

FOIA MARKER

This is not a textual record. This is used as an administrative marker by the Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

Original OA/ID Number: 2050				
Document ID: 9805130				
Stack: v	Row: 45	Section: 5	Shelf: 6	Position: 3

UNCLASSIFIED
NSC/RMO PROFILE

RECORD ID: 9805130
RECEIVED: 17 JUL 98 15

TO: RADANOVICH, GEORGE P

FROM: PRESIDENT

DOC DATE: 12 AUG 98
SOURCE REF:

KEYWORDS: KOSOVO
CO

HUMAN RIGHTS

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: KOSOVAR ALBANIANS

ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 29 JUL 98 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: DOWLING

LOGREF:

FILES: WH

NSCP:

CODES:

D O C U M E N T D I S T R I B U T I O N

FOR ACTION
WH STRIPPING DESK

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO
DOWLING
NSC CHRON
SHULTE
WILSON

COMMENTS: _____

DISPATCHED BY (R) DATE 8/13 BY HAND W/ATTCH

OPENED BY: NSDRS

CLOSED BY: NSTSM

DOC 4 OF 4

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED
ACTION DATA SUMMARY REPORT

RECORD ID: 9805130

DOC ACTION OFFICER

CAO ASSIGNED ACTION REQUIRED

001 DOWLING	Z 98071715 PREPARE MEMO FOR BERGER
002 BERGER	Z 98073115 FWD TO PRESIDENT FOR SIGNATURE
002 STEIN, L	Z 98080619 FOR SIGNATURE
003 PRESIDENT	Z 98081015 FOR SIGNATURE
003 EXECSEC	Z 98081218 FOR FURTHER ACTION
003 PRESIDENT	Z 98081218 FOR SIGNATURE
004	X 98081314 PRESIDENT SGD LTR
004 WH STRIPPING DESK	X 98081314 FOR DISPATCH

DISPATCH DATA SUMMARY REPORT

DOC DATE DISPATCH FOR ACTION

DISPATCH FOR INFO

003 980810	VICE PRESIDENT
003 980810	WH CHIEF OF STAFF
004 980812 WH STRIPPING DESK	DEFENSE
004 980812 RADANOVICH, GEORGE P	STATE
004 980812	CIA

UNCLASSIFIED

Marc

TS

See me. I'd like to
see a new letter
we did on Kosovo
like the 1st one
Signed by POTUS.

This is poorly
written - Edited I
reworked one

Glyn - Don see with
that I re-wrote this
letter based on an earlier
package and working w/
Nick - Can you look at
it again before give back
to him? Thanks - Marc

Don 7/31
Believe you can
initial, if this
breaks no new policy
ground. G

Don-

I re-worked this
ltr based on previous
packages. I re-cleared
with Nick + Glyn -

Marc

Re-done

National Security Council
The White House

PROOFED BY: _____ LOG # 5130
URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____ SYSTEM PRS NSC INT ARS
BYPASSED WW DESK: _____ DOCLOG ITC A/O _____

	SEQUENCE TO	INITIAL/DATE	DISPOSITION
Cosgriff	<u>1</u>	<u>KX 8/13</u>	
Rice			
Davies			
Kerrick			
Steinberg			
Berger			
Situation Room			
West Wing Desk	<u>2</u>	<u>ITC 8/13</u>	<u>7</u>
Records Mgt.	<u>3</u>	<u>8/13</u>	<u>D</u>

A = Action I = Information D = Dispatch R = Retain N = No Further Action

98 AUG 13 AM 11:28
cc:

COMMENTS:

DATE August 12, 1998

Exec Sec Office has diskette _____

National Security Council
The White House

PROOFED BY: _____ LOG # 5130
URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____ SYSTEM PRS NSC INT ARS
BYPASSED WW DESK: _____ DOCLOG _____ A/O _____

	SEQUENCE TO	INITIAL/DATE	DISPOSITION
Cosgriff			
Rice			
Davies			
Kerrick			
Steinberg			
Berger			
Situation Room			
West Wing Desk			
Records Mgt.			

A = Action I = Information D = Dispatch R = Retain N = No Further Action

cc:

COMMENTS:

Date 8/12/98 ?

