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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

CELEBRATION OF LIVES

THE MELLON AUDITORIUM

WASHINGTON, DC

APRIL 3, 1997

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**Celebration of Lives
Thursday, April 3, 1997
The Mellon Auditorium**

1:30-2:00 Prelude -- While people are being seated. US Air Force Ceremonial Brass
One Musical Selection by Duke Ellington and Aloisius & the Albrition Singers

The Program

2:00-2:05 Color Guard and National Anthem
Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir and Air Force Ceremonial Brass

2:05-2:08 Invocation -- The Reverend Luis Leon, St Johns Church, Lafayette Square

2:08-2:13 Welcome and Opening Remarks -- The Honorable William M. Daley, Secretary
of Commerce

2:13-2:16 Introduction of I Solisti di Zagreb -- His Excellency Miomir Zuzul, Ambassador
to the Republic of Croatia

2:16-2:30 Musical Selection, "Adagio from String Quartet in F Major"

2:30-2:35 Introduction of President Clinton -- The Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of
the United States

2:35-2:50 Remarks by The Honorable William M. Clinton, President of the United States

2:50-2:53 Musical Selection -- Aloisius & The Albrition Singers
"His Eyes are on the Sparrow"

2:53-2:56 Closing Prayer -- Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz

Postlude U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass
(During departure of guests)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 25, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: PAT CORKEN

FROM: VIRGINIA MANUEL

**SUBJECT: MEMORIALS/SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED IN
CHARLES MEISSNER'S NAME**

The following are memorials or scholarships established in Chuck's name for Ray Vickery's remarks:

- * A memorial to Chuck Meissner as part of the C&O Canal Restoration Fund.
 - * Student internship for the "Alternate Breaks Program" of the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union. (Volunteer public service opportunities for students between academic semesters.)
 - * A University of Wisconsin, Charles F. Meissner Memorial Scholarship, for students from the Washington, D.C. area.
- ★ * Two post-graduate scholarships in honor of Charles Meissner and Secretary Ron Brown in Northern Ireland, designed to promote study and implementation in best practices in urban regeneration. These scholarships are sponsored by the Belfast City Council for placement in the University of Ulster's Urban Institute and Queen's University's Planning Department for a three month period, followed by nine months in a U.S. university. Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a practitioner from Belfast and an academic from Belfast from both the Catholic and Protestant communities.



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U.S. AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE

April 1, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: Terry Edmonds
FROM: Lauri J. Fitz-Pegado 
RE: April 3rd Presidential Address
CC: Clyde Robinson, LeeAnn Inadomi

Per your request, attached is the background material on Bosnia and Croatia for the President's address on Thursday. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly (202) 482-5777.



Major Themes For Presidential Address Celebration of Lives

Overview of Economic/Commercial Accomplishments

- The first post-war national elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina were held in September 1996. They were administered by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and generally considered to be open, fair, and technically sound. Municipal-level elections are scheduled for late-1997.
- The international donor community pledged \$1.8 billion for Bosnian reconstruction in 1996 and is expected to pledge an additional \$1.4 billion in 1997, as part of an overall five-year \$5.1 billion reconstruction plan. Trade and commerce resulting from the reconstruction effort are driving the economy.
- BiH has made progress in embracing economic reforms, normalizing relations with the international financial community, and establishing sound macroeconomic management practices and principles. Industrial production during the first nine months of 1996 increased by 60% in comparison to the previous year, but was still only 9% of the pre-war level.
- Experience from other post-war economies suggests that economic recovery in BiH has the potential to grow rapidly so long as peace, the reconstruction program, market reforms, and political/economic institution-building continue. The emergence of sound macroeconomic principles is promising, although the government will need to continue fiscal and monetary reforms, stabilize its external debt, and address social sector issues. Critical decisions remain to be made regarding state level economic institutions and policies, vital for BiH's reemergence into the European and global economy.
- The continued rehabilitation of basic economic infrastructure and restart of industrial production will maintain economic recovery and reduce unemployment. A main source of growth in the short-term will continue to be the reconstruction program being financed by the international donor community. This will also promote recovery in the domestic market and in specific sectors such as trade and food services and manufacturing sectors supplying reconstruction materials.

