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EXISTING AUTHORITY FOR NATO AIR ACTIVITY AROUND SARAJEVO AIRPORT

Within limitations, the UN and NATO have the authority to use air power in response to restrictions placed on the use of Sarajevo Airport, based on the following:

CLOSE AIR SUPPORT (CAS)

NATO Authority: Based on paragraph 1.1 of the Athens Ministerial Decision Sheet (June 10, 1993), which reads in part:

"Ministers decided ... to offer NATO's protective air power in case of attack against UNPROFOR"

NATO may respond to a UN request for NATO air power, without further action, to support UNPROFOR.

UN Authority: UNSC 836 Res. (June 4, 1993), reaffirmed by UNSC Res. 844 (June 18, 1993) provides that:

"... member states, acting ... through regional organizations, ... may take all necessary measures, through the use of air power, ... in and around safe areas, ... to support UNPROFOR in the performance of [certain aspects of] its mandate ..."

That mandate includes deterring attacks on the safe areas, and replying to obstruction of movement of UNPROFOR or humanitarian convoys throughout Bosnia. In addition, under UNSC Res. 770, the UN may request NATO to use force to facilitate delivery of humanitarian assistance to Sarajevo. These resolutions require that actions by member states and regional organizations be taken in "close cooperation" or in "coordination" with the UN, respectively.

AIR STRIKES IN RESPONSE TO STRANGULATION

NATO Authority: Based on NAC decisions of August 2 and 9, 1993, which read in part:

"...that the Alliance will make immediate preparations for undertaking, in the event of strangulation of Sarajevo and other areas ..., measures including air strikes ..."

NATO may conduct air strikes in response to the "strangulation" of safe areas.

The NAC decision also makes clear that "the first use of air power shall be authorized by the UN Secretary General." This has been termed the "dual key" arrangement.

UN Authority: As with CAS, implementing UN resolutions are 770, 836 and 844.

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AIR STRIKES IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE SARAJEVO
EXCLUSION ZONE

NATO Authority: Based on the NAC decision of February 9, 1994, which reads in part that NATO:

"... accepts ... the request of the UN Secretary General to launch air strikes, ... at the request of the United Nations, against artillery or mortar positions in or around Sarajevo ... which are determined by UNPROFOR to be responsible for attacks against civilians, ... and ... in response to artillery or mortar attacks on Sarajevo, ... and ... in response to the identification of any heavy weapons [inside] the exclusion zone [and not under UNPROFOR control] ..."

NATO may conduct air strikes, at the UN's request, if the Sarajevo exclusion zone is violated.

UN Authority: As with CAS, implementing UN resolutions are 770, 836 and 844.

In addition to the UN/NATO authorities, collective self-defense would authorize states to use air power at the request of the Bosnian Government. Such use of air power could be restricted by UN Security Council resolutions -- e.g., by the establishment of the no-fly zone over Bosnia.

NOTE: UN and NATO authority to use air power, as noted above, does NOT apply to restrictions on the use of Sarajevo Airport by diplomats or official delegations.

NATO & UN Authority around Sarajevo

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**EUR PRESS GUIDANCE
MAY 4, 1995**

CROATIA

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Q: Status of the cease-fire? Is there really one? What's our understanding of what the conditions? Have Croation troops withdrawn?

A: -- WE ARE WORKING TO HALT THE MILITARY ESCALATION IN CROATIA, PROMOTE A STABLE CEASE-FIRE, AND ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE UN AUTHORITY IN DISPUTED AREAS.

-- WE URGE ALL PARTIES TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT, ESPECIALLY TO AVOID ATTACKS ON AND MALTREATMENT OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS.

-- THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT AND REBEL SERBS REACHED AGREEMENT ON A CEASE-FIRE TO HAVE GONE INTO EFFECT AT 17:00 HOURS CROATIA TIME YESTERDAY, BUT THERE ARE REPORTS THAT IT HAS NOT TAKEN HOLD EVERYWHERE.

