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**AMERICA'S GOAL IN BOSNIA:
HELP END THE SUFFERING AND SECURE THE
PEACE**

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

AMERICAN VALUES: *We must secure the peace so the Bosnian people can rebuild.*

- Before the Dayton Peace Agreement, over 260,000 people were killed. The Bosnian people have suffered horrible atrocities: mass executions, ethnic cleansing, campaigns of rape and terror.
- More than two million people -- half the population of pre-war Bosnia -- have been driven from their homes.
- Hundreds of thousands suffer from acute shortages of food, medicine, and clothing. Families must be reunited, schools and hospitals must be restored, and roads must be repaired.
- All three sides -- Bosnians, Croats, Serbs -- have made a commitment to work for peace, and begin rebuilding.
- But peace will only succeed if NATO, led by the United States, provides a strong force to implement the Peace Agreement. If the United States is not there, NATO will not be there, and peace will collapse.

AMERICA'S MISSION: *We must help to secure the peace.*

- A small number of American troops have begun laying the groundwork for the full deployment: establishing headquarters and communications, opening ports, and setting-up liaisons with the parties to the Peace Agreement. Ultimately, America will provide about 20,000 troops (one-third) of the total Bosnia Peace Implementation Force (IFOR).
- American troops are not going to Bosnia to fight a war. They will help supervise the separation of forces and uphold the cease-fire.
- All American troops will be under the command of an American general. American troops are well-prepared, thoroughly trained, and will have the authority to respond with overwhelming force to any threat. Risks to Americans will be minimized.
- The entire mission will last about one year. America's mission is limited to helping to provide a secure environment for the Bosnians to begin rebuilding their nation. American troops will not be part of a police force or a nation-building force. European groups and international organizations will be responsible for economic and political reconstruction.

AMERICAN INTERESTS: Peace and stability in Europe.

- Stability in Europe is vital to American security and prosperity. Bosnia is in the heart of Europe. It borders key allies and fragile new democracies. If the fighting resumes, the war could easily spread.
- WWII shows the danger of turning our back on conflict in Europe. We delayed our involvement until it was too late to prevent war from spreading. By acting now to help secure the Peace Agreement in Bosnia, we are taking steps to prevent a much more devastating conflict.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP: Advancing our interests and keeping our commitments.

- America brought the parties from the battlefields in Bosnia to the negotiating tables in Dayton. Now we must help secure the peace American leadership helped to create.
- If America abdicates its responsibility to peace in Bosnia, American leadership will be weakened throughout the world, particularly in places like the Middle East and Northern Ireland.

**THE AMERICAN EFFORT IN BOSNIA WILL SAVE LIVES
AND IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.**

President Clinton: Working to Preserve Peace In Northern Ireland and In Bosnia

"I believe we live in a time of hope and history rhyming. Standing here in front of the Guild Hall, looking out over these historic walls, I see a peaceful city, a safe city, a hopeful city, full of young people that should have a peaceful and prosperous future here where their roots and families are. That is what I see today with you."

- President Clinton, November 30, 1995, to the citizens of Londonderry, Northern Ireland

"Peace-brokering diplomacy was not featured in the job description President Clinton foresaw for himself in the White House, but such missions are becoming an unexpected hallmark of his administration. That pursuit was dramatized as he traveled to Belfast and Londonderry, the first American president to visit Northern Ireland, calmed since a 1994 cease-fire after 25 years of violence and terrorism . . . Add to the list of Clinton-fostered peace initiatives two Middle East accords sealed by Arab and Jew at the White House. . ."

- Walter Mears, *The Associated Press*, November 30, 1995

WHY AMERICA MUST LEAD TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENT

1. Standing up for American Values -- Stop the Slaughter from Starting Again

- * Before the Peace Agreement, over 260,000 people were killed and over two million were forced to flee their homes. The Bosnian people suffered horrible atrocities: mass executions, ethnic cleansing, rape and terror.
- * All three sides -- Bosnians, Croats, Serbians -- have made a commitment to work for peace.
- * Only NATO, led by the United States, can provide the strong force to implement the Peace Agreement.
- * If the United States is not there, NATO will not be there, and peace will collapse.

2. Standing up for American Interests -- Keep the Peace in Europe

- * Stability in Europe is vital to American security and prosperity.
- * Bosnia lies in the heart of Europe. It borders key allies and fragile new democracies. If the fighting resumes, the war could easily spread.
- * In WWI and WWII we saw the danger of turning our back on conflict in Europe, delaying our involvement until it was too late to avert a wider war.
- * By seizing the opportunity now to see that the Peace Agreement in Bosnia succeeds, we can prevent having to pay a far greater price down the road.

3. Living up to the Promise of American Leadership -- Keep our Commitments

- * America brought the parties from the battlefields in Bosnia to the negotiating tables in Dayton.
- * American leadership must be there to secure the peace American leadership helped to create.
- * If America abdicates its responsibility to peace in Bosnia, American leadership toward peace will be weakened in the Middle East, in Northern Ireland, and throughout the world.

