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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DATE: May 27, 1992

TO: Sec. Skinner

FROM: CLAYTON YEUTTER
Counsellor to the President for
Domestic Policy

file

Sam, I've talked with Reilly about this subject three or four times over the past several weeks, and to Charlie Black innumerable times. Charlie represents the tobacco industry, but he's also interested in the political implications.

In contrast to some of the other issues I believe Reilly is handling this one about as well as he can under the circumstances. He feels compelled to refer the matter to his Scientific Advisory Board, get their opinion, and ultimately take whatever action is deemed appropriate. This process will take us well past the Nov. election, so that should make it a non-factor politically.

The industry believes the Scientific Advisory Board to be biased against them, but Reilly feels they'll be as objective as any other group to which he might turn. And he does not believe he can procrastinate because there is so much interest in the issue.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL SKINNER

THROUGH: NICHOLAS E. CALIO *NEC*
FROM: JAMES W. DYER *WD*
SUBJECT: Call from Senator Helms

I returned Senator Helms' call to you. It is his understanding that EPA will shortly issue a risk assessment stating that environmental tobacco smoke is a class A carcinogen. Helms feels this will have a very negative political impact upon the President in North Carolina and in other tobacco states. Helms suggests that we attempt to modify or delay EPA's action.

I told him I would alert you and Clayton Yeutter. No further action is necessary on your part.

cc: Clayton Yeutter

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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DATE: May 20, 1992

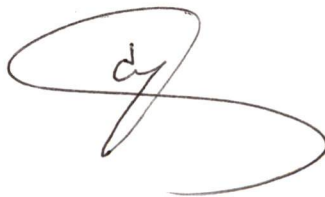
TO: Sec. Skinner

FROM: CLAYTON YEUTTER
Counsellor to the President for
Domestic Policy



Sam, for your info our spotted owl preservation plan was just introduced by Sen. Gorton, Cong. Bob Smith, and Cong. Chandler. They had a press conference which apparently went well.

I sent over a very supportive letter, and they expressed their appreciation for that.



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

February 14, 1992

*Sam: This a spunky
little guy.
Jesse*

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sam:

Please have one of your people send a picture of the President to a 12-year-old boy in Oregon who doesn't have long on this earth. I talked with him yesterday and he's perfectly charming. He admires the President very much.

I read about Cory Buchanan in the newspaper. He is now almost blind, but his terminal ailment certainly hasn't affected his personality. Incidentally, Cory's great-great-great uncle was President James Buchanan.

The boy's name and address: Master Cory Buchanan, 522 West Ballf Street, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

I do hope Cory will get the picture. In fact, if the President ever has a moment, he might want to call Cory. The number is 530-672-6801.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Jesse

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TO: MARY INGALS

CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE, Room 94, OEOB, Ext. 7610

FROM: Sam Skinner Room WW Ext. x6797

Description of photograph or photo number Please use your judgement
the picture is for a 12 yr old boy (terminally ill)

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TO: CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW SECTION, Room 76, Ext. 2916

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Attach mailing label, any correspondence and include typed address here:

NAME: Mr. Cory Buchanan
ORGANIZATION: 522 West Ballf Street
STREET: Roseburg, OR 97470
CITY/STATE:

INSCRIBE TO: Cory:

MESSAGE SHOULD READ:

☒ With best wishes

☐ Congratulations and best wishes

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News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1992
6:00 A.M. EDT EDITION

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH VOWS TO PRESS FOR BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT -- President Bush Wednesday intensified his election-year campaign for a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, telling a group of political supporters, "I believe we can win, but we've got a big fight on our hands." (Washington Post, Reuter)

ROLLINS AND JORDAN SIGN UP WITH PEROT -- Ross Perot recruited two experienced professionals to his insurgent presidential campaign Wednesday, Hamilton Jordan and Ed Rollins, in a move that further rattled an already demoralized White House and Republican establishment. (Washington Post, Washington Times, Reuter, UPI)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. SAYS FORESTRY IS ITS KEY ISSUE AT EARTH SUMMIT -- William Reilly said Wednesday that protecting the world's forestry resources was the main American concern at the U.N. conference. (UPI, Washington Post)

EXILED HAITI LEADER CHIDES U.S. ON RESPONSE TO COUP -- Jean-Bertrand Aristide asked the U.S. and other countries in the hemisphere Wednesday to stop talking about democracy and start taking direct action to restore it, beginning with the interception of oil tankers bound for Port-au-Prince. (New York Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday evening)

PEROT TEAM -- Ross Perot has managed to steal the day from President Bush and Bill Clinton by hiring two of Washington's leading insiders to run his campaign.

EARTH SUMMIT -- The Earth Summit began in Rio; President Bush is under fire from the haves and the have nots.

ECONOMY -- Orders to U.S. factories rose 1% in April.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH VOWS TO PRESS FOR BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

President Bush Wednesday intensified his election-year campaign for a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, telling a group of political supporters, "I believe we can win, but we've got a big fight on our hands."