Exec Sec Office has diskette _____

National Security Council
The White House

PROOFED BY: _____ LOG # 5130
URGENT NOT PROOFED: _____ SYSTEM (PRS) NSC INT ARS
BYPASSED WW DESK: _____ DOCLOG TTC A/O _____

	SEQUENCE TO	INITIAL/DATE	DISPOSITION
Cosgriff			
Rice			
Davies	<u>1</u>	<u>7/21</u>	
Kerrick	<u>2/4</u>	<u>(D) 8/6</u>	
Steinberg			
Berger			
Situation Room			
West Wing Desk	<u>5</u>	<u>SMD 8/6</u>	<u>D</u>
Records Mgt.			
<u>Hurwitz</u>	<u>3</u>		

A = Action I = Information D = Dispatch R = Retain N = No Further Action

cc:
98 JUL 31 09:10:18

COMMENTS: Presidential Correspondence
Rep. Radanovich

Exec Sec Office has diskette yes

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1998

Dear Representative Radanovich:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in Kosovo. I share your concern about the continuing violence, particularly the recent operations by Serb forces that have driven thousands of Kosovar Albanians from their homes.

To bring an end to the violence, we are working on several tracks to pressure President Milosevic and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia authorities to engage in a genuine dialogue with the Kosovar Albanians. We have imposed new sanctions including an assets freeze, an investment ban and a ban on Yugoslav Air flights. On the Kosovar Albanian side, we are working to create a broad-based negotiating team that can effectively represent Kosovar Albanian interests. We are also working closely with allies and other partners in NATO, the United Nations, and the Contact Group on measures intended to end the violence and promote a peaceful resolution.

In Brussels, NATO planning is at an advanced stage. We and our partners have a variety of options available to us, and we are not ruling anything out. We have made no decisions on the use of military force, but it is essential that NATO be prepared to act if the situation continues to deteriorate and threatens regional stability. We will continue to consult with Congress as this process moves forward.

Our objective is a political settlement which provides an enhanced status for Kosovo, preserves the territorial integrity of the FRY and safeguards the rights of all inhabitants of Kosovo, regardless of ethnic origin. We are determined that Milosevic must meet the demands of the Contact Group, including:

- stopping repression and withdrawing security forces;
- allowing effective and continuous international monitoring;
- allowing full freedom of access for humanitarian

organizations and working with them to facilitate return of refugees; and

- making rapid progress in talks with the Kosovar Albanians.

As you noted in your letter, international monitors are very important. We have established an international Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM). Observers drawn from the United States and European nations will observe and report on freedom of movement, security and humanitarian conditions throughout Kosovo. The presence of the KDOM should promote improved access by humanitarian relief organizations and build confidence among the parties. We will continue to insist that both parties allow complete and unimpeded access to these monitors.

Again, thank you for writing. I am grateful for the support that you and other Members of Congress are showing toward our efforts to restore peace in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized, flowing script.

The Honorable George P. Radanovich
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ID 9805130

REFERRAL

DATE: 13 AUG 98

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: RADANOVICH, GEORGE P

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 12 AUG 98

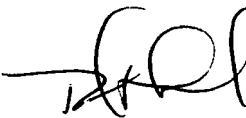
SUBJ: KOSOVAR ALBANIANS

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 14 AUG 98

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
DISTRIBUTION RECEIPT

LOG 9805130
DATE 12 AUG 98

SUBJECT: KOSOVAR ALBANIANS
DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

DATE

TIME

SIGNATURE

WH STRIPPING DESK

PRINT LAST NAME: _____

COPY: ORIGINAL

DATE, TIME, SIGN THE RECEIPT AND RETURN TO: NSC RECORDS MGNT, ROOM 379 OEOB
PAGE 01 OF 01 PAGES

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1998

ACTION

98 AUG 10 PM 2:52

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER (K) *SB*
LARRY STEIN *LS*

SUBJECT:

Letter to Representative George Radanovich

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Representative Radanovich on Kosovo.

