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March 31, 1999

Presidential Determination

No. 99-19

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Determination Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the
Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as
Amended

Pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest that up to \$25,000,000 be made available from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet the urgent and unexpected needs of refugees and migrants.

These funds may be used to meet the urgent and unexpected needs of refugees, displaced persons, victims of conflict, and other persons at risk due to the Kosovo crisis. These funds may be used, as appropriate, to provide contributions to international and nongovernmental organizations.

You are authorized and directed to inform the appropriate committees of the Congress of this determination and the use of funds under this authority, and to arrange for the publication of this determination in the Federal Register.

William J. Clinton

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JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AUTHORIZING THE USE
OF UP TO \$25,000,000 FROM THE U.S. EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND
MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Under Section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), the President may authorize the furnishing of assistance from the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (the Fund) to meet "unexpected urgent refugee and migration" needs whenever he determines it is "important to the national interest" to do so. Section 2(f) of the Act, 22 U.S.C. 2601(f), provides that "the President may furnish assistance and make contributions under this Act notwithstanding any provision of law which restricts assistance to foreign countries."

Funds will be used to meet urgent and unexpected requirements associated with the Kosovo crisis. To the extent possible, humanitarian relief programs will reinforce and develop local capacities so as to increase the chances that activities are sustainable beyond the emergency phase. These funds will be used to provide contributions to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, other UN agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other non-governmental organizations.

An authorization for use of the Fund in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 is required to respond to the unexpected, urgent refugee and migration needs related to this crisis. The need for these funds is urgent and was not foreseen in the appropriation and programming of FY 1999 Migration and Refugee Assistance funds.

This authorization furthers the U.S. national interest by providing humanitarian support where it is urgently needed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Emergency Refugee and Migration Account Drawdown
for Kosovo

Also, 20 million
was authorized on
9/9/98

Staff Secretary

Purpose

To obtain your authorization to use up to \$25 million from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (ERMA) to meet "unexpected urgent refugee and migration" needs related to Kosovo.

Background

Under the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act, you may authorize assistance from the ERMA Fund to meet "unexpected urgent refugee and migration" needs whenever you determine it is "important to the national interest" to do so.

The State Department recommends use of the Fund in the amount of up to \$25,000,000 to respond to unexpected, urgent refugee and migration needs related to the Kosovo crisis. This \$25,000,000 is in addition to a \$25,000,000 million drawdown you authorized for Kosovo in January.

As you know, in recent days security forces of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have engaged in a systematic effort to drive ethnic Albanians out of the country. Tens of thousands of refugees have fled into Albania, Macedonia and other countries in the region. The humanitarian needs of the refugees in these countries far outstrip current available resources.

The funds made available by this authorization will be provided to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, other UN agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and other non-governmental organizations, and will support provision of food, shelter, medicines and other assistance.

The current balance of ERMA is \$67,857,659. If this authorization for use of the fund is approved, \$42,857,659 will remain.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached Presidential Determination at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Presidential Determination
Tab B Justification for Presidential Determination
Tab C Materials Provided by the Department of State

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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March 31, 1999

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ERIC SCHWARTZ *SB fw*

FROM: SCOTT BUSBY *SB*

SUBJECT: Emergency Refugee and Migration Account Drawdown
for Kosovo

Attached is a memorandum to the President and a proposed Presidential Determination on the above issue. This \$25 million ERMA drawdown is in addition to a \$25 million ERMA drawdown authorized for Kosovo in January.

The Press office and we believe that it would be useful to have Joe Lockhart announce this drawdown at today's press briefing. The President could also announce it at his drop-by with Albanian-American leaders at 2 p.m.

Concurrences by: Chuck Allen, Greg Schulte, Miles Lackey,
Susan Braden *SB fw*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Presidential Determination

Tab B Justification for Presidential Determination

Tab C Materials Provided by the Department of State



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MEMORANDUM FOR GLYN T. DAVIES
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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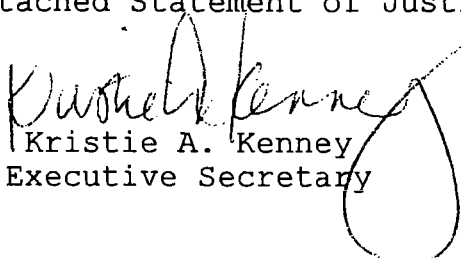
SUBJECT: Emergency Fund Drawdown for Refugees, Displaced
Persons, Conflict Victims and Other Persons at
Risk Due to the Kosovo Crisis

This memorandum recommends that the President authorize the use of up to \$25,000,000 from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (ERMA) for the humanitarian situation related to the Kosovo crisis.

The President may draw against ERMA to meet "unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs" whenever he determines that it is "important to the national interest" to do so. The Department of State believes that the President is justified in authorizing up to \$25,000,000. The need for these funds is urgent and was not foreseen in the appropriation and programming of FY 1999 Migration and Refugee Assistance funds. Such a drawdown from ERMA would further the U.S. national interest by providing humanitarian support where it is urgently needed. The Migration and Refugee Assistance appropriation for fiscal year 1999 is insufficient to meet this unexpected requirement because all funds will be fully programmed.

The current balance in ERMA is \$67,857,659. If this drawdown of \$25,000,000 is approved, \$42,857,659 will remain.

The Department of State recommends that the President sign the attached Presidential Determination, and in so doing approve the attached Statement of Justification.


Kristie A. Kenney
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Presidential Determination
2. Statement of Justification

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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