Bush held a series of White House meetings on the proposed balanced budget amendment, speaking to Republican and Democratic supporters and a gathering of groups that back the measure.

Director Darman, briefing reporters on the Administration's position, acknowledged Wednesday that "this is going to be an extraordinarily difficult vote in the House," although, he added, "We're within striking distance." In the Senate, he said, "the opposition is formidable, to say the least."

Not all Republicans are enthusiastic about the proposal, warning that without a provision that would require a three-fifths majority to approve new taxes, the balanced budget amendment could result in tax increases. "To be candid about it, we never thought it was going to pass before," said Rep. Weber. "Everybody else is quite enthusiastic, all for political reasons," he said. "They just think it's a great political issue."

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A4)

Darman Says U.S. Debt Like Second Mortgage Without House

Saying the nation's debt buildup was like a second mortgage "without the house," Director Darman plugged Wednesday for a balanced budget amendment before a partly skeptical press.

"We need the force of the Constitution behind this to force a political system not now functioning correctly to get done a job that it has demonstrated clearly it will not do in the current system," Darman told a news conference at the White House.

But Darman was grilled by some reporters who wanted to know why Bush did not try to balance the budget now or exercise more leadership on the issue with Congress if the matter was so important.

Darman replied that "the President has been trying very hard," but that it was difficult to draw attention to the issue -- including from the press. "This is a boring topic, you all are not terribly interested in it, it doesn't get much coverage; it is so hard to get people to look at this stuff seriously," Darman told reporters.

(Susan Cornwell, Reuter)

ROLLINS AND JORDAN SIGN UP WITH PEROT

Ross Perot recruited two experienced professionals to his insurgent presidential campaign Wednesday, Hamilton Jordan and Ed Rollins, in a move that further rattled an already demoralized White House and Republican establishment.

At a joint news conference in Dallas, both Jordan and Rollins said they decided to break with politics as usual and join the Texas billionaire after concluding that neither party offered any hope of breaking the political gridlock in Washington or solving the nation's fundamental problems.

Sources said Wednesday that Sam Skinner held a private luncheon with Secretary Baker, and that Skinner is considering bringing in a new deputy chief of staff to work with or replace Henson Moore, with some of Baker's top aides on his list.

Both White House and Baker aides denied such a scenario was discussed at the lunch. One senior official said President Bush "is if anything determined to not make any quick changes right now or it would look like full-scale panic."

Several Republicans bitterly said the Bush team was to blame for harboring grudges against Rollins for his often impolitic criticisms of the President, and declining when he offered his services earlier this year. "You can blame this on the President," one prominent Republican said. "He was so angry with Ed that he made sure he'd have no role in 1992, and Ed can't sit out a presidential campaign like this. They lost him."

(Ann Devroy & Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

Hired Guns Ready To Ride With Texan

Hamilton Jordan and Ed Rollins joined Ross Perot's undeclared presidential campaign Wednesday in a bipartisan effort to topple the two-party system that launched their careers.

"I think the issue is the future and not the past," Rollins said. "I think... getting the economy moving again, creating a change in the way Washington works, is probably going to take someone like Mr. Perot."...

Vice President Quayle criticized Perot's opposition to the Gulf War. "His judgment at that critical time was flawed and judging from his recent statements (about the war) he still does not understand," Quayle told reporters during a trip to Florida.

(Major Garrett, Washington Times, A1)

Top GOP, Democratic Strategists To Join Perot Campaign

Ross Perot Wednesday hired top Democratic and Republican strategists to guide his likely White House bid.

Said Rollins: "We need leadership. We need to break this impasse in Washington today... get the economy moving." Rollins said Bush had led the country well when foreign policy skills were paramount, including his Gulf War leadership, but that Perot was the man to lead America out of the economic doldrums.

"The vulnerability the President has is that the American public today is looking to the future, not the past, and I think that obviously when you've been around for as long as he has... it's awfully hard to be the change-agent," he said.

(Robert Doherty, Reuter)

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Perot Takes Spotlight As Primaries End

On the day President Bush and Bill Clinton should have started their face-to-face battle, Ross Perot Wednesday announced two old political pros would run his still unannounced campaign....

Meanwhile, Richard Bond said on ABC's "Good Morning America," "These polls are fairy tales right now. Ross Perot hasn't faced the voters in a single state. He doesn't have a specific stand on a single issue. He offers very vague propositions of principle to the American people, which are contradictory.

"When the leveling process starts that the media and political opponents will do in the fall, it'll be a totally different picture, and while I take the Perot factor very seriously, with anyone who spends hundreds of millions of dollars to buy the presidency... in the end, George Bush will be re-elected." (UPI)

NETWORKS SNUB BUSH, WON'T AIR NEWS CONFERENCE LIVE

Pushed by calls for a major staff shake-up and defections to Ross Perot's surging presidential campaign, President Bush hopes to recharge his stumbling campaign Thursday. Bush plans a series of news conferences starting Thursday night to bypass the press and take his case to American voters. But the networks indicated they won't carry the news conference live.

