to attend a Canadian discussion. The answer from Bosley's office: Axworthy recommended her.

We are outraged that the Liberal member from Winnipeg has deliberately attempted to manipulate a parliamentary standing committee and to mislead members of his own party by staging two forums that excluded the Serbs on an issue with which they are closely associated. Apparently, Mr. Axworthy is not interested in hearing what law-abiding Canadian Serbs have to say, but an international arms smuggler has his ear. Mr. Axworthy is also inflaming ethnic passions here in Canada by promoting the interests of a tenuous anti-Serbian alliance, which has little to hold it together but a shared animosity for the Serbs--at this particular moment.

ROUNDTABLE ON BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

**ORGANIZED BY
LIBERAL EXTERNAL CAUCUS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1992**

**ROOM 308 WEST BLOCK
10:00AM TO 12:00PM**

(FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE)

Participants: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Soteris Antypas,	Hellenic Congress of Quebec
Mr. Hivzija Bajramovic,	Bosnian Information Centre and Relief Fund
Mrs. Fatima Basic,	International Medical Relief/Bosnian Children Relief
Mr. Mehmed Basic,	Director, Bosnian Information Centre and Relief Fund
Rabi Renven Bulka,	Canadian Jewish Congress
Mrs. Biserka Butkovic,	Director, Croatian Mothers for Peace
Mr. Lou Butkovic,	Director, Almae Matris Alumni Croaticae
Ms. Djenana Campara,	Director, Bosnian Information Centre and Relief Fund, Ottawa
His Excellency Slav Danev,	Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria, Canada
Mrs. Mary Dimitriou,	Canadian Macedonian Federation
Mr. Andre Fistonic,	Agent General, Bureau of the Republic of Croatia
Mrs. Zdenke Gast,	Co-chairperson of Capitol Hill Advisory Committee on Croatian Affairs
Mr. André Gerolymatos,	Secretary, Hellenic Canadian Congress; Secretary, Hellenic Congress of Quebec
Mr. Slobodan Golubovich,	Special Advisor, Canadian Serbian Council
Mr. John Gyuran,	President, Hungarian Human Rights Forum
Mr. Burhan Husika,	President, Bosnian Canadian Community Association
Mr. Emir Kadlc,	Academic Society
Mr. Anton Kikas,	Kikas Ltd., Toronto
Mrs. Anne Kraljevic,	Croatian Information Centre of Canada, Toronto
His Excellency Dr. Kalman Kulcsar,	Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Hungary, Canada
Mr. Nikola Mandic,	President, Canadian Serbian Council
Mr. Maurica Marnika,	President, Croatian Information Congress
Mr. Edward Mavrinac,	CRO-MED
Mr. Steve Milosevic,	President, Ass. of Canadian Serbs from Bosnia-Hercegovina
Mr. Andre Padjen,	Representative, Albanian Republican Party of Canada
Mr. Lorenzo Poppa,	Bosnian Ambassador to the United Nations
His Excellency Muhamed Sacirbey,	Secretary, Canadian Serbian Council
Mr. Nick Samardzija,	Secretary General, Slovenian Information Centre
Mr. Leander Skof,	Vice-president, Canadian Serbian Council, Toronto
Mr. Nick Tintor,	President of Pan-Macedonian Association
Mr. Panagiotis Tsimas,	Safe Haven for Children
Mrs. Alexis Vandervelden,	Spokesperson on Bosnia-Hercegovina in Canada, World Life Institute
Mr. Tedd Weyman,	

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- Defence

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December 4, 1992

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
FAX (613) 996-6988

Attn: Hon. John Bosley

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Re: the December 8, 1992 House Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade special meeting on Bosnia and Hercegovina - where are the Serbian representatives?

We are outraged by the charade being perpetrated by your committee and its members. How can you reasonably expect an open and honest dialogue while deliberately excluding the Serbians? Apparently, you and your committee are not interested in a fair representation, rather, you intend to provide a national forum from which to launch an anti-Serbian campaign. Your selection of speakers is an unmistakable indicator of your intent.

We demand an explanation for this deliberate exclusion and the one-sided behavior by your committee.