Partial Listing of USG Commercial Activities

- The President's Special Envoy Dick Sklar has overseen major elements of reconstruction. His primary tasks have included infrastructure and business development--especially reconstruction of transportation links, telecommunications facilities and power generation equipment. *made a commitment a Pres. survey focusing on reconstruction*
- In July of last year, Secretary Kantor, with an interagency delegation (Ruth Harkin, OPIC, Tom Dine, USAID, Joe Grandmaison, TDA, Henry Kelly, State Department) elected to follow-up and complete the mission of Secretary Brown to Bosnia and Croatia. They took a group of eighteen US companies representing \$60 billion in annual sales to Zagreb, Sarajevo, and Tuzla. The mission resulted in several achievements: a bilateral investment treaty with Croatia; a tourism communique with Croatia; an OPIC agreement with Bosnia; technical advisors to the Bosnian government in the transportation/energy sectors; and a TDA feasibility study for intermodal cargo facilities for Sarajevo and Ploce. *interagency agreement in Zagreb investment OPIC Trade Development Dept of State U.S. Dept. AID for the region*
- *Commerce Dept. open a new office in Zagreb next week* USDOC has made a significant commitment of resources to support the reconstruction effort in Bosnia and Croatia. The Commercial Service will place a regional commercial officer, Mr. Patrick Hughes, in Zagreb, beginning April 7. In June the Commercial Service will open new facilities near the US Embassy that will provide commercial support for US businesses seeking information on the region and entering or expanding their presence there. The Commercial Service is further planning to hire a contractor in Sarajevo to augment the coverage of the region. Commerce's Central and Eastern Europe Business Information Center (CEEBIC) was refunded and tasked with expanding its Bosnia/Balkan Initiative. *This includes a regional Commercial Service officer in Zagreb*
- The CEEBIC home page, with expanded information on Bosnia and Croatia, has proven to be a vital source of information on opportunities in the reconstruction process for US business, with over 30,000 "hits"/week. Commerce's Bosnian hotline established at ITA has also provided a direct avenue for extensive business counseling.
- The USG has established the Interagency Working Group for a Commercial and Investment Development Strategy for Bosnia and Croatia, which brings together the work of the efforts of USAID, the Department of State, the US Treasury, the USDOC, TDA, OPIC and EXIM Bank. OPIC agreements are established in both Bosnia and Croatia. USDOC is the co-chair of this group.
- The Department of Commerce is planning two major events next Fall to promote US business involvement in the reconstruction process and support of the economies of the region. In September the Department will sponsor a Business Opportunities Mission to Bucharest, Zagreb, and Ljubljana. In October, the Department will sponsor a conference on "Doing Business in Bosnia" to inform US companies of the opportunities in Bosnia and the best methods of doing business there.

*quite proud to have
as
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companies
engaged in business*

Commercial Successes

- Several US companies have become actively involved in Bosnian reconstruction. US power generation companies are supplying transformers, insulators and cables to help get Bosnian power back on line to homes and businesses. LMC America won a \$506,563 contract to supply lighting arresters to Elektroprireda Bosna I Hercegovina, as part of the World Bank's Emergency Power Reconstruction Project.
- As part of the U.S. government reconstruction effort, USAID financed the rehabilitation of the Kakanj thermal power facility at a cost of \$23 million. This facility provides power for 300,000 citizens in Sarajevo. Caterpillar supplied \$9.8 of equipment for the rehabilitation.
- US transportation companies have begun the process of evaluating the construction needs for the port of Ploce, which will be a vital waterway access for Bosnia. TDA is working with the Bosnia and Croatian governments to finalize plans for a feasibility study for these facilities. Companies are actively bidding on procurement projects for the upgrade of the Sarajevo airport.
- In Croatia, U.S. companies are participating in infrastructure rehabilitation. Bechtel has recently signed a contract with the Croatian Government for the building of a toll road between Zagreb and the Bosnian border. Two major US companies are also involved in the process of negotiating contracts for Croatia electrical power facilities worth over \$1 billion dollars. Enron and Enserch signed MOUs for these projects during Secretary Kantor's mission.

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Memorial Events

The following is a partial list of ways the crash victims have been commemorated in the U.S. and abroad:

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Naomi Warbasse's family and friends established the Naomi Poling Warbasse Memorial Fund at George Washington University.

by family Michael

The Ronald H. Brown Foundation was established as a means of transforming the late Secretary of Commerce's vision of a more activist, prosperous and just world into a practical legacy of tangible achievement. The Foundation seeks to carry on the late Secretary's mission by establishing an education center and curriculum, creating a think tank focused on contemporary issues of domestic and global economic growth and political stability and developing a commercial program complementing the work of the Commerce Department and other federal, state and local agencies.

