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FROM: Sen D'Amato, Rep Smith

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August 28, 1998

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Three weeks ago, we wrote to urge you to seek immediate agreement within NATO to take direct action against those forces in Kosovo which are attacking civilian populations. Since that time, the situation has worsened significantly, and the humanitarian catastrophe about which we expressed concern seems increasingly likely to occur this winter. We therefore urge you to raise Russia's stand against NATO action forcefully with Russian President Boris Yeltsin during next week's summit and seek his agreement not to veto any United Nations Security Council resolution that may be needed to bring all NATO member states into accord that such action is urgently necessary.

We are aware of the steps now being taken by the United States and the international community to provide assistance to the hundreds of thousands that are already in desperate need, but nothing could do more to help these people than to stop the fighting now. This will prevent more people from being added to the ranks of the displaced and allow those already chased from their homes to return and rebuild. Only when Slobodan Milosevic's ability to terrorize Kosovar Albanians through his security forces is curtailed will the Yugoslav President engage in a meaningful negotiation on Kosovo's future.

Russia's opposition to NATO action now serves as an excuse for NATO's inaction. This must end. We hope you will tell President Yeltsin that a Russia committed to democratic development and international stability must not base its policies on unwarranted geopolitical concerns or claimed historical affinities to allow additional, innocent people in Kosovo to be slaughtered. Yugoslav and Serbian forces are clearly in gross violation of Helsinki principles, likely in violation of international law, and countries committed to upholding these principles and the rule of law must respond. Moreover, we hope you will tell President Yeltsin that the United States and its partners intend to act soon. Only when confronted with your expressed resolve to end the violence in Kosovo by any means necessary will Russian officials either cooperate with us or convince their Yugoslav and Serbian counterparts to cease their attacks.

We hope the upcoming summit will be successful, and wish you the best in that regard.

Sincerely,


Christopher H. Smith, M.C.
Co-Chairman
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Alfonse D'Amato, U.S.S.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN DAVIES
NSC Executive Secretariat

FROM: JANET MURGUIA
Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Attached are copies of letters sent to the President by various Members of Congress. Since these letters address national security issues, we would appreciate your assistance in drafting the responses.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call Eli Joseph at x67500.

The following is a brief description of the letters:

- 1) Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), regarding the recent summit with President Yeltsin and the pending tariff reduction decree concerning foreign investments in Russia;
- 2) Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ), following up on a prior letter requesting that the President take direct action against those forces in Kosovo that are attacking civilian populations;
- 3) Rep. Nick J. Rahall II (D-WV), regarding the President's recent trip to Ireland and TV3, Ireland's first and only domestic private television network;
- 4) Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-NY), regarding the recent summit with President Yeltsin and expressing concern over the Russian economic crisis;
- 5) Rep. Fortney Pete Stark (D-CA), Expressing concern about the ongoing political and economic crisis in Indonesia;

- 6) Rep. Nick Lampson (D-TX), regarding the recent summit with President Yeltsin and the issue of continued Russian funding for the International Space Station; and,
- 7) Rep. James T. Walsh (R-NY), regarding the President's trip to Ireland and TV3, Ireland's first and only domestic private television network.

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