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FROM: BERGER

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NSA CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONS:

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE ON KOSOVO STATEMENT ABOUT GRACKO MASSACRE ON
NEWSHOUR W/ JIM LEHRER

ACTION: BERGER SGD LTR

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unitary Congress*

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WASHINGTON

August 7, 1999

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I share your view on the importance of peace and stability as we strive to end the violence that has been a part of that region's history for far too long. For that reason, I am pleased that you met recently with Jim Steinberg. We both welcome hearing your thoughts on the future of southeast Europe.

Sincerely,

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August 2, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: MIRIAM SAPIRO
FROM: SAMUEL MOYN *> ON original*
SUBJECT: Correspondence on Kosovo

Mr. Milosh Milenkovich, chairman of the Serbian Unity Congress, wrote in response to your statements about the Gracko massacre on the Newshour with Jim Lehrer. Milenkovich is a Serb-American "notable" who has written many letters to Administration officials and recently met with Jim Steinberg. Milenkovich objects to your emphasis on the pain Albanians feel about the recent campaign of ethnic cleansing and fears that you came close to excusing the conduct of those who are now targeting Kosovar Serbs.

In your reply, you make clear that you have deplored the Gracko massacre and other acts of anti-Serb violence and are working hard to create a stable environment in which no one feels threat. At the same time, you warn, as you did in your CFR speech, against equating Albanian and Serb violence.

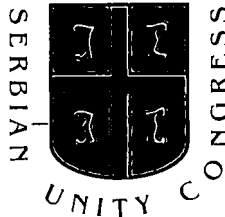
Concurrence by: Mike Hurley *ON original*

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Mr. Milenkovich.

Attachment

Tab I Proposed Response
Tab II Incoming Correspondence



To: @Kosovo

please prepare
response for SRB
signature.

SERBIAN UNITY CONGRESS

Thanks,
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July 27, 1999

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Dear Mr. Berger:

In your conversation on the Newshour with Jim Lehrer last night, you described the massacre of 14 Serb farmers at Gracko as a 'tragedy' and agreed that more needs to be done to protect the dwindling number of Serbs who now live in Kosovo. This was good to hear.

This positive impression was, unfortunately, much diminished by the fact that you seemed to explain, indeed almost to condone the massacres because of the 'anger' and 'broken hearts' among the Kosovo Albanians. This is a very dangerous road down which to proceed. It only continues to nurture the cycles of violence in the Balkans. We do not want to see some day in the future the Serbs venting their 'anger' and talking about their 'broken hearts' as a new cycle of violence asserts itself.

Contrary to the weak historical basis of much American policy, what you called a 'reign of terror' did not start with Milosevic's ascent to power. Serbs in Kosovo have suffered their own perpetual 'reign of terror' throughout this century as the Albanian leadership has pursued its long-held ambition of driving all Serbs from the province. Occasionally, when the Albanian leaders have been able to draw on outside powers such as their collaboration with the Italian fascists in World War II, their anti-Serb outrages have intensified in the form of mass killings and expulsions. This is how and why, as any census-based analysis of the Serb population in Kosovo will show, the Serb population Kosovo was relentlessly and systematically reduced from the previous majority status which it enjoyed at the beginning of this century.

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Under Tito the same pattern of anti-Serb activity continued: rapes, murders, crime of all sort was rampant. The aim was the same, to cause the Serbs to leave Kosovo. In the Tito years, the Serb proportion in Kosovo was halved. In 1981-86 the Kosovo Albanian leaders used the period of autonomy to instigate terrible anti-Serb excesses took place, once again driving Serbs from the province.

Today, the KLA and other Kosovo Albanian leaders once again scent that they have under the protection of powerful outsiders. Their reaction is utterly predictable. Mr. Lehrer described this as 'reverse ethnic cleansing.' To the uneducated eye, this is what is happening. But, in a more profound sense, what we are witnessing is the next phase of the Kosovo Albanian 'final solution' – if I may be permitted to use that highly charged term. They see the opportunity to achieve their goal of expelling the Serb population through a premeditated plan of murder, terrorism and intimidation. It is obvious: Kosovo without Serbs is an Albanian Kosovo, the foundation stone for Greater Albania.

If we acquiesce in this, as you came close to doing by speaking of 'retaliation,' then as a country we will make ourselves the accomplices of one of the century's greatest crimes, namely the deliberate and conscious expulsion of the Serbs from their ancestral homes in Kosovo.

This is where talk of 'anger' is so dangerous. It justifies irredentism by the aggrieved party, in this case the Serbs.

Time is very short to head off this danger, but the responsibility clearly lies with the KFOR troops in Kosovo. They seem to have entered Kosovo hopelessly underprepared for their tasks. Instead of getting on with the job, they are making excuses for their failures. Even allowing for the differences in Bosnia, there is a sharp contrast in the performance of SFOR there and KFOR in Kosovo. Someone somehow has to take charge of the Kosovo situation and implement a workable plan for the province. Lack of numbers is not the only problem. More pressing is the absence of an integrated strategy. An immediate priority must be measures to protect the Serbs still there and to make conditions secure enough for those who have left to return.

Otherwise, future war in the Balkans is a certainty and the resources to be pledged at the July 30 Sarajevo conference will go to waste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Milosh D. Milenkovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "D".

Milosh D. Milenkovich
President

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August 2, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: MIRIAM SAPIRO *ms*

FROM: SAMUEL MOYN *Sam*

SUBJECT: Correspondence on Kosovo

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Concurrence by: Mike Hurley *Sam*

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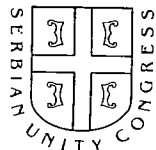
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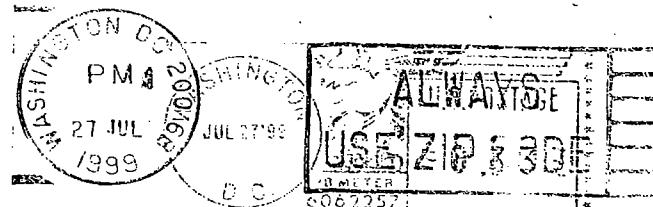
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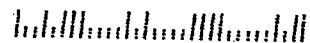
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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:

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PRESIDENT



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: M. Milenkovich

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