Sincerely,



Stevan Milosevic
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December 4, 1992

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
FAX (613) 995-5980

Attn: Hon. Jean Chretien

Dear Leader of the Opposition,

We have just learned the Liberal External Affairs Caucus Committee has organized a "Roundtable on Bosnia-Herzegovina" in Ottawa for December 7, 1992. Put simply, we find it incomprehensible that such a meeting could be conceived, let alone convened, without a representative from the Serbian community, without its prior knowledge or full participation. The calculated exclusion of the Serbian community from this roundtable demonstrates the Liberal Party's lack of objectivity on the subject matter.

We cannot accept that the exclusion of the Serbian community is anything but deliberate and consistent with Mr. Axworthy's anti-Serbian bias. This continued manipulation by Mr. Axworthy's office is a disgraceful attempt to misrepresent the "facts" according to a pre-set agenda.

We know - as do you - what the final outcome of a roundtable with such a "stacked" slate of participants will be. Furthermore, the preselection of interviewees for the Tuesday session before the House Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade will, undoubtedly, support the findings of the orchestrated Monday session. Again, there will be no Serbian representative. Apparently, a rational, realistic and balanced hearing on Bosnia and Herzegovina is not in the interest of the Liberal Party.

What is the motivation for such an unbalanced slate of participants and the exclusion of the Serbs on a topic with which they are so closely associated? Is this indicative of future Liberal policies and practices? Are you supportive of this unilateral and non-representative forum that has deliberately attempted to silence one of the principal groups involved in this conflict?

Sincerely,



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December 6, 1992

The Standing Committee on External Affairs
and International Trade
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
FAX (613) 996-6988

Attn: Hon. John Bosley

Dear Chairman,

We are appalled the hearing on Bosnia and Hercegovina scheduled for 11.00 am on December 8, 1992 does not include representation from the Canadian Serbian community. Would you have a hearing on the constitution without at least inviting Quebec?

We demand this deliberate exclusion be remedied forthwith. Mr. Nicholas Pasic, President of the Serbian Heritage Academy of Canada has kindly volunteered to represent the Canadian Serbian community. We wholeheartedly endorse his appearance before your committee and demand he be given as much time as necessary to speak considering we were not forewarned of this event and had no opportunity to properly prepare.

Sincerely,



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OTTAWA, Ontario
December 2, 1992

Mr. Oradimir Bugarski
Chargé d'affaires
Embassy of the Republic of Yugoslavia
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Bugarski:

I would like to invite you to participate in a special roundtable on Bosnia-Herzegovina, Monday, December 7, from 10:00am to 12:00pm in room 308, West Block, Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

Organized by the Liberal External Affairs Caucus Committee, the meeting will bring together experts, interested Canadians and foreigners to discuss the situation in the former state of Yugoslavia. Your experience and knowledge would be of great interest to all people present.

Among the many participants to the roundtable, there will be UN Ambassador Muhamed Sacirbey, Mrs. Zdenke Oast, Co-chairperson of Capital Hill Advisory Committee on Croatian Affairs as well as many members of the Liberal caucus. The roundtable is open to the public and the press.

As you know, the Liberal party has been actively following the tragedy unfolding in the former Yugoslavia since its beginning, and has made a number of statements, the most important of which are enclosed for your consideration. We are however concerned that important dimensions -- refugees, human right violations, conflict resolution, etc -- of the war have not received adequate consideration by the international community and by our own government. We hope Monday's roundtable will shed more light on these critical issues, as well as generate public awareness.

At my request, a special meeting of the Standing House Committee on External Affairs and International Trade has also been scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 to further review Canada's involvement in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in room 269 West Block, Parliament Hill, at 11:00am. Three witnesses will be appearing before the committee: Ambassador Sacirbey, Mrs. Zdenke Oast and Mr. Todd Weyman.

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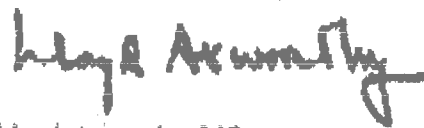
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Mr. Gradimir Dugarski
December 2, 1992

I thank you for your attention to this invitation and would appreciate your informing my office of your response. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting you next Monday and Tuesday. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my legislative assistant, Roxanne Dubé, at 613-995-0153.