Decisions to schedule a news conference and to start the formal campaign two weeks earlier than usual came as Ed Rollins announced plans to join Ross Perot. Several other Republican officials who worked in the 1988 campaign also are considering jumping the Bush-Quayle ship, according to GOP officials.

Torie Clarke said Perot's hiring of Rollins underscored GOP claims that Perot isn't as independent as he claims. "It does belie his hoped-for image as an outsider," Clarke said.

The defection highlighted a week marked by White House and re-election campaign staff backstabbing as well as criticism from outside GOP advisers who are calling for major staff shake-ups.

"We've dropped 15 points in the polls in six weeks. No one is in charge. Logic dictates that something should happen," said a senior Administration official.

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A4)

KEMP SAYS NO TAX SHELTERS IN BUSH'S ENTERPRISE ZONES

Secretary Kemp said Wednesday that President Bush's plan to establish enterprise zones in inner cities will not allow the areas to become tax shelters for unscrupulous investors.

Testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, Kemp said, "We don't want to turn an enterprise zone into a tax haven. I'm not looking for a Cayman Islands in Watts. The benefit of a zero capital gains tax would only go to an investor and an entrepreneur who increases the wealth of the community.... That's the way the law will be drafted," he said.

The aim of the enterprise zone plan is to create jobs, not to lure businesses from the suburbs to the inner cities, Kemp said. "The purpose of the incentives will be... to encourage entrepreneurship, to get men and women -- particularly minority men and women -- access to capital and seed corn and venture capital," he said.

(Carleton Bryant, Washington Times, A3)

RTC LEGAL STAFF SHAKE-UP

The federal legal team that has been pursuing former S&L officials is being dismantled just as the government is facing critical deadlines in its effort to go after wrongdoers and recover money for taxpayers.

The action, taken by top officials at the RTC, has thrown the legal staff into turmoil, jeopardizing potential civil lawsuits against officers, directors, attorneys and accountants of failed S&Ls, according to the GAO. Various agency sources said the shake-up is widely viewed as a battle for control between managers of the division and other agency lawyers. Some RTC sources noted, however, that there had been sharp disagreements between the division and the RTC general counsel's office over the division's aggressive approach. (Susan Schmidt, Washington Post, A1)

**FOREST SERVICE CHIEF ORDERS 'ECOLOGICAL APPROACH'
TO MANAGING U.S. WOODLANDS**

U.S. Forest Service field officers are being ordered Thursday to start running the 156 national forests on an "ecosystem management" basis that could reduce by 70% the controversial practice of clear-cutting timber and result in more environmentally sensitive stewardship of the nation's 191 million acres of federally owned forests.

Forest Service Chief Dale Robertson ordered the services field staff to implement within 90 days new strategies for managing U.S. forests on the basis of several principles that place a new emphasis on protecting wildlife habitat, ensuring clean air and water and outdoor recreation as well as production of timber on national lands. (Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A11)

3 REBUKED IN 'FRIENDLY FIRE' DEATH

The Army, in the first known punishment of officers held responsible for a "friendly fire" death in the Persian Gulf War, has issued letters of reprimand accusing three men of negligence on the battlefield. Such a reprimand, if placed in an officer's permanent record, is generally regarded as damning to prospects for promotion. Two of the officers have already left the Army or announced plans to leave, but a third now finds his career hanging in the balance. (Barton Gellman, Washington Post, A1)

'STAR WARS' FOUND TO VIOLATE TREATY

Top analysts in the Pentagon's "Star Wars" program have concluded that even the most rudimentary defense from nuclear attack would violate the ABM treaty. But SDI Director Dr. Henry Cooper said Wednesday that his agency had not adopted this view.

The finding that a planned deployment of 100 land-based interceptors clashes with the 1972 ABM treaty is spelled out in a 112-page draft of a report scheduled to be sent to Congress this month by the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, which runs the "Star Wars" program. Although critics have frequently charged that the 100-interceptor deployment would violate the treaty, this is the first time Pentagon analysts have said as much.

(William Broad, New York Times, A7)

HOUSE VOTES TO CUT OVERSEAS FORCES

The House, opening debate on a \$274 billion military budget, approved plans Wednesday to reduce sharply the number of troops stationed abroad and to force U.S. allies to shoulder a greater share of their defense.

The package is \$7 billion less than President Bush has proposed for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The Bush Administration said it opposes the legislation, citing a \$1.1 billion cut in Bush's \$5.4 billion request for SDI and inventory reductions it says would hurt troop movement.

The House overwhelmingly approved a measure that would increase the bill paid by South Korea and NATO allies by about \$6 billion for the cost of stationing U.S. troops in those countries. The vote was 396-9.