- In April, the Croatian government dedicated a building in Dubrovnik to the memory of Secretary Brown and his colleagues. The three-story building in the heart of the beautiful old city will contain the work of famous Croatian artists. In addition, the Fathers of Convale, a local group in Dubrovnik, is constructing a simple, eloquent memorial on St. John's Mountain in memory of the crash victims. The Government of Croatia has generously invited the families of the victims to Croatia in June when the memorial will be dedicated. **

** We may have additional information of commemorative events tomorrow. We will forward directly to you.

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16 Ambassadors

business leaders

Prime Minister of Croatia

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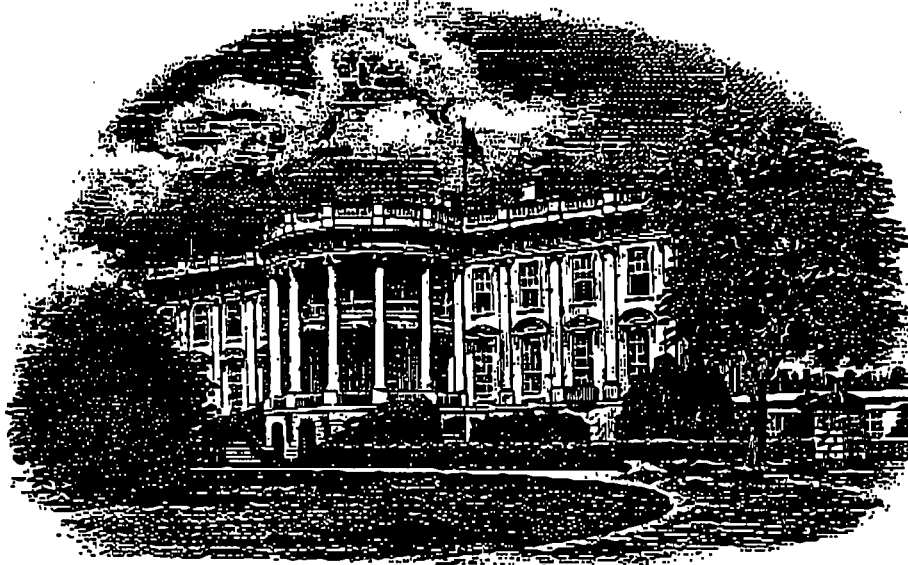
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MESSAGE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
for the Secretary

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LUNCH RECEPTION FOR FAMILIES AND GUESTS ON THE
ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROATIA AIR TRAGEDY

DATE: April 3, 1997
TIME: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Department of Commerce Lobby
FROM: Raymond G. Kammer, Jr.

Prepared by: John J. Phelan, III
Director, Office of Executive
Assistance Management
482-4115

I. OBJECTIVES/BACKGROUND

The Department will sponsor three events to mark the one-year anniversary of the air crash in Croatia which took the lives of Secretary Brown, thirty-two other Americans, and two Croatian nationals. The first Commerce-sponsored event of the day is an ITA Memorial Awards Ceremony; the second is a luncheon reception; and the third is a Memorial Ceremony.

You will host a catered, light lunch in the Lobby; food will be served buffet style. Lunch invitees include families who lost loved ones in the crash and their guests, as well as representatives from American businesses that lost executives in the crash.

No program is planned for the lunch period; this event is designed to give the families an opportunity to meet before adjourning to the Mellon Auditorium for the Memorial Ceremony. However, Tina Allen, the artist selected to design the Commerce memorial in honor of the thirty-five victims, will display her rendering in the lobby during lunch.

You will circulate among the guests, speaking with each family group briefly. Carol Hayashida, Office of Executive Assistance Management, will accompany you; she has extensive familiarity with the invited participants.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Ambassador of Croatia Miomir Zuzul and Mrs. Zuzul
Prime Minister Zlatko Mateša and Mrs. Mateša

A list of other invited guests is attached. Additionally, an abbreviated list containing only Government participants is attached.

III. PRESS PLAN

No press coverage is planned. Two individuals from the New York Times will be present, but only in the capacity of having lost one of their staff members in the crash.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:45 a.m.	You arrive in the lobby
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	You circulate among guests, meeting each family and guests
1:00 p.m.	You depart lobby
1:05 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Families and guests depart for Mellon Auditorium

V. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Names and organizational affiliation of victims of air crash in Croatia
List of guests expected at luncheon reception
List of Government participants at luncheon reception

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ATTENDING APRIL 3, 1997 LUNCHEON .**A. Current DoC Employees**

1. Secretary Daley
2. Paul Donovan
3. Andrew Pincus
4. Robert Hallet
5. Stuart Eisenstat
6. Clyde Robinson
7. Will Ginsberg
8. Lauri Fitz-Pegado
9. Tim Hauser
10. Ray Vickery
11. Mary Good
12. Gloria Gutierrez
13. Jackie Williams*
14. Judith Barnett*
15. Mary King*
16. Dana Shelley*
17. Maria Cardona*
18. Courtland Cox*
19. Melanie Long*
20. Barbara Schmitz*
21. Kellie Lees*