Yours sincerely,



Lloyd Axworthy, MP
Vice-Chairman, Standing Committee on
External Affairs and International Trade

Chairman, Liberal External Affairs
Caucus Committee

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(FOLLOWED BY A PRESS CONFERENCE, ROOM 130-S, CENTRE BLOCK)

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Dear Lord Carrington:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Serbian community in Canada, to express our concern for our brothers and sisters in Yugoslavia. Their plight is grave indeed, particularly so for those within the republic of Croatia.

If you would but glance back in history fifty short years ago, you would recall a time when Britain made a passionate appeal to Yugoslavia for assistance. Churchill wrote to the Yugoslavian Prime Minister exhorting him to action, because there were only ".65 million malignant Huns.." holding down ancient races, while the British Empire and the United States numbered 200 million people ".determined that the cause of freedom shall not be trampled down nor the tide of world progress turned backward by the criminal dictators".

Perhaps not the Prime Minister, but the Serbian people themselves did respond with fiery commitment, and at great sacrifice, to ensure the direction of world progress. Now the time has come for these same people, in their hour of need, to petition you and the entire British nation to keep "the tide of world progress" moving forwards.

January 15, 1992 and the European Economic Community's (EEC) threat of impending recognition of Croatia and other Yugoslav republics loom perilously near. The time is short. The progress made in 1918, when Yugoslavia was created, was the unification of the Serbs, as the largest Balkan nation, within one state - a goal which the Allies not only supported but promoted. To allow Yugoslavia now to separate into a number of small republics, each enclosing at best an insecure, unhappy Serbian minority and, at worst, a persecuted Serbian population, would surely be a backward step. It is certainly a formula for permanent instability in the region. In fact, was it not a similar, or even identical, situation prior to 1914, which was a major factor igniting the Great War?

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It is difficult then to comprehend agreement, especially by Serbia's former allies like Britain and France, to solutions which essentially started a world war! While a rational explanation for such solutions cannot be found if one's goal is peace in the Balkans, an explanation based in self-interest and revanchism on the part of those who stand to gain from this tragedy makes every sense. Furthermore, it is bitterly ironical that the break-up of Yugoslavia, which was a long standing objective of the Comintern and the Fascist movement in Europe since the twenties, would now be fulfilled by the EEC decision to recognize the individual republics. Not only would it be fulfilled, but it would be effected in exactly the same manner as the Communists and the Fascists have envisaged it, i.e., fragmentation of the largest Yugoslav group, the Serbian nation.

The EEC's involvement in Yugoslavia to date has been an unmitigated disaster. As Serbians, we seriously question what the prime purpose has been of the EEC peace-making mission. It appears to us that the objective was merely to stop the fighting, without any perceptible initiative to deal with the root causes of the conflict.

From the beginning the total pressure brought to bear by the EEC, has been directed against Serbia to withdraw its forces. We have seen no evidence of pressure against Croatia to enter into negotiations. We have seen timetables and schedules for the laying down of arms and withdrawal of forces, but no serious attempts to analyze the situation, and to declare an EEC position on the various critical elements at play.

It seems to us quite basic that, in order to stop the fighting, one has to deal in some small measure with the reasons for it. A further factor contributing to the failure of your mission in Europe has surely been the role of Germany. From the outset Germany has unashamedly espoused the Croatian side in the conflict and thereby fuelled the flames of war, offering recognition of the republic as a virtual prize for continued fighting. Since Germany has caused the neutrality of the EEC to come into question, its fellow members, including Britain, would have done well to have acted at an early stage to restrain Germany, and to foster a more trusting environment for speedy negotiations. Instead, the EEC members seem poised now with one foot on a slippery slope, ready to follow Germany's lead into what will surely be one of the deep crevices on the topography of human history.

Even at this eleventh hour, it is not too late for sober second thought. We implore you to call forth all the finest British traditions of social justice, human rights, democratic principles and fair play. Allow to stir in your veins the same basic motivation of respect for one's fellow human beings which has made the British nation great and placed it a notch above so many others in the past. Let it lead you to a just solution in the case of

Yugoslavia, and not merely to one that appears expedient in the short term.