In a surprise, lawmakers approved a measure reducing the overall defense bill by \$3.5 billion by cutting funds for U.S. troops in Europe, Japan and South Korea. The vote was 220-185.

(AP, Washington Post, A5)

RECESSION JOB LOSSES HIGHER THAN REPORTED

The Labor Department said Wednesday that 2.2 million payroll jobs were lost in the last recession, a figure that is one-third higher than the government's previous job-loss estimate.

Officials said they are still at a loss to totally explain how such a huge error could have been made, but William Barron, acting commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said that there was "absolutely nothing that would support" a charge that politics influenced the government's statistics-gathering process.

The new estimate showed that 2.2 million jobs were lost between June 1990, the month before the recession officially began, and January of this year. Under the old figures, the job loss for that same period had been put at 1.68 million, 32% below the new estimate.

"Today's figures should put to rest once and for all the myth that this recession was mild or shallow," said Sen. Sarbanes. "These figures more accurately represent what American workers have known all along -- that this was a severe recession and a disaster for workers, who saw 2.2 million jobs disappear."

(Martin Crutsinger, Washington Post, D9)

FACTORY ORDERS FEED RECOVERY

Manufacturing continues to power an unsteady economic recovery. The Commerce Department said Wednesday that orders for factory goods rose 1% in April to \$243.8 billion -- a fourth straight monthly increase.

"Chances of relapse into recession are fading as manufacturing picks up speed," says Gary Schlossberg, economist at Wells Fargo.

(Beth Belton, USA Today, 1B)

**U.S. AUTO MAKERS' RECOVERY PICKED UP
SPEED IN MAY AS JAPAN RIVALS FALTERED**

DETROIT -- The U.S. auto industry's recovery gathered more steam in late May, as Detroit's Big Three grabbed sales and market share from their Japanese rivals.

Sales from late May and the entire month indicated that buyers were turning away from Japanese cars in favor of cars and light trucks built by the Big Three auto makers. The shift is a sign that recent price increases by the major Japanese auto makers are giving Detroit a long-awaited opening to win back consumers.

Domestically built cars sold at a seasonally adjusted pace of 6.5 million vehicles in the May 21-31 period. That's relatively flat compared with the sales pace in mid-May and a year earlier. But it was enough to give May a 6.3-million-vehicle sales pace - the best in more than 18 months.

(Bradley Stertz, Wall Street Journal, A2)

GREENSPAN: INFLATION FEARS 'MAJOR THREAT' TO RECOVERY

TORONTO -- Alan Greenspan said Wednesday the economy's recovery is threatened by expectations that inflation may escalate in the years ahead. Greenspan, speaking with reporters at an international bankers conference here, said "there is almost no evidence of inflation emerging as a key factor in the next two or three years."

But medium and long-term interest rates, particularly for the U.S. Treasury's 30-year bond, are higher than they should be, he said. Greenspan said that's a reflection of worries from private economists and bond traders "that inflation will reemerge in years farther out," partially because of the huge federal budget deficit.

"The major threat at this particular point is the inflationary expectation," Greenspan said. Those expectations may force rates higher, which would "begin to constrict the capacity of the overall economy to expand."

(Rob Wells, AP, Washington Post, D11)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Mrs. Rollins, Resigned To Reality," by Martha Sherrill, appears in the Washington Post, page C1.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. SAYS FORESTRY IS ITS KEY ISSUE AT EARTH SUMMIT

RIO DE JANEIRO -- William Reilly said Wednesday that protecting the world's forestry resources was the main American concern at the U.N. conference. But Reilly failed to announce any new expenditures for this area apart from the \$150 million in additional funds recently announced by the Bush Administration.

Reilly said that while the U.S. believes "each country must pay the major share of its environmental efforts," the Bush Administration recognizes the "need for outside resources to assist developing nations." Reilly said "economic growth can and is to be the engine of environmental improvement." He said the U.S. also "strongly supports" the revised climate change agreement -- a document pledging countries to voluntarily reduce greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. (Hugo Coya, UPI)

U.N. Earth Summit Opens With Calls To Save Planet

RIO DE JANEIRO -- Representatives of nearly every government assembled here Wednesday to inaugurate the world's first high-level peace conference between man and his environment.

The U.S. has pledged \$50 million to the Global Environment Facility, \$25 million in bilateral aid for developing countries to inventory their energy uses and \$150 million to help the Third World preserve forests.

The Bush Administration has made it clear that no more money will be coming, fueling criticism here that the world's wealthiest nation is shirking its duty. William Reilly found himself having to defend Washington at every turn of the opening day. "It's been a character-building experience for me," quipped Reilly.

(Michael Weisskopf & Julia Preston, Washington Post, A20)

OAS, U.S. DENOUNCE PRIME MINISTER CHOICE IN HAITI

The State Department and the OAS criticized Wednesday the naming of an opponent of ousted Haitian President Aristide to head the military-controlled government.