*Identified by NOR as family guest for 4/3 events

B. Former DoC Employees

1. David Barram
2. Althea Allen
3. Melissa Moss
4. Ira Sockovitz
5. Bob Taft
6. William Taylor
7. Sue Esserman
8. Sally Painter

C. Other Federal Employees

1. Honorable Edwin Dorn
2. Captain Gerald Hoewing, USN



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
for the Secretary

**MEMORIAL CEREMONY ON THE
 ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROATIA AIR TRAGEDY**

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TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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The Memorial Ceremony honors the memory of the thirty-five crash victims and features remarks by yourself, the President, the Vice President, and the Croatian Ambassador. It is ecumenical in nature, with an opening prayer by an episcopal minister and closing prayer delivered by a rabbi. The government of Croatia is sending an orchestral ensemble that will play several musical selections. Additional musical pieces will be presented by two other American groups. Attached is a list of those being honored.

The Memorial Ceremony is a ticketed event. Public, unticketed, participation is not included.

II. PARTICIPANTS

On stage: President Clinton and Mrs. Clinton
 Vice President Gore
 Secretary of Commerce Daley
 Secretary of Defense Cohen
~~Secretary of Treasury Rubin~~ *Dep. Sec. Summers*
 CIA Director Designee Tenet
 Ambassador of Croatia Miodir Zuzul
 Reverend Luis Leon
 Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz

In audience: Prime Minister Zlatko Matosa and Mrs. Matosa
 Mrs. Zuzul
 The Honorable Peter Galbraith, Ambassador to Croatia
 Families and their guests--list attached
 Corporate representatives
 Diplomatic Corps
 Members of Congress
 Invited VIPs/Commerce employees

III. PRESS PLAN

Open for coverage. We anticipate that C-SPAN, BET, and Croatian television will cover the ceremony.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Program to be provided.

V. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Names and organizational affiliation of victims of air crash in Croatia
 List of families and their guests expected at Mellon Auditorium

April 1, 1997 (9:16am)

Invitation Process and RSVP Update

Category	Letters of Invitation	RSVPs
VIPs		176 FYI: Ticketing for VIPs begins 4/1
Congressional	535	
Diplomatic Corp.	51	
Metropolitan	35	
DOC Senior Staff	65	
Cabinet		
Subcabinet	20	
Families & Corporate	61	260
DOC employees	450	
OS	50	General
NOAA	50	General
ITA	100	General
BXA	20	General
ESA	30	General
TA	30	General
PTO	20	General
MBDA	10	General
EDA	20	General
NTIA	20	General
OPA	15	General
CFO/ASA	50	General
	50	VIP

RON BROWN MEMORIAL ATTENDEES

STATE	TBD
TREASURY	NO
DEFENSE	YES
JUSTICE	YES
INTERIOR	NO
USDA	YES
COMMERCE	YES
LABOR	YES
HHS	NO
HUD	YES
DOT	YES
ENERGY	YES
EDUCATION	NO
VA	NO
EPA	NO
CEA	NO
OMB	YES
UN	YES
USTR	YES
ONDCP	NO
SBA	YES
CIA	TBD
FEMA	TBD
OPM	TBD
USIA	YES
GSA	YES
SSA	NO
DPC	TBD
NEC	TBD

NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION OF VICTIMS OF AIR CRASH IN CROATIA

Name

Organization

Gerald V. Aldrich	Air Force crew member
Niksa Antonini	Croatian photographer
Dragica Lendic Bebek	Croatian interpreter
Ronald H. Brown	Department of Commerce
Duane R. Christian	Department of Commerce
Barry L. Conrad	Barrington Corporation
Paul Cushman, III	Riggs Bank
Adam N. Darling	Department of Commerce
Ashley J. Davis	Air Force crew member
Gail E. Dobert	Department of Commerce
Robert E. Donovan	ABB, Incorporated
Claudio Elia	Air and Water Technologies
Robert Farrington, Jr.	Air Force crew member
David Ford	Guardian International Corporation
Carol L. Hamilton	Department of Commerce
Kathryn E. Hoffman	Department of Commerce
Lee F. Jackson	Department of Treasury
Stephen C. Kaminski	Department of Commerce
Kathryn E. Kellogg	Department of Commerce
Shelly A. Kelly	Air Force crew member
James M. Levek	Central Intelligence Agency
Frank Maier	Ensearch International Corporation
Charles F. Meissner	Department of Commerce
William E. Morton	Department of Commerce
Walter J. Murphy	AT&T Submarine Systems, Incorporated
Nathaniel C. Nash	New York Times
Lawrence N. Payne	Department of Commerce
Leonard J. Pieroni	Parsons Corporation
Timothy W. Schafer	Air Force crew member
John A. Scoville	Harza Engineering Company
I. Donald Turner	Bridge Housing Corporation
P. Stuart Tholan	Bechtel Group, Incorporated
Cheryl A. Turnage	Air Force crew member
Naomi P. Warbasse	Department of Commerce
Robert A. Whittaker	Foster Wheeler Corporation