-- ITS TERMS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE:

- o A TOTAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN SECTOR WEST AND ELSEWHERE;**
- o PROVISION FOR CIVLIANS AND SOLDIERS TO LEAVE SECTOR WEST VOLUNTARITY UNDER UN AUSPICES;**

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- o UN CUSTODY OF WEAPONS, EXCEPT FOR SOLDIERS' PERSONAL SIDEARMS;
 - o DESIGNATION OF THE ROAD FROM PAKRAC (PAHK-rach) TO OKUCANI (oh-KUH-cha-nee) AND GRADISKA (GRAH-deesh-kah) AS THE EXODUS ROUTE.
- THESE TERMS DO NOT CALL FOR CROATIAN TROOPS TO WITHDRAW FROM THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS.
- WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A RAPID NORMALIZATION OF LIFE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS, MAKING USE OF THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE UN PRESENCE ALREADY AVAILABLE ON THE SCENE.

**EUR PRESS GUIDANCE
MAY 4, 1995**

CROATIA SITUATION UPDATE

Q: What is the situation in Croatia?

A: -- REPORTS FROM CROATIA REMAIN TENTATIVE.

- SECTOR WEST HAS SEEN SOME ISOLATED CLASHES, ALTHOUGH FIGHTING APPEARS TO HAVE ENDED IN MOST OF THE AREA.**
- WE HAVE RECEIVED NO CONFIRMATION OF ATTACKS ON ZAGREB OR OTHER CROATIAN CITIES THIS MORNING, ALTHOUGH THEIR ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF SERB-LAUNCHED ROCKETS.**
- IN SECTOR SOUTH, THE UN REPORTS CROATIAN FORCES HAVE MOVED ACROSS THE CEASEFIRE LINE NORTH OF GOSPIC (GAHS-peech)**
- YESTERDAY, MORE SERB ORKAN ROCKETS WITH ANTI-PERSONNEL CLUSTER BOMBS LANDED IN THE MIDDLE OF ZAGREB. THE EMBASSY EVACUATED TO THE CELLAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE A TOTAL OF SIX ROCKETS, FOUR OF WHICH LANDED IN THE CITY CENTER:**

- o ONE STRUCK NEAR THE NATIONAL THEATER, ANOTHER
IN A COURTYARD NEAR THE ITALIAN EMBASSY, A THIRD
REPORTEDLY IN THE CITY'S MAIN EAST-WEST ARTERY,
A FOURTH AT A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

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- o **ALL LOCATIONS ARE WITHIN A FEW BLOCKS OF THE EMBASSY. PRELIMINARY CASUALTY FIGURES INDICATED AT LEAST ONE FATALITY (AN ORDNANCE EXPERT DEFUSING A BOMBLET IN A TREE) AND 40 INJURIES, INCLUDING AT LEAST 20 FOREIGN TOURISTS (RUSSIAN, BRITISH, AND OTHER) WHO WERE TOURING THE NATIONAL THEATER, AND 10 WOUNDED AT THE HOSPITAL.**

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EUR PRESS GUIDANCE**MAY 4, 1995****BOSNIA: POLICY POINTS****Q: WHAT ARE YOUR POLICY AIMS IN BOSNIA?**

A: -- THE CHIEF AIM OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS CONTACT GROUP PARTNERS IS ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP PLAN AND MAP BY ALL PARTIES.

-- THE CONTACT GROUP IS WORKING TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM BY FASHIONING A RECOGNITION FOR SANCTIONS RELIEF PACKAGE FOR MILOSEVIC THAT WILL HELP CONVINCE PALE THAT IT SHOULD ACCEPT THE PLAN.

-- WE ARE ALSO URGING THE PARTIES TO RENEW A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT AND CREATE CONDITIONS ON THE GROUND THAT WILL LEAD TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

EUR PRESS GUIDANCE

MAY 4, 1995

CONTACT GROUP

Q: WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CONTACT GROUP?

A: -- THE CONTACT GROUP MET YESTERDAY IN LONDON TO REVIEW TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE RECOGNITION FOR SANCTIONS RELIEF PACKAGE THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO MILOSEVIC.

-- THE GROUP WILL RECONVENE IN PARIS ON FRIDAY TO CONTINUE THOSE DISCUSSIONS. AMBASSADOR ROBERT FRASURE WILL REPRESENT THE U.S.