OAS Secretary General Baena Soares said the choice of Marc Bazin as Haitian prime minister was a "political delaying maneuver" and a continuation of the Sept. 30 military coup. Richard Boucher said the naming of a prime minister should be by consensus and "this is not the case" given that Aristide had no role in the decision. Both men said any solution to the Haitian crisis must include the return of Aristide. (Herman Beals, UPI)

EXILED HAITI LEADER CHIDES U.S. ON RESPONSE TO COUP

Jean-Bertrand Aristide asked the U.S. and other countries in the hemisphere Wednesday to stop talking about democracy and start taking direct action to restore it, beginning with the interception of oil tankers bound for Port-au-Prince. Aristide said that sooner or later a naval blockade of Haiti might be necessary to bring down the military government.

While avoiding direct criticism of the Bush Administration, Aristide delivered a bitter and sarcastic indictment against "friends of democracy" who he said seem unable to act to support it.

"They say: 'We will give democracy to them, we are with them. We will tighten the embargo,'" he said in an interview. "But when we saw more tankers arriving in Haiti only four days ago with oil, we thought, 'is this the best way to tighten an embargo?'"

(Barbara Crossette, New York Times, A10)

**AMERICAN GOODS FIND WAY TO HAITI
DESPITE EFFORT TO TIGHTEN EMBARGO**

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- The seven-month-old trade embargo against Haiti is springing new leaks despite tough talk by nations in the hemisphere, and one of the main sources of merchandise reaching the island is the U.S.

The embargo has had a devastating effect on Haiti's large majority of peasants and slum dwellers, but the country's upper classes continue to find ways to circumvent it. While some goods are scarce and prices have soared, hurting the poor, products ranging from cosmetics to soft drinks are still available for more affluent Haitians.

Diplomats, business owners and analysts here say the U.S. is one major source of products banned. Although U.S. officials have talked from time to time about cracking down on contraband traffic, there is little evidence that the flow has been stanching, sources here say.

(Lee Hockstader, Washington Post, A24)

U.S. SUSPENDS NICARAGUAN AID AT LAWMAKERS' REQUEST

The Bush Administration has quietly suspended assistance to Nicaragua at the request of members of Congress who are troubled by that country's economic program and continued Sandinista influence within the government.

The aid suspension was imposed at the request of Rep. Obey and Sen. Helms. In addition to criticizing Sandinista influence, Helms had faulted the government of President Chamorro for its failure to compensate 200 U.S. citizens whose property in Nicaragua was seized.

Bush Administration officials agree there is room for improvement in Nicaragua but they credit Mrs. Chamorro for having slashed the inflation rate, thereby laying the groundwork for a more vibrant economy. The officials contend that an extended aid cutoff would put Nicaragua in arrears with international financial institutions, leading to a suspension in assistance flows and wiping out the economic stabilization gains of the past two years.

(George Gedda, AP)

U.N. CURBS ON BELGRADE QUESTIONED

U.N. -- A dispute has broken out in the Security Council over whether Belgrade controls Serb militias fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina and whether U.N. sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia will have their desired goal.

One of the aims of the sanctions is to force Belgrade to use its influence over Serb militias in Bosnia to stop fighting. But a report by Secretary General Boutros-Ghali received by the Security Council an hour after it voted the sanctions on Saturday, notes that the Serb militias under the command of Gen. Ratko Mladic are "independent actors." Boutros-Ghali adds that these forces are "subject neither to the authority of Belgrade nor to that of the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

However, a U.S. official noted that Gen. Mladic "was appointed by Belgrade, he was armed by Belgrade, and as far as we know Serb irregulars don't have an air force (a reference to air attacks), so we still put that monkey on their back."

(Trevor Rowe, Washington Post, A21)

SERBS RIDDLE HOSPITAL VEHICLE

BELGRADE -- Serb forces machine-gunned a Red Cross hospital bus and shelled an apartment complex in Sarajevo Wednesday, killing four persons, witnesses and U.N. officials said.

The U.S. expressed "outrage" at the attacks and accused the Serbian government of deliberately keeping Sarajevo airport and the roads to the city closed to humanitarian relief efforts.

"We've been outraged by the attacks on the convoys," Richard Boucher said. "You've seen attacks on clearly marked convoys with U.N. markings. You've seen attacks on Red Cross convoys. You've seen attacks on hospital vans, as well as on innocent people."

(Mark Heinrich, Reuter, Washington Times, A7)

KOHL REASSURES BUSH ON NATO

BONN -- Chancellor Kohl, trying to calm U.S. fears that a new German-French military force will undermine NATO, has sent a letter to President Bush offering assurances of loyalty to the alliance, German officials said here Wednesday.

The chancellor's intention is to "again make it clear that this is not directed against NATO," according to a Kohl aide, who said the letter had been sent in the past two days.