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
U.S. AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE

April 1, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO: Terry Edmonds
FROM: Lauri J. Fitz-Pegado *[Signature]*
RE: April 3rd Presidential Address
CC: Clyde Robinson, LeeAnn Inadomi

Per your request, attached is the background material on Bosnia and Croatia for the President's address on Thursday. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly (202) 482-5777.

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Partial Listing of USG Commercial Activities

- The President's Special Envoy Dick Sklar has overseen major elements of reconstruction. His primary tasks have included infrastructure and business development--especially reconstruction of transportation links, telecommunications facilities and power generation equipment.
- In July of last year, Secretary Kantor, with an interagency delegation (Ruth Harkin, OPIC, Tom Dine, USAID, Joe Grandmaison, TDA, Henry Kelly, State Department) elected to follow-up and complete the mission of Secretary Brown to Bosnia and Croatia. They took a group of eighteen US companies representing \$60 billion in annual sales to Zagreb, Sarajevo, and Tuzla. The mission resulted in several achievements: a bilateral investment treaty with Croatia; a tourism communique with Croatia; an OPIC agreement with Bosnia; technical advisors to the Bosnian government in the transportation/energy sectors operations; and a TDA feasibility study for intermodal cargo facilities for Sarajevo and Ploce.
- USDOC has made a significant commitment of resources to support the reconstruction effort in Bosnia and Croatia. The Commercial Service will place a regional commercial officer, Mr. Patrick Hughes, in Zagreb, beginning April 7. In June the Commercial Service will open new facilities near the US Embassy that will provide commercial support for US businesses seeking information on the region and entering or expanding their presence there. The Commercial Service is further planning to hire a contractor in Sarajevo to augment the coverage of the region. Commerce's Central and Eastern Europe Business Information Center (CEEbic) was refunded and tasked with expanding its Bosnia/Balkan Initiative.
- The CEEbic home page, with expanded information on Bosnia and Croatia, has proven to be a vital source of information on opportunities in the reconstruction process for US business, with over 30,000 "hits"/week. Commerce's Bosnian hotline established at ITA has also provided a direct avenue for extensive business counseling.
- The USG has established the Interagency Working Group for a Commercial and Investment Development Strategy for Bosnia and Croatia, which brings together the work of the efforts of USAID, the Department of State, the US Treasury, the USDOC, TDA, OPIC and EXIM Bank. OPIC agreements are established in both Bosnia and Croatia. USDOC is the co-chair of this group.
- The Department of Commerce is planning two major events next Fall to promote US business involvement in the reconstruction process and support of the economies of the region. In September the Department will sponsor a Business Opportunities Mission to Bucharest, Zagreb, and Ljubljana. In October, the Department will sponsor a conference on "Doing Business in Bosnia" to inform US companies of the opportunities in Bosnia and the best methods of doing business there.

Commercial Successes

- Several US companies have become actively involved in Bosnian reconstruction. US power generation companies are supplying transformers, insulators and cables to help get Bosnian power back on line to homes and businesses. LMC America won a \$506,563 contract to supply lighting arresters to Elektroprivreda Bosna I Hercegovina, as part of the World Bank's Emergency Power Reconstruction Project.
- As part of the U.S. government reconstruction effort, USAID financed the rehabilitation of the Kakanj thermal power facility at a cost of \$23 million. This facility provides power for 300,000 citizens in Sarajevo. Caterpillar supplied \$9.8 of equipment for the rehabilitation.
- US transportation companies have begun the process of evaluating the construction needs for the port of Ploce, which will be a vital waterway access for Bosnia. TDA is working with the Bosnia and Croatian governments to finalize plans for a feasibility study for these facilities. Companies are actively bidding on procurement projects for the upgrade of the Sarajevo airport.
- In Croatia, U.S. companies are participating in infrastructure rehabilitation. Bechtel has recently signed a contract with the Croatian Government for the building of a toll road between Zagreb and the Bosnian border. Two major US companies are also involved in the process of negotiating contracts for Croatia electrical power facilities worth over \$1 billion dollars. Enron and Enserch signed MOUs for these projects during Secretary Kantor's mission.