Background

Representative Radanovich urges a tough approach with Milosevic to prevent a recurrence of the humanitarian disaster in Bosnia. He advocates further sanctions, a NATO no-fly zone and consideration of NATO air strikes. He also underscores the importance of international monitoring and war crimes investigations.

Your response notes that you share his concerns. It summarizes our policy, and notes appreciation for his thoughts on the issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Radanovich

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

*signed 8-12-98*cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

5130

July 30, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER  
THROUGH: GREG SCHULTE 
FROM: J. NICHOLAS DOWLING 
SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence

The memorandum to the President at Tab I recommends he sign a letter in response to correspondence from Representative Radanovich on the situation in Kosovo.

Concurrence by: Jay Farran 

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to Representative Radanovich
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

GEORGE RADANOVICH
19TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET
NATURAL RESOURCES WORKING GROUP

COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEES:
WATER AND POWER RESOURCES
NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS
FORESTS AND FOREST HEALTH



U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0519

5130

213 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0519
(202) 225-4540
FAX: (202) 225-3402

2377 WEST SHAW, SUITE 105
FRESNO, CA 93711
(209) 248-0800
FAX: (209) 248-0169

george.radanovich@mail.house.gov
<http://www.house.gov/radanovich/>

June 29, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing regarding some very serious issues that have been in the news and also have been brought to my attention by Dr. Mohammad Ashraf and the Muslim Society of the San Joaquin Valley and Mr. Mahmood Sultan and the Arab American Council of Central California.

I wish to express my deep concern about the ethnic cleansing campaign currently being carried out in Kosova. Slobodan Milosevic since the beginning of the year, has intensified his ethnic cleansing attacks on Kosova's 92% majority ethnic Albanian population and turned dozens of once peaceful villages into rubble. As I am sure you are aware, since the Serb campaign of terror started, well over 200 innocent people have died. The memory of the genocide, the carnage that took place at the so-called "Safe Havens", the systematic mass rape and the ethnic cleansing atrocities that were committed by the Serbs against the other ethnic groups in Bosnia and Croatia is still vividly fresh in people's minds.

Slobodan Milosevic has recently stepped up the brutality of his army and police attacks on the Kosovar population. The Financial Times and other news organizations have called Milosevic's policy a "scorched earth" policy. These events painfully remind many of the recent tragedy in Bosnia.

I urge you Mr. President not to allow Milosevic to use the recently begun talks as a cover for more vicious attacks on Kosovar civilians. He must be forced to immediately withdraw his heavily armed military and paramilitary units and fully commit himself to a diplomatic solution. Until that time, I urge the United States government and our partners in the Contact Group to reimpose the international ban on investment in Serbia and to consider further targeted economic sanctions.

I am asking you Mr. President to keep in mind the alternative of U.S. preemptive air strikes by our forces and NATO against the aggressors in Kosova. The American people do not want our ground forces to get involved. If necessary, air strikes will ensure that the need to involve our

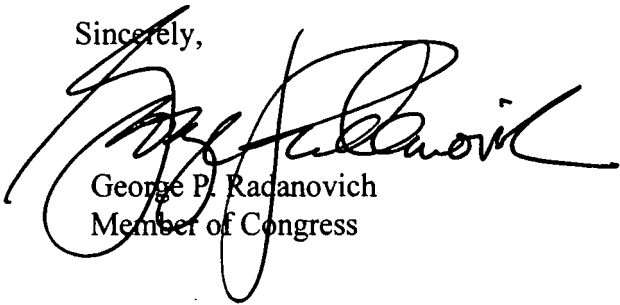
ground forces will be greatly minimized. NATO should also enforce a no-fly-zone over Kosova. Mr. President, in Bosnia, Milosevic only responded after NATO jets struck the Serb forces.

Furthermore, I strongly support the immediate placement of international monitors throughout Kosova. Those responsible for committing or ordering war crimes or acts of genocide with respect to the Kosova conflict should be brought before an international tribunal.

Our forefathers created our country on the cherished principles of freedom and liberty for all. Today, Americans proudly stand for democracy around the world. Freedom, self-determination and peace are rights that should not be denied to the Kosovars. Democracy must not be compromised.

Mr. President, I share your commitment to preventing another Bosnia from occurring in Kosova and stand ready to work with you to halt the violence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George P. Radanovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "G" and "R".