(Special to the Washington Post, A22)

CHINESE CHECKERS ON HILL TRY AGAIN

House members Wednesday introduced a bill that would put strict conditions on renewal of favorable trade status for China.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Pease, requires that China improve its human rights record, stop selling weapons to unstable countries and cease unfair trade practices against the U.S. A similar measure was expected to be introduced Thursday in the Senate.

(Anne Veigle, Washington Times, C1)

NORTH KOREA IS FAR FROM A-BOMB, VIDEO INDICATES

A video recording of a visit by international nuclear experts to a formerly secret nuclear installation in North Korea suggests the facility is far from ready to produce enough plutonium to make atomic weapons, according to IAEA officials.

David Kyd, information director of the IAEA, said that the video shows an "extremely primitive" facility that was visited in mid-May by IAEA Director General Hans Blix and accompanying nuclear experts.

CIA Director Gates testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee Feb. 25 that North Korea is "a few months to as much as a couple years" from producing a nuclear weapon. Such intelligence reports had provided the basis for increasingly tough U.S. warnings to North Korea and an emerging atmosphere of crisis. Wednesday, a senior Administration official defended the earlier U.S. intelligence data, saying the "intelligence was admittedly vague" and most news media reporting about it had focused on the "worst case" side of the range of estimates provided by officials.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A18)

U.S. SUSPENDS EXERCISES PLANNED WITH JORDAN

The U.S. has decided to suspend planned military exercises with Jordan because the kingdom has failed to stop banned goods flowing through its territory to Iraq, officials said Wednesday.

The decision was made by President Bush after he was informed that despite a personal commitment from King Hussein to stem the flow, U.S. intelligence had reported the smuggling was unabated, said officials.

(Ruth Sinai, AP)

SHELL OIL EX-CHIEF TO BE NAMED SAUDI ENVOY

President Bush plans to name Shell Oil Co. chairman John F. Bookout, 69, as ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

So far, there is no indication that Bookout has taken any public position on any of the Middle East's chronic conflicts, including the Arab-Israeli dispute. In his years at Shell, Bookout was a favorite of reporters and oil industry analysts, who described him as accessible and cool under fire.

The only sour note about Bookout's career appears to be his inclusion on TransAfrica's list of one of the "Faces Behind Apartheid" because of Shell's business activities in segregated South Africa.

(Thomas Lippman, Washington Post, A27)

NETWORK NEWS

(Wednesday evening, June 3)

PEROT TEAM

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with Ross Perot. He may not be the classic politician, but he certainly knows how to play the game. Mr. Perot, who advertises himself as being an outsider, has managed to steal the day after the primary season from President Bush and Governor Clinton by hiring two of Washington's leading insiders to run his campaign for the presidency. Ed Rollins is a Republican. Hamilton Jordan is a Democrat. What they have in common is a knowledge of how to push all the right political buttons.

ABC's Jim Wooten reports they may be an odd political couple but their credentials are impressive. Both said today they are now fully committed to Perot's presidential pursuit.

(Jordan: "I think the possibilities of a Perot presidency are more exciting and promising to me personally than the certainty of what either a Bush or Clinton presidency would mean for this country.)

(Rollins: "I think the vulnerability the President has with the American public today is looking to the future not the past. And I think that obviously when you've been around for as long as he has and many of his advisers, it's awful hard to be the change agent.")

The President had no comment. For weeks now the President and Clinton have tried to ignore Mr. Perot's rising popularity -- to treat it as a passing fancy based on symbol. But now with two respected and recognized pros running his campaign, their campaigns have good reason to be frightened. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Ross Perot, the self described innocent of presidential politics, demonstrated again today his shrewd sense of timing and publicity. One day after he diverted most of the attention from President Bush and Bill Clinton's primary victories, Perot introduced his new campaign generals -- one from each side.

NBC's Lisa Myers reports Perot quickly gave the competition more to worry about. Perot today hired two big names: Ed Rollins and Hamilton Jordan.

(Jordan: "President Bush and Governor Clinton are both well intentioned good men. I think that Mr. Perot is the future of this country.")

Political pros called Perot's broad-based appeal phenomenal.

(Mervin Field, pollster: "The question today is now whether this is an infatuation or long-lasting love. But the way it looks, it looks like real love.")

Jennings: Let's go to John Cochran at the White House where the President first tried to ignore Perot and then realized he could not.

Cochran: The President has told aides that Ross Perot is a real threat, and today the President sounded as though he expects the fight of his life. The President admitted in a teleconference to California Republicans that he now has two rivals.

(President Bush: "So far I have not attacked my opponent. In fact, I don't think you can point to one single remark against either one of them. But when that convention of ours is over, I'm coming out of there with my sleeves rolled up ready to take this fight to every precinct in this country.")

Meanwhile, campaign chairman Bob Teeter is pushing Bush to be more aggressive in selling himself and his policies. Aides say Bush himself is frustrated that he is not getting his messages to the public.

