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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC ON
KARADZIC FOLLOW-THROUGH (9613095)

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN
CHRISTOPHER. REASON: PARAGRAPHS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. (C) EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE LETTER FROM
THE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC CONTAINED IN PARA 3.
NO/NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

3. (C) BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON JULY 19,
AMBASSADOR HOLBROOKE REPORTED TO ME ON HIS MISSION AND
DETAILED TALKS IN BELGRADE. JUST AS IN DAYTON, YOUR ROLE
WAS CRUCIAL IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT. YOUR ACTIVE

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ENGAGEMENT IS EQUALLY CRITICAL IN ASSURING THAT WHAT WAS AGREED ON JULY 18 15 STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED.

WE ARE MONITORING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND HAVE NOTED THAT SINCE MR. KARADZIC'S RESIGNATION TOOK EFFECT ON JULY 19, HE HAS NOT APPEARED IN PUBLIC. HOWEVER, PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. KRAJISNIK AND SDS LEADER BUHA HAVE REFERRED TO KARADZIC AS PRESIDENT AND CAMPAIGN MATERIALS ALLUDING TO KARADZIC HAVE APPEARED BOTH IN WESTERN EUROPE AND BOSNIA. WE ALSO HAVE INDICATIONS THAT KARADZIC IS MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH THE SDS AND IS OTHERWISE INTENT ON CLINGING TO POWER. SUCH DEVELOPMENTS RAISE DOUBTS ABOUT PALE'S COMMITMENT TO THE JULY 18 AGREEMENT.

ULTIMATELY KARADZIC MUST LEAVE BOSNIA AND FACE TRIAL BEFORE THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL. FOR NOW IT IS ESSENTIAL
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THAT KARADZIC AND THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP ADHERE TO THE JULY 18 AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS TO YOU TO ENSURE THAT THE AGREEMENT YOU WITNESSED IS STRICTLY UPHELD. IF IT IS NOT, WE WILL QUICKLY FIND OURSELVES IN THE SAME POSITION AS JUST BEFORE THE HOLBROOKE MISSION.

IN ORDER TO REVIEW BOSNIA PEACE IMPLEMENTATION, I AM NOW CONSIDERING A TRIP IN MID-AUGUST THAT MIGHT INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH YOU AND OTHER LEADERS. IT IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE ANY MEETING CAN BE SCHEDULED TO ESTABLISH THAT THE AGREEMENT ON KARADZIC IS BEING FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BY THE BOSNIAN SERB AUTHORITIES ON DAYTON IMPLEMENTATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR KORNBLUM ON AUGUST 9 IN BELGRADE AND HE WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A VISIT. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, I HOPE JOHN CAN REPORT TO ME SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THE SPECIFIC CONCERNS RAISED IN THIS LETTER.

SINCERELY,

WARREN CHRISTOPHER

END TEXT.

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