George P. Radanovich
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: Letter to Representative George Radanovich

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Representative Radanovich on Kosovo.

Background

Representative Radanovich urges a tough approach with Milosevic to prevent a recurrence of the humanitarian disaster in Bosnia. He advocates further sanctions, a NATO no-fly zone and consideration of NATO air strikes. He also underscores the importance of international monitoring and war crimes investigations.

Your response notes you share his concerns, and are increasing pressure on Milosevic. It summarizes our policy approach on Kosovo and notes appreciation for his thoughts on the issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Radanovich
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Radanovich:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in Kosovo. I share your concern about the continuing violence, particularly the recent operations by Serb forces that have driven thousands of Kosovar Albanians from their homes.

To bring an end to the violence, we are working on several tracks to pressure President Milosevic and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia authorities to engage in a genuine dialogue with the Kosovar Albanians. We have imposed new sanctions including an assets freeze, an investment ban and a ban on Yugoslav Air flights. On the Kosovar Albanian side, we are working to create a broad-based negotiating team that can effectively represent Kosovar Albanian interests. We are also working closely with allies and other partners in NATO, the United Nations, and the Contact Group on measures intended to end the violence and promote a peaceful resolution.

In Brussels, NATO planning is at an advanced stage. We and our partners have a variety of options available to us, and we are not ruling anything out. We have made no decisions on the use of military force, but it is essential that NATO be prepared to act if the situation continues to deteriorate and threatens regional stability. We will continue to consult with Congress as this process moves forward.

Our objective is ~~initiation of a dialogue that can produce confidence-building measures, reduce violence and lead toward a political settlement which provides an enhanced status for Kosovo, preserves the territorial integrity of the FRY and safeguards the rights of all inhabitants of Kosovo, regardless of ethnic origin.~~ We are determined that Milosevic must meet the demands of the Contact Group, including:

- stopping repression and withdrawing security forces;
- allowing effective and continuous international monitoring;
- allowing full freedom of access for humanitarian organizations and working with them to facilitate return of refugees; and
- making rapid progress in talks with the Kosovar Albanians.

As you noted in your letter, international monitors are also very important. We have established an international Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM) ~~which includes~~ ^{Circle} Observers drawn from the United States and European partner nations, ~~and~~ will observe and report on freedom of movement, security and humanitarian conditions throughout Kosovo. The ~~overt~~ presence of the KDOM should ~~help~~ ^{improve} access by humanitarian relief organizations and build confidence among the parties. We will continue to insist that both parties allow complete and unimpeded access to these monitors.

Again, thank you for writing. I am grateful for the support that you and other Members of Congress are showing toward our efforts to restore peace in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

The Honorable George P. Radanovic
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: Letter to Representative George Radanovich

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Representative Radanovich on Kosovo.

Background

Representative Radanovich urges a tough approach with Milosevic to prevent a recurrence of the humanitarian disaster in Bosnia. He advocates further sanctions, a NATO no-fly zone and consideration of NATO air strikes. He also underscores the importance of international monitoring and war crimes investigations.

Your purpose
Response at ~~Tab A~~ notes *you* we share *his* ~~their~~ concerns and are increasing pressure on Milosevic. It summarizes our policy approach on Kosovo and notes appreciation *for* of his thoughts on the issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Radanovich
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Radanovich:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in Kosovo. I share your concern about the continuing violence, particularly the recent operations by Serb forces that have driven thousands of Kosovar Albanians from their homes. ~~Serb security forces have created a humanitarian tragedy by undermining the Belgrade-Pristina talks that Milosevic had agreed to with Ambassadors Holbrooke, Gelbard and Hill.~~

To bring an end to the violence, we are working on a ~~variety of tracks in order~~ ^{several} to pressure Milosevic and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia authorities to ~~cease their brutal crackdown in Kosovo and~~ engage in a genuine dialogue with the Kosovar Albanians. We have imposed new sanctions including an assets freeze, an investment ban and a ban on Yugoslav Air flights. On the Kosovar Albanian side, we are working to create a broad-based negotiating team that can effectively represent Kosovar Albanian interests. We are also working closely with allies and other partners in NATO, the United Nations, and the Contact Group on measures intended to end the violence and promote a peaceful resolution.