(TV coverage of President Bush shaking hands in a crowd.)

He complains privately that TV networks broadcast only brief soundbites. So Bush will hold a rare primetime news conference tomorrow in the East Room, the setting Ronald Reagan's handlers chose.

(TV coverage of President Bush giving speech in East Room.)

Bush used to think elaborate nighttime interrogations were phony and pretentious. Bush's aides hoped for a big primetime audience tomorrow. But so far only CNN has agreed to a live broadcast. Bush may not be attacking Perot yet. But today Dan Quayle took aim at Perot's opposition to the Gulf War.

(Quayle: "If you look at Ross Perot's judgement on the Persian Gulf, it was wrong.")

Besides attacking Perot's judgement, the President's surrogates are also looking for any character faults they can find -- anything to slow down the Ross Perot express. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: Further evidence today that there's never been a presidential race like this one. The primaries are over, and the biggest winner wasn't even on the ballot -- independent Ross Perot. Perot is campaigning as an outsider, but today he hired a couple of insiders.

CBS's Eric Engberg reports Perot put Ed Rollins and Hamilton Jordan into top campaign posts.

(Rollins: "The most critical thing that we all feel is that we need leadership -- we need to break this impasse that's going on in Washington today.")

The ability to attract such veterans adds to the luster of a candidate who has already convinced many skeptics he could win or at the least ensure a three-way campaign like nothing ever seen before.

(David Garth, campaign consultant: "That's a quintessential anti-politician.... This is Mr. Smith goes to Washington. This is a Frank Capra movie.")

(Eddie Mahe, campaign consultant: "The agenda for Ross Perot is not issues. The agenda for Ross Perot is change: 'I am the agent of change. I will kick butt and I will make it happen.'")

His campaign strategy according to informed sources rests on a triangle of mega-states worth 111 electoral votes: Texas, Californian and Florida. Blitzing these big states with TV ads, Perot hopes to keep looking like a winner while going after others.

(CBS-Lead)

RATHER-PEROT INTERVIEW/ECONOMY

Rather: Last night Perot told me what he will do about the economy if he is elected president.

Perot: Move heaven and earth to stop the deficit spending. Get a real Gramm-Rudman as fast as I can. Then you will see me buried in meetings to stop the declining job base. That's the declining tax base also.... We have got to turn that around and have a growing dynamic job base. There's only one way to do it: Let's have the words "made in the U.S.A." the world standard for excellence again.

Rather: ...Can I quote you as saying, "Read my lips. No new taxes"?

Perot: No, you can't ever quote me as saying anything that stupid....

Rather: ...No new taxes?

Perot: ...I would only consider raising taxes if all else failed.... In the unlikely event that it ever occurred, it would be after we had a grass roots consensus that this was the right thing to do for the country and we were doing it in a fair way.
(CBS-2)

PEROT/BUSH-QUAYLE STRATEGY

Rather: The Bush-Quayle reelection team is now described by some Republicans as being in disarray and reeling -- looking for strategy, some strategy for dealing with Perot. Susan [Spencer], what, if anything, have they come up with so far?

CBS's Susan Spencer: They've come up with one thing for sure. In fact, President Bush's consternation at being constantly drowned out by Ross Perot prompted him today to announce that he will have a primetime news conference tomorrow night from the White House East Room. Now, this is only the second time in his entire presidency that he has done this. Asked if this wasn't something of a stunt or if it wouldn't look like a stunt, one campaign official said, I thought rather frankly, "Well, it does give him good face time with people." That apparently is what the campaign thinks he needs to look presidential but at the same time to have some forum for appealing to the ordinary voter. You can translate that: the Perot voter. With that perhaps in mind, he's also stepping up his calls for a balanced budget amendment -- a constitutional amendment to force Congress to balance the budget. Now, he has never submitted a balanced budget, but the White House clearly thinks that this gives him a way to fight against Congress -- fight against the hated spend-thrift ways of Washington. He won't take on his real opponents until after the convention. He stressed that again today, but he told some California supporters today that after that he's going to roll up his sleeves, he's going to fight, and he said he's going to win.
(CBS-3)

PRIMARIES

NBC's John Chancellor reports the primaries has brought us two candidates for president who should be triumphant but who look instead as though they've been in a meat grinder. George Bush's campaign lacks luster, his staff is in disarray, and his poll numbers are in the cellar. (NBC-11)

WOMEN IN ELECTIONS

ABC's Cokie Roberts says although women in both parties are doing well so far, Democrats might expect to benefit from something else voters tell the exit pollsters. Most Republicans disagree with their own party's anti-abortion stance.