We understand the high political premium placed on unity within the EEC, and the desire of its member countries to speak with a single voice on foreign policy. However, should the Serbian people, and indeed other members of the Yugoslav state be sacrificed now, because they have the misfortune to appear at the wrong time and place in history, to represent the first serious challenge to the EEC in the matter of foreign policy? Just as Chamberlain tried to appease Hitler with Czechoslovakia (and we know the result), are you now appeasing Germany with the Serbs? Is EEC unity to be bought at so dear a price? More importantly, is any proposed solution which is premised on inviolability of the present internal boundaries, and which results in captive nations within those boundaries, really a solution? We think not. Any solution which places the nation in a fundamentally intolerable position is no more than a stopper on a vessel of fermenting liquid. The gases will seek their release, and the cork will pop.

We believe that you genuinely seek success in resolving the Yugoslav conflict. Please do not be distracted from this objective. What is required, as a first step, is that mediation must occur among nations and not among republics. The lines of administrative convenience, which define the republics now have no historical status. Just think of the motives of those who devised these boundaries in 1943-45, resulting in a 1% Croatian minority in Serbia and a 17% Serbian minority in Croatia, after the genocide of hundreds of thousands of Serbs by the Croatian Nazis during the war!

As a bare minimum it should be recognized that the territories which are occupied by Serbians in Croatia were brought into Yugoslavia as Serbian-inhabited territories of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The creation and preservation of their union cost the Serbs 750,000 lives (25% of Serbia's population) in the Great War and well over a million in World War Two. Who has the right to tell the Serbs that, as of January 15, 1992, they are no longer permitted to remain as one political entity with their fellow Serbs, and to split families which will inevitably find themselves rent asunder by unfriendly borders?

Is it not time finally to admit that the only viable option is to embrace the established principles of international law and doctrine, and in doing so to be, and be perceived to be, just and fair? We believe it to be an established and accepted principle of international law that a secessionist entity(ies) cannot take with it geographically compact regions inhabited by a majority opposed to secession. We are sure you will readily appreciate the parallel with Ireland. In 1920, when the Irish Free State came into being, the Loyalist population of Ulster's six counties could not be denied their right to self-determination when the Nationalists in

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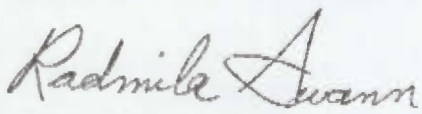
the south exercised theirs. Similarly, the Serbs within Croatia and other republics should be able to exercise their Loyalist rights to remain with the majority group in the country when a minority secedes.

This would be true, even if the only issues at stake were political and economic ones. How much more so is it when the critical issues are those of social justice, human rights, and life itself in a society with genocidal predilections towards its minorities? When the countries of the democratic world have in place a system for dealing with political refugees, which does not allow them to be returned to countries where they would face persecution, does it make any sense that entire nations should be delivered over by the hundreds of thousands, to governments which will subject them to the same fate?

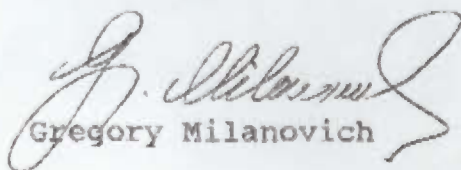
A lasting resolution to the current crisis in Yugoslavia demands a more probing consideration of the fundamental issues than can be achieved by a simplistic separation of the republics. The only chance of success rests in a voluntary re-grouping of the peoples of Yugoslavia into new political units, be they republics or something else. This requires removing any incentive for unilateral secession, and providing international, most likely United Nations', assistance on three scores - to keep the most hostile factions from battling with each other, to ensure that citizens are fairly asked to state their preferences among a complete spectrum of choices, and finally to ensure that negotiated territorial adjustments are made among the political units to reflect these choices.

We urge you to consider the consequences for the future of the world, if the solution ultimately found in Yugoslavia does not provide an example of a world order based on justice, but one that is based instead on the short-term expediencies of large nations. It is our fervent prayer that you will be able to persuade the EEC to reconsider the recent decision to recognize Croatia and other republics on January 15, 1992 and instead to insist on a negotiated settlement. The EEC has within its power the ability to effect a just solution or to create a catastrophe of unspeakable proportions. The choice is theirs - and they will bear the credit or the burden of the consequences.

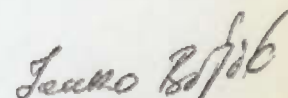
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