In Brussels, NATO planning is at an advanced stage. We and our partners have a variety of options available to us, and we are not ruling anything out. We have made no decisions on the use of military force, but it is essential that NATO be prepared to act if the situation continues to deteriorate and threatens regional stability. We will continue to consult with Congress as this process moves forward.

Our objective is initiation of a dialogue that can produce confidence-building measures, reduce violence and lead toward a political settlement which provides an enhanced status for Kosovo, preserves the territorial integrity of the FRY and safeguards the rights of all inhabitants of Kosovo, regardless of ethnic origin. We are determined that Milosevic must meet

the demands of the Contact Group, including:

- stopping repression and withdrawing security forces;
- allowing effective and continuous international monitoring;
- allowing full freedom of access for humanitarian organizations and working with them to facilitate return of refugees; and
- making rapid progress in talks with the Kosovar Albanians.

Milosevic has pledged to do many of these things, including following his meetings last month with President Yeltsin in Moscow. We will watch his actions, not his words, to see if he fulfills his pledge.

As you noted in your letter, international monitors are also very important. We have established an international Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM), which includes observers drawn from the United States and European partner nations and will observe and report on freedom of movement, security and humanitarian conditions throughout Kosovo. The overt presence of the KDOM should help improve access by humanitarian relief organizations and build confidence among the parties. We will continue to insist that both parties allow complete and unimpeded access to these monitors.

Again, thank you for writing. I am grateful for the support that you and other Members of Congress are showing toward our efforts ~~on this issue as we move forward in the cause of peace in Kosovo.~~ ^{to resolve}

Sincerely,

The Honorable George P. Radanovic
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Radanovich:

Thank you for your letter on the situation in Kosovo. I share your alarm at the continuing violence, particularly the recent operations by Serb forces that have driven thousands of Kosovar Albanians from their homes.

President Milosevic brought about this crisis through his brutal suppression over many years, indiscriminant use of force in recent months and continued refusal to take necessary steps toward peace. If fighting continues, it could ignite one of several flashpoints and ignite a broader conflict.

To bring an end to the violence, we are working along two tracks: intense diplomacy backed by stiff sanctions, to craft a political solution; and NATO military planning. We have increased the pressure on Milosevic through sanctions including an assets freeze, investment ban and a ban on Yugoslav Air flights. On the Kosovar Albanian side, we are working to create a broad-based negotiating team that can effectively represent Kosovar Albanian interests. Our objective is initiation of a dialogue that can produce confidence-building measures, reduce violence and lead toward a political settlement which provides an enhanced status for Kosovo, preserves the territorial integrity of the FRY and safeguards the rights of all inhabitants of Kosovo, regardless of ethnic origin.

In Brussels, NATO is continuing accelerated planning for a full range of contingencies. We have made no decisions on the use of military force, but it is essential that NATO be prepared to act if the situation continues to deteriorate and threatens regional stability. We have not ruled out any options. We will continue to consult with the Congress as this process moves forward.

As you noted in your letter, international monitors are also very important. We have established an international Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM), which includes observers

drawn from the United States and European partner nations and will observe and report on freedom of movement, security and humanitarian conditions throughout Kosovo. The overt presence of the KDOM should help improve access by humanitarian relief organizations and build confidence among the parties. We will continue to insist that both parties allow complete and unimpeded access to these monitors.

Thank you again for writing. I welcome your further thoughts on these difficult issues as we move forward in the cause of peace in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

The Honorable George P. Radanovic
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

5130

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Radanovich:

Thank you for your letter regarding the situation in Kosovo. I share your concern about the continuing violence, particularly the recent operations by Serb forces that have driven thousands of Kosovar Albanians from their homes. Serb security forces have created a humanitarian tragedy by undermining the Belgrade-Pristina talks that Milosevic had agreed to with Ambassadors Holbrooke, Gelbard and Hill.