EUR PRESS GUIDANCE**MAY 4, 1995****BOSNIA: SITUATION REPORT****Q: WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA?****A: -- SARAJEVO REMAINS RELATIVELY QUIET, ALTHOUGH
INTERMITTANT SNIPER AND MORTAR FIRE CONTINUE.****-- SIX BRITISH PEACEKEEPERS WERE INJURED YESTERDAY
WHEN BOSNIAN SERB FORCES FIRED A NUMBER OF TANK
ROUNDS IN TO THEIR BASE IN MAGLAJ (MAG-LIE) IN
NORTH-CENTRAL BOSNIA. BRITISH TROOPS RESPONDED
WITH 64 ROUNDS OF 30 MM CANNON FIRE AND 30 ROUNDS
OF TOW ANTI-TANK FIRE.****-- NONE OF THE BRITISH INJURIES ARE SAID TO BE GRAVE.****-- FIGHTING WAS REPORTED NORTH OF TUZLA (TOOZ-LAH)
ON MT. VLASIC (VLAH-SEECH).**

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^U.N. Council demands Croatia stop military action

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By Evelyn Leopold

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) - The U.N. Security Council demanded early on Tuesday that Croatia end its military offensive against rebel Serbs and called on all combatants to agree to an immediate cease-fire.

The council issued a statement at a formal meeting held after some three hours of private debate in response to a major offensive launched by the Croatian army against Serbs in the Krajina region.

It accused the Zagreb government of violating a March 29 cease-fire pact and urged both parties ``to cease hostilities and comply with the existing cease-fire agreement.''

The council called for combatants to ensure the safety and security of the Zagreb-Belgrade highway and to accept proposals put to them by U.N. mediators.

``The Security Council demands that the government of the Republic of Croatia put an end immediately to the military offensive launched by its forces in the areas of Western Slavonia ... in violation of the cease-fire agreement of 29 March 1994,''

the statement said. The Croatian attack began at daybreak Monday with 2,000 troops, spearheaded by special forces, thrusting into the Krajina Serb enclave of Western Slavonia from two sides. Croat warplanes later attacked a vital Serb-held bridge.

Croatia said its forces were gaining control of the highway which cuts through Western Slavonia, an area seized by Croatia's Serb minority during Croatia's 1991 war for independence from Yugoslavia. Serbs shelled Croatian towns and took 122 U.N. hostages.

France's ambassador, Jean-Bernard Merimee, the current council president, told reporters the main purpose of the meeting was to strengthen the negotiating hand of Yasushi Akashi, the U.N. special representative in the Balkans.

``The council took the view it is a serious situation and we do not want it to escalate,''

he added. In response, Croatia's Ambassador Mario Nobilo said the aim

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of the offensive was limited: to restore control over the highway after Serbs had randomly shot civilians.

He said Zagreb was cooperating with Akashi and that the United Nations should make sure Yugoslavia did not intervene in the conflict.

British Ambassador Sir David Hannay called the outbreak of fighting ``a serious setback to the hopes of making progress towards peace in Croatia."

``The offensive that was launched was one that it (the council) could not possibly do other than deplore," he added.

Much of the debate among council members concerned an earlier draft that demanded Croatia withdraw to its former positions, a provision Zagreb's envoys opposed. Merimee noted that such demands were covered because the statement backed all of Akashi's proposals.

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Za/Att:	Alexander Vershbow	Datum/Date:	May 2, 1995
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Dear Mr. Vershbow,

Following please find the latest press release issued by President Tudjman's office in Zagreb.

Best regards,

Petar Sarcevic
Ambassador



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TRANSLATION

STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

May 2, 1995 (Zagreb, Croatia) - The action of Croatian police and Croatian Military units directed toward the opening of highway and rail links through the until-today occupied areas of Western Slavonia has concluded. Armed Serbs have discontinued offering organized resistance and Croatian control has now been established in Okucani. At 2:00pm, talks on the surrender of the last-remaining, large groups of armed Serbs in the area of Pakrac began.

The Vice President of the Government, Dr. Ivica Kostovic, personally visited the above areas and, on behalf of the President of the Republic, Dr. Franjo Tudjman, and the Government of the Republic of Croatia, guaranteed citizens of Serbian nationality all civil rights and offered clemency to armed resisters, except in the case of war criminals.

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