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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

June 29, 1999

Dear Ms. Brezhnev:

On behalf of President Clinton, thank you for your letter regarding the situation in Kosovo. As your letter predicted, our relationship with Russia suffered serious strains due to Russia's opposition to NATO's air campaign. Over time, we and the Russians were brought together by a common desire for a diplomatic solution and an end to violence and repression in Kosovo.

Our countries must now work together to secure the peace and to strengthen stability throughout the Balkans. That will not be easy, but I am encouraged that this difficult period in U.S.-Russian relations has created possibilities for new forms of cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlos Pascual".

Carlos Pascual
Special Assistant to the
President for Russian,
Ukrainian, and Eurasian Affairs

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March 21, 1999

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
Washington, DC

My dear Mr. President:

Like many American citizens, I cannot remain indifferent to the carnage and suffering occurring in Kosovo, and I am compelled to express my opinion about the policies of your administration with regards to this crucial nation. I believe many Americans, not only those of Russian origin, as I am, share this view.

I must preface my comments by my telling you, sir, that I was raised in Russia and am the niece of the late Leonid Brezhnev. I have lived in California since December, 1990 and am a naturalized citizen.

The suffering of the people who live in Kosovo is truly heart-breaking: ethnic Albanian orphans, hungry refugees in tatters, abandoned houses...but not only ethnic Albanians are suffering, frequently Serbs are the victims: according to recent reports seven Serbs were burned alive by ethnic Albanians. Unfortunately the ethnic Albanians are being viewed as victims of Serbian nationalism and injustice. Most Americans are not aware of the very important reason for the mutual hate between Serbs and Albanians, which has deep roots not only in the remote past but in not-so-distant history as well.

I would like to remind Americans and you personally, Mr. President, that the Serbs were the only people within Yugoslavia which fought against Hitler during the Second World War. In 1940 Hitler's Axis included almost all the countries that surround Yugoslavia. Greece and Yugoslavia were the only countries in the area that firmly refused to collaborate with nazi Germany and fascist Italy. Massive anti-fascist demonstrations spread through the country. Infuriated by the unwillingness to submit, Hitler, in April 1941, ordered the bombing of the largest Yugoslavian cities, including Belgrade. The Axis army occupied Yugoslavia and divided it into several zones. Bosnia and Herzegovina were made into a part of Croatia, a pro-fascist Independent State, ruled by ustashi. The Germans awarded control over Kosovo to the devoted ethnic Albanians, who were, at that time, among the most fanatical allies of Fascist Italy. In Croatia the local authorities built death camps, in which more than 700 thousand Serbs, Jews and Gypsies perished. The ethnic Albanians played an active role in the policy of genocide against the Serbs and others.

In response to these atrocities, the Serbs organized a powerful partisan movement, the National Front, which was headed by Tito, who was sympathetic enough to allow Albanian refugees to live on Serbian soil after the war.

With help from the Red Army the Serbs drove nazi hordes from Yugoslavia. The Serbs suffered, proportionally, the greatest losses of the Second World War: 1 million 700 thousand dead, which is almost 11% of the population.

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It was specifically this betrayal which had helped the nazis to commit their crimes, which laid the foundation for the civil war of 1992.

The declaration made to the Serbs by Secretary of State, Madeleine K. Albright, a woman who could, herself, be a grandmother, that "the strike would be hard, very hard", is all the more shocking, given that she must know, that during the second World War the Bosnian Muslims had their own SS battalions, and that it was only thanks to the heroism and courage of this small nation, Serbia, many Jews avoided a hideous death in Croatia's camps and Gestapo dungeons.

Moreover an attack on Serbia would inevitably cause conflict with Russia. For the Russians not to support the Serbs, at such a dramatic moment, would be a betrayal of the fellow slavs. Not without reason, the Serbs say that, for them, only God is greater than Russia, and if anybody would help them defend their interests, it would be the Russians. Even if Russia does not give direct military assistance to Serbia and the Russian government merely waves its fists in the air, the relationship between Russia and America, already shaky, may deteriorate further.

Taking advantage of its own military invulnerability and of Russia's economic weakness, Washington, has been attempting, with increasing frequency, to simply impose its will on other nations, departing from its role of peace keeper and acting as policeman.

For all Serbs, Kosovo is the place where their nation began; it is an inalienable part of their country, on which the ethnic Albanians are making claims. This is the cause for the Serbian aggression against Albanians in Kosovo.

I should also remind you, Mr. President, that bombing Serbia without sanction from the United Nations, would constitute a violation of international law.

Bringing other nations to their knees with bombings can not be the policy of a civilized democratic country which you represent.

Think carefully, Mr. President, before giving the order to bomb Serbian children. War is such a terrible evil, no matter who is fighting whom and for what reason.

The means for seeking a peaceful settlement have not yet been exhausted.

Respectfully.

Luba Brezhnev

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