To bring an end to the violence, ^{on} we are working a variety of tracks in order to pressure Milosevic and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia authorities to cease their brutal crackdown in Kosovo and engage in a genuine dialogue with the Kosovar Albanians. We have imposed new sanctions including an assets freeze, an investment ban and a ban on Yugoslav Air flights. On the Kosovar Albanian side, we are working to create a broad-based negotiating team that can effectively represent Kosovar Albanian interests. We are also working closely with allies and other partners in NATO, the United Nations, and the Contact Group on measures intended to end the violence and promote a peaceful resolution. ✓

In Brussels, NATO planning is at an advanced stage. We and ^{our} ~~are~~ partners have a variety of options available to us, and we are not ruling anything out. We have made no decisions on the use of military force, but it is essential that NATO be prepared to act if the situation continues to deteriorate and threatens regional stability. We will continue to consult with Congress as this process moves forward.

Our objective is initiation of a dialogue that can produce confidence-building measures, reduce violence and lead toward a political settlement which provides an enhanced status for Kosovo, preserves the territorial integrity of the FRY and safeguards the rights of all inhabitants of Kosovo, regardless of ethnic origin. We are determined that Milosevic must meet

the demands of the Contact Group, including:

- stopping repression and withdrawing security forces;
- allowing effective and continuous international monitoring;
- allowing full freedom of access for humanitarian organizations and working with them to facilitate return of refugees; and
- making rapid progress in talks with the Kosovar Albanians.

Milosevic has pledged to do many of these things, including following his meetings last month with President Yeltsin in Moscow. We will watch his actions, not his words, to see if he fulfills his pledge.

As you noted in your letter, international monitors are also very important. We have established an international Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM), which includes observers drawn from the United States and European partner nations and will observe and report on freedom of movement, security and humanitarian conditions throughout Kosovo. The overt presence of the KDOM should help improve access by humanitarian relief organizations and build confidence among the parties. We will continue to insist that both parties allow complete and unimpeded access to these monitors.

Again, thank you for writing. I am grateful for the support that you and other Members of Congress are showing toward our efforts on this issue as we move forward in the cause of peace in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

The Honorable George P. Radanovic
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Representative Radanovich:

Thanks ^{you} for your letter on the situation in Kosovo. I share your ^{at} ~~concern with~~ the continuing violence, particularly the recent operations by Serb forces that have driven thousands of Kosovar Albanians from their homes. alarm

President Milosevic ^{brought about} ~~is responsible for~~ this crisis ^{through} ~~due to~~ his brutal suppression over many years, indiscriminant use of force in recent months and continued refusal to take necessary steps toward peace. If fighting continues, it could ignite one of several flashpoints and ignite a broader conflict.

To bring an end to the violence, we are working along two tracks: intense diplomacy backed by stiff sanctions, to craft a political solution; and NATO military planning. We have increased the pressure on Milosevic through sanctions including an assets freeze, investment ban and a ban on Yugoslav Air flights. On the Kosovar Albanian side, we are working to create a broad-based negotiating team that can effectively represent Kosovar Albanian interests. Our objective is initiation of a dialogue that can produce confidence-^{building} ~~building~~ measures, reduce violence and lead toward a political settlement which provides an enhanced status for Kosovo, ^{as} ~~preserving~~ the territorial integrity of the FRY and ^{and} ~~safeguarding~~ the rights of all inhabitants of Kosovo, regardless of ethnic origin. ✓

In Brussels, NATO is continuing accelerated planning for a full range of contingencies. We have made no decisions on the use of military force, but it is essential that NATO be prepared to act if the situation continues to deteriorate ^{and} ~~threatening~~ regional stability. We have not ruled out any options. We will continue to consult with the Congress as this process moves forward.

As you noted in your letter, international monitors are also very important. We have established an international Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission (KDOM), which includes observers

drawn from the United States and European partner nations and will observe and report on freedom of movement, security and humanitarian conditions throughout Kosovo. The overt presence of the KDOM should help improve access by humanitarian relief organizations and build confidence among the parties. We will continue to insist that both parties allow complete and unimpeded access to these monitors.

Thank you again for writing. I welcome your further thoughts on these difficult issues as we move forward in the cause of peace in Kosovo.

Sincerely,

The Honorable George P. Radanovic
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515