Memorial Events

The following is a partial list of ways the crash victims have been commemorated in the U.S. and abroad:

The Lee F. Jackson High School stands in White Plains, New York in memory of the Treasury Department's Executive Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Two post-graduate scholarships in honor of Charles Meissner and Secretary Brown in Northern Ireland are designed to promote study and implementation in best practices in urban regeneration. A memorial to Chuck Meissner is part of the C&O Canal Restoration Fund.

A Christina Kaminski Scholarship Fund was established for the thirteen-year old daughter of a Commerce Department Commercial Service Officer.

The William E. Morton Library opened last Fall at the Geneva Kent Elementary School in West Virginia.

The Monterey Bay Export Assistance Center was dedicated to Adam Darling -- the young man the President singled out last year (road his bike cross country handing out 1992 campaign literature.)

Naomi Warbasse's family and friends established the Naomi Poling Warbasse Memorial Fund at George Washington University.

The Ronald H. Brown Foundation was established as a means of transforming the late Secretary of Commerce's vision of a more activist, prosperous and just world into a practical legacy of tangible achievement. The Foundation seeks to carry on the late Secretary's mission by establishing an education center and curriculum, creating a think tank focused on contemporary issues of domestic and global economic growth and political stability and developing a commercial program complementing the work of the Commerce Department and other federal, state and local agencies.

- In April, the Croatian government dedicated a building in Dubrovnik to the memory of Secretary Brown and his colleagues. The three-story building in the heart of the beautiful old city will contain the work of famous Croatian artists. In addition, the Fathers of Convale, a local group in Dubrovnik, is constructing a simple, eloquent memorial on St. John's Mountain in memory of the crash victims. The Government of Croatia has generously invited the families of the victims to Croatia in June when the memorial will be dedicated. **

** We may have additional information of commemorative events tomorrow. We will forward directly to you.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
CELEBRATION OF LIVES
THE MELLON AUDITORIUM
WASHINGTON, DC
APRIL 3, 1997

Good afternoon. It is fitting that this ceremony is called a "Celebration of Lives," for in this season of rebirth and renewal we are reminded that life is indeed eternal. And while we can never replace the loss of our dear loved ones, we know that the good they did lives after them. We may take comfort in the words of scripture, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." In this good morning, one year after that fateful day on a hard mountain in Croatia, we are called to joyfully celebrate the lives of those who meant so much, and gave so much to their country and to all of us.

Thirty-three Americans and two Croatians lost their lives on a mission of peace and renewal to a troubled and far-away region. They were public servants, not only from the Commerce Department, but also from the Department of Defense, Treasury, and the CIA. They were 12 of America's finest business leaders. They were a New York Times reporter, a Croatian photographer, a Croatian interpreter. And they were led by my good friend Ron Brown, who was also a friend to American business and American workers, and a friend to millions of people around the world because of his relentless determination to bridge the false divisions that keep us apart here at home and abroad.

These 35 patriots reflected the great genius and compassion of America and our great hope for building peace in the region. Today, above all else, I ask you to remember not how they died, but how they lived. One year ago, in a drafty airplane hangar at Dover Air Force Base, Hillary and I met with many of you to share our grief for our fallen citizens. Then, as now, they represented the diversity from which this great nation draws its strength. As we met with each family and tried to offer comfort where none could be found, I was struck by how many of you recognized that your loved ones went on this mission because it was the right thing to do. They gave their lives bringing to others the blessings of a normal life that too often, we here take for granted.

How we remember them will determine their place in history. We remember them by never forgetting that they left the comfort of home to make life better for others in a far-off land. We remember them by recognizing the vital role they played in replacing war and poverty with peace and prosperity, and by pledging to carry on their work. And we remember them by the personal tributes paid to them by their families and communities.

Thanks to your loved ones, and the vigilance of America's men and women in uniform, today, where once there was only hopelessness and war, there is now the growing promise of a lasting peace. The first post-war national elections were held in Bosnia last September and the international donor community has pledged \$5.1 billion over five years for Bosnia reconstruction.

Bosnia was a nation being shredded by worst violence since WWII. America could only help - peace. They were trying to help rebuild their lives. In when Komer picked up the torch &

Share the peace

family members and friends

Cabinet, diplomats - business

Commerce Dept employees & friends

members of Congress

I appointed a Special Envoy to help with reconstruction and development in the region. And the mission started by Ron Brown and his colleagues goes on. Last July Secretary Kantor led an interagency delegation on a follow-up trip to Bosnia and Croatia to complete the Ron Brown mission. Eighteen US companies went back to offer their services in the rebuilding of this war-torn land. They came back with a number of interagency agreements in trade and investment that will help bring electrical power and transportation and other essential services to the region. Trade and commerce resulting from the reconstruction is offering countless opportunities for American firms to provide goods and services. Companies like LMC America, Caterpillar, Bechtel, Enron and Enserch are reconstructing communities and bringing new hope to the region. And the Department of Commerce is opening a new office in Zagreb [ZAH-greb] next week to assist them.