HOW AMERICA MUST LEAD TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENT

1. America's Mission is to help keep the peace, not to fight a war.

- * American troops will supervise the separation of forces and uphold the cease-fire, helping to create the secure conditions in which the parties can keep the peace they have agreed upon.
- * America will provide about 20,000 troops (one-third) of the Bosnia Peace Implementation Force (IFOR) to implement the Peace Agreement.
- * Risks to Americans will be minimized. All American troops will be under the command of an American general. American troops are well-prepared, thoroughly trained, and will have the authority to respond with overwhelming force to any threat.

2. America's Mission -- IFOR's Mission -- is Clearly Defined

- * Maintain the cease-fire Immediately and throughout. Enforce zones of separation between opposing forces in the first 45 days. Supervise the transfer of forces to their appropriate sides in a matter of months. Create conditions for military stabilization and balance in the ensuing months.

3. America's Mission is Limited

- * The entire mission will last about one year.
- * American troops will not be part of a police force or a nation-building force. Civilian activities and rebuilding will be led simultaneously by others: Economic reconstruction by the European Union; free elections by the Org. for Security and Cooperation in Europe; refugee activity by the UN.

AMERICA MUST LEAD TO PRESERVE PEACE IN BOSNIA

Tuesday, November 28, 1995

"In Bosnia, this terrible war had challenged our interests and troubled our souls. Thankfully, we can do something about it. I say again, our mission will be clear, limited and achievable. The people of Bosnia, our NATO allies, and people all around the world are now looking to America for leadership. So let us lead. That is our responsibility as Americans."

-President Clinton, November 27, 1995

Promoting American Values, Protecting American Interests

- * We have always stood for the American values of liberty, democracy, and peace. Americans have acted on them, and sacrificed for them.
- * From Iraq to Haiti, from South Africa to Korea, from the Middle East to Northern Ireland, we have stood up for peace and freedom because it is in America's interests, and it has worked.

America Must Continue to Lead in Bosnia

- * This century has taught us that America must step up to, not step back from, our responsibility.
- * After World War I, we pulled back from the world, leaving a vacuum that was filled by the forces of hatred.
- * America cannot be the world's policeman, but there are times and places where we can make the difference between peace and war. Bosnia is exactly that place.
- * We must honor our partnerships and live up to our obligation of leadership: If we're not there, NATO will not be there, and peace will collapse.

We Must End the Suffering

- * 250,000 people are dead, and over 2 Million are refugees.
- * The Bosnian people have suffered horrible atrocities -- mass executions, ethnic cleansing, campaigns of rape and terror.

We Must Keep the War from Spreading -- Peace in Europe is on Our Interest

- * Bosnia lies in the heart of Europe, near key NATO allies and fragile new democracies. Peace in Europe means more security and prosperity for America. It gives us strong partners to combat terrorism, crime, and drug trafficking.

American Leadership Helped to Create Peace -- We Must Not Turn Back Now

- * We supported our European allies and provided humanitarian airlifts.
- * We imposed tough economic sanctions against Serbia and enforced a no-fly zone.
- * We led NATO air strikes to protect innocent civilians and intense diplomatic initiatives.
- * All this helped lead the way to successful peace talks in Dayton, Ohio.

U.S. Involvement Will Meet Strict Guidelines -- Clear, Limited, Achievable

- * Troops will ensure that all sides withdraw behind front lines, and stay there.
- * Troops will maintain cease-fire to prevent the war from accidentally reigniting.

- * U.S. troops will be under the command of an American general.
- * The Joint Chiefs have concluded the mission should and will take about one year.
- * Risks to Americans will be minimized: They will be heavily armed, thoroughly trained, and have authority to respond with overwhelming force to any threat.
- * Over 25 nations, including our major NATO allies, will provide 2/3's of the military personnel. We will provide the rest, about 20,000 troops.

There are Risks, but the Cause is Great and the President Takes Responsibility

- * No deployment of American troops is risk-free.
- * But anyone contemplating action that would endanger our troops will suffer the consequences. We will fight fire with fire -- and then some.
- * Nowhere is the need for American leadership more stark or more immediate than Bosnia. We must help our European allies to end their worst nightmare since World War II.



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Dear Julia,

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were happy and that you are well.
I have recently asked one of our program directors at the Marie Stopes office in Split, to describe the "reality" for women refugees since the peace initiatives.

While everyone is hopeful for the future results of the Dayton peace accord, the difficulties experienced by the women of the former Yugoslavia are still considerable. Just as before, psycho-social programs will fulfill a tremendous need for women who are struggling to rebuild. Although happy and grateful for an end to the war, women continue to face new challenges and trauma. Our centers have seen a huge increase in the demand for courses on skills which not only raise self-esteem, but can also aid in new job searches, such as foreign language skills and information technology. Marie Stopes' programs continue to play a crucial role in helping women rebuild their communities.

Because of your kind interest in Marie Stopes International's program of assistance, I thought you may be interested in this update. I have just returned from a visit to several of the MSI sites in Croatia and Bosnia. While the living conditions and personal stories of the women I met there were painful and horrible, their spirits and strength were truly inspiring.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in further information..

With Kind Regards,

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Message

The following letter is self-explanatory - but is one of the few reports we've seen specifically addressing women's concerns in this new phase in Bosnia.

FYI - Marie Stopes International has been providing support services for women since 1993 in 61 centers located throughout the Former Yugoslavia.