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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, I fully support NATO's current policy in Kosovo. With reports of mass killings and detentions, over a hundred thousand ethnic Albanians forced to flee their homes and become refugees and tens of thousands more internally displaced and living in the woods or on mountain slopes without access to food, water or shelter, I believe we must maintain our resolve to cripple the Yugoslav military which is responsible for these atrocities and for the ethnic cleansing of Kosovo Albanians.

However, I am deeply concerned that our failure to clearly articulate our national interest and goals in undertaking this mission -- to lay out a vision of what is necessary if NATO is to be able to declare victory -- has created a situation which may see us lose the peace, even if we are successful in our military mission. Needless to say, such clarity is all the more important if a greater degree of military commitment becomes warranted.

As the world's sole remaining superpower, I believe that we have both strategic and moral rationale for our involvement in Kosovo. As a NATO member, the United States cannot and should not be indifferent to events in Kosovo, which have profound implications for U.S. political, security, and economic interests as well as those of our European allies.

I also believe that it is critical that we send a clear and unambiguous message that ethnic cleansing, genocide, and mass rape are not acceptable. The twentieth century has witnessed too much barbarity, and we should not start the new century with a legacy that these savage acts are acceptable.

I am concerned, however, that unless the United States clearly and cogently articulates its end-game for Kosovo, we run the risk that even if we succeed in "bombing the Serbs to accept a peace plan," any such plan may be so fundamentally flawed that it

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will only serve to lay the groundwork for future violence and bloodshed in the region. It is my belief that the Administration's current policy -- that Yugoslav acceptance of the Rambouillet plan, with its apparent favor of Kosovo's independence, as a precondition for any peace plan -- runs just such a risk.

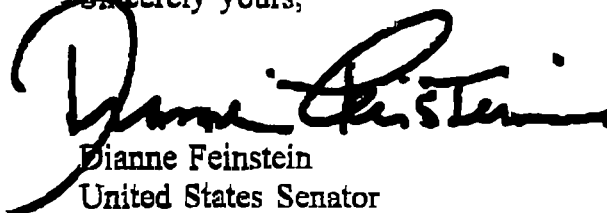
Although the United States has clear interests in peace and stability in Kosovo, as well as in preventing genocide, unless the parties themselves agree on partition there is no reason to prejudge the issue of the final status of Kosovo as an essential element of any peace plan. Indeed, I believe that U.S. interests might be best served by a "protected autonomy" for Kosovo based on the cultural and political autonomy accorded the Kosovars in the 1974 Yugoslav Constitution.

In addition, I believe the elements of a peace plan include Serb agreement to pull back all military, special police, and paramilitary units from Kosovo; allow the return of all refugees; allow the entry into Kosovo of a foreign observer force; and also allow the entry of a predominantly European peacekeeping force, perhaps drawing on Russian and other Partnership for Peace countries for participation. The foreign observers and the peacekeepers would ensure the safety of returning refugees and the political and cultural rights of Kosovo's majority Albanian population.

Mr. President, I believe our cause in Kosovo is just. But I also believe that we are on the cusp of allowing a major opportunity to set the terms for a real and lasting peace in the region pass us by -- and that to do so would compound the tragedy thus far endured by the people of Kosovo. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter, and to working with you to bring peace and justice to Kosovo.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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cc: The Honorable Samuel Berger

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