One of the great legacies of Ron Brown's service as Commerce Secretary was his call to service to our business leaders. He challenged America's corporations to lead by example. He challenged them to share their bounty with those less fortunate. The 12 corporate executives who traveled with him to Bosnia and Croatia answered that call. In their memory, I am proud to announce that this Administration, in partnership with the non-profit organization, the Conference Board, and the business community, has created the Ronald H. Brown Award for Corporate Leadership. This annual award will promote practices that improve business performance by supporting employees and communities. I want to acknowledge the members of the Ron Brown Award Committee who are with us today: Edgar S. Woolard, Jr., Chairman, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company; Lawrence A. Bossidy, Chairman & CEO, Allied Signal, Inc.; and Kenneth L. Chenault, President & CEO, American Express Company. I also want to recognize Melissa Berman, Senior Vice President of The Conference Board. Ron Brown understood better than anyone, that peace and prosperity demand the partnership of government and business. This award will stand as a tribute to his vision.

The impact of the lives we celebrate today, extends beyond their mission to Bosnia and Croatia. They touched us in so many great and simple ways, as brothers and sisters, as husbands and wives, as friends. We remember them by our personal tributes. There is a High School in White Plains, New York named in honor of Lee F. Jackson. A scholarship has been established for Christina Kaminiski, the 13-year-old daughter of Stephen Kaminski. The William E. Morton Library opened last Fall at the Geneva Kent Elementary School in West Virginia. The Monterey Bay Assistance Center was dedicated to Adam Darling. The Naomi Poling Warbasse Memorial Fund was established at George Washington University by her family and friends. And the Ronald H. Brown Foundation was established by his family as a means of carrying on Ron Brown's vision of a more compassionate, cooperative, and just world.

I am also pleased that the Croatian Government has dedicated a building in Dubrovnik to the memory of Ron Brown and his colleagues; and they have invited family members to Croatia in June to participate in the dedication of a memorial to the victims which is being constructed on St. John's Mountain. *Service in Croatia*

In closing, I want to say a special word about my friend Ron Brown. A few days ago, I had the pleasure of sitting down with his daughter Tracey, to talk about our memories of her

she's the one who knew best - everyone of you has - light from these line room

father and my friend. During the course of our conversation, it all came back to me. How much I enjoyed the company of Ron, how much he made everyone around him laugh and feel special. How much he inspired confidence, especially when the chips were down. Ron Brown loved his wife and children. And he had a remarkable enthusiasm that infected everything he did. He believed in the American Dream. He worked hard for it, he wanted to give other people a chance to achieve it, and he wanted to do it in a way that helped people around the world lift their aspirations.

Tomorrow, we commemorate the death of another great leader, Dr. Martin Luther King. When I think of Ron Brown and his last mission on this earth, I am reminded of the words of Dr. King, who said, "All inhabitants of the globe are now neighbors. The large house in which we live demands that we transform this worldwide neighborhood into a worldwide brotherhood." Ron Brown and all those who left with him one year ago today, gave their lives while building that house of brotherhood. It is up to us to finish the job.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Acknowledge - investigation
Gore Commission
~~On point~~
Commerce Dept. memorial -

TO: Terry Edwards

FROM: LeeAnn Madson

Call me if you need
anything else.

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PROGRAM

130-200	Prelude	United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass
	Musical Selection	Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir
	Musical Selection	Aloisius & The Allbritton Singers
		United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass
200 PM	Presentation of Colors	Armed Forces Color Guard
	National Anthem	Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir
		United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass
	Invocation	The Reverend Luis Leon Rector of St. John's Church
	Welcome	William M. Daley Secretary of Commerce
	Remarks	His Excellency Miomir Zuzul Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia
	Musical Selection <i>Quintet</i> "Adagio from String Quartet in F Major" arr. by Anton Brucker	I Solisti di Zagreb
	Remarks	Vice President Al Gore
	Tribute	President Bill Clinton
	Musical Selection	Aloisius & The Albritton Singers
	Benediction	Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz
	Postlude	United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass

REMARKS OF COMMERCE SECRETARY WILLIAM DALEY

"A Celebration of Life" Memorial Service

April 3, 1997

We meet today to remember and to reaffirm.

We remember thirty-five men and women -- the powerful, and those whose path had only begun; the remarkable contributions of talent and service, the achievements and so many more things that they would have accomplished.

We affirm their mission -- not just a journey of commerce and diplomacy, but a part of America's historic pilgrimage -- from battlefield to Peace Corps, to peace-keeping and economic development -- toward a world of "liberty and justice for all."

A year ago today, these thirty-five were lost. But they went to the heart of America -- where their names and their spirit will live on for all our days.

The President and the Vice President are here to offer this nation's continuing tribute, to honor the service and the promise that was on that plane, and to express their own deep and personal feelings -- for they, too, lost friends they treasured.

The presence of Prime Minister Matesa and Ambassador Zuzul from the Republic of Croatia reminds us that their fellow citizens shared this mission of peace as our two countries share a common hope for peace. The citizens of Croatia lost two of their own best young people, but from the first moments of the tragedy, they embraced everyone touched by it -- as if they were family. We are grateful for the heroism shown by the Croatian army a year ago, and for the warmth and caring that Croatia has shown every day since. Our ambassador to Croatia, Peter Galbraith, was truly indomitable in the first hours and days -- and the cooperation and sympathy he received from the people of Dubrovnik were a true coupling of diplomacy and

decency. We are glad he is also with us today. (?)

We also welcome Alma Brown to this Commerce Department that will always be her ~~second~~ home. Her grace and strength, as the whole world was watching, comforted and sustained so many of us. Her Ron -- Ron Brown -- was the name that everyone everywhere knew; but in her own pain, she conveyed to the world that this singular, shining man was one of thirty-five good, dedicated, genuine, and much loved people -- a band of brothers who gave themselves in pursuit of a great purpose.

Across the long passage of this year, and now in prized memory, we see them more clearly than ever. What stands out most is not how they died on that mountain, but how they lived on the mountaintop of service and leadership. They were old and young, married and single, different races, different religions, different histories. They were traveling to places most of them had never been and many of them assumed they would never visit again -- carrying healing and hope to lands torn by ancient divisions and ravaged by the modern weapons of war.

Some were there to build new business, open new markets, and create new jobs. Others were there, as part of their work, to end the fighting. All were there, as Ron was fond of saying, "to do well by doing good..."

They were special because to them, doing extraordinary things, was the ordinary and usual order of their lives. They answered the call to be involved, to serve, to give something back with more regard for the good they might do than the risks they might take. They were strong, brave, adventurous, pragmatic, and, yes, idealistic -- all the best qualities of a person, and all the best qualities of a nation.

They represented the commitment Robert Kennedy once spoke of on his historic trip to a faraway nation then imprisoned by apartheid. He said in South Africa: "Each time a man...acts to improve the lot of others, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope --

and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy...those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

The women and men on that trip to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina were acting to improve the lot of others. They were sending forth ripples of hope -- and those who do that are the ones who truly change the world. In a world where self-interest is too often the norm, this is the road less taken. But there are often Americans on that road, on similar journeys of hope and healing. As we meet here, public servants from the Commerce Department and other agencies -- and Americans from every sector of life -- are in many of the most dangerous and challenging places across the globe. They have gone to Gaza and the West Bank, to Northern Ireland, Haiti, and South Africa, intent on bridging the gap between Arabs and Jews, Protestants and Catholics, rich and poor, black and white.

This is the legacy and the beacon of the modern pilgrims we are here to remember. When they left for the Balkans, they thought their greatest success would be a peace that would outlive them all. That thought came true too soon; but in part because of their contribution and their sacrifice, this may prove to be a long and lasting peace. Every day it becomes more secure is another day that bears their mark and extends their reach.

This morning, one family climbed Saint John Mountain above Dubrovnik to lay a wreath in honor of each and all of them. That family carried not only a ring of flowers, but a wealth of prayers, sorrows, and indelible memories from every family and community touched by this loss. The historic city that sits below Saint John Mountain is now peaceful, thriving, and ringing with life -- and that life is the most eloquent tribute to their lives.

So today, we do not disguise our mourning, for we never can and we never will. But in our sorrow, against the grain of irreparable loss, we most of all affirm and

celebrate who they were -- what they dared and what they achieved. To their families and friends gathered here, let me say that generations of the young will be inspired to step into their shoes and carry on in their place -- to keep the great command of scripture to "undo the heavy burdens and let oppressed go free." In war, their are many heroes. These thirty-five were among the rarest of all who serve; they were heroes of peace.

May God give them the peace they brought to others -- and give us the blessing of living up to their example.

Now, I ask you to join me in welcoming Ambassador Zuzul of the Republic of Croatia...