(Neil Newhouse, Republican consultant: "It's definitely a potential problem. And it poses a problem for the Bush campaign.") Issues like abortion might play a role this year, but the main thing women candidates have going for them is the voters' readiness to throw the bums out. And, many say, bums is a masculine noun. (CBS-4, NBC-13, ABC-2)

EARTH SUMMIT

Brokaw reports the earth summit began today in Rio. Battle lines are already drawn between the haves and the have-nots. President Bush is under fire from both sides.

NBC's Ed Rabel says just to reverse current world pollution would cost \$650 billion a year -- \$125 billion of it in direct payments from the U.S. and other industrial powers, according to summit coordinator Maurice Strong.

(Strong: "Under the polluter-pays principle those who create the damage should pay for it. And, of course, we in the industrialized countries are creating most of it. And therefore we need to pay for most of it.")

That is the demand of the southern nations here, and it is being challenged by the northern nations led by the U.S.

(William Reilly: "We can only hope that this story or this line on the U.S. will become tedious and wear a little thin with time.") But many of the world's environmentalists who have launched their own alternative conference here aren't buying the U.S. arguments. What is more, the U.S. and President Bush are being painted as the villains. Some ecologists say Mr. Bush dashed their hope for a cleaner environment by watering down an agreement on global warming and by rejecting a proposal to protect plants, animals and natural resources. (NBC-3)

Rather reports Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said both rich and poor nations are to blame for destruction of the environment and endangering the planet. But as correspondent Doug Tunnell reports, the U.S. and President Bush are taking large portions of the criticism.

Tunnell reports most environmentalists here say the only thing President Bush wants to protect are his chances at the polls in November.

(TV coverage of President Bush fishing.)

From here in Rio, the Bush Administration appears to be not just a little schizophrenic when it comes to the environment. Just imagine a government of a major industrial country in the north that is responsible for about one quarter of all the CO2 emissions in the world and whose leader calls himself the environment president.

(TV coverage of President Bush in a boat in the everglades.)

But this president forced the U.N. to water down a global clear air accord and refuses to sign another agreement to further protect endangered species.

(William Reilly: "The financing mechanism is not one that we support nor one that we agreed to in the negotiations for the climate treaty. And therefore we cannot sign.")

Environmentalists say President Bush, the leader of the most powerful nation on earth, held this conference hostage by threatening not to come to Rio until he got his way.

(unidentified man: "The U.S. government is mostly part of the problem and not so much part of the solution.") (ABC-14, CBS-5)

ENVIRONMENT/MERCURY POISONING

CBS's Bob Faw reports Florida's everglades are sick from mercury poisoning. And even though mercury has turned up in the water of 21 states, the federal government isn't doing much about it.

(Henry Cole, National Clean Water Action: "The Bush Administration is so short sighted that when they see the word mercury all they want to do is look the other way because it means some economic problem to some of the big polluters.") (CBS-14)

ECONOMY

Jennings reports there's some strength in the manufacturing sector. Orders to U.S. factories rose 1% in April. It's the fourth consecutive gain and the first time that has taken place in four years. (ABC-9)

UNEMPLOYMENT

Brokaw reports it may be only a coincidence, but the Labor Department waited until after the primaries to announce that 2,200,000 payroll jobs were lost during the recession. And that's a third higher than earlier estimates of job losses. (NBC-2)

Rather reports the Labor Department was forced to admit today that it seriously undercounted how many Americans lost jobs in the recession. It turns out almost two-and-a-quarter million were cut from payrolls -- one third more than was officially reported. Bush Administration officials say they don't know how they made the mistake. They denied it had to do with political motivation. (CBS-6)

AIDS

Jennings reports there is a new forecast today on the spread of AIDS: much more pessimistic than any of the projections we have seen before. Researchers at the international AIDS Center at Harvard University warn that the spread of AIDS will be in their words "explosive, disastrous and quite probably unstoppable."

ABC's George Strait reports the Harvard group says previous studies by the World Health Organization were too conservative, and that by the year 2000 the number of people worldwide infected with the AIDS virus could be 110 million -- 2 million in the U.S. That's twice as many as earlier estimates. And as the epidemic grows, the amount being spent to control it is going down.

(Dr. Mann, Harvard International AIDS Center: "Our national AIDS efforts in this country are not up to the task. Unfortunately, we wish we could say America is a model but we can't.") (ABC-4)

SEX DISCRIMINATION/NAVY

NBC's Jim Miklaszewski reports the sex scandal involves at least 70 officers and elite Naval aviators, but it has shaken the entire Navy to its core. The incident occurred last September at a Las Vegas hotel during a convention of Navy fliers. According to the Navy, 26 women -- half of them Navy officers -- were molested and fondled when they were forced to run a gauntlet of male officers. Six officers could be court martialed on assault charges. Sixty-four others face possible disciplinary action. In a memo released Tuesday, Secretary of the Navy Lawrence Garrett said the Navy cannot and will not tolerate the demeaning and insensitive behavior and attitudes of the past. The Navy insists it's going to crack down with warnings from the top brass. But Navy officials admit it'll take years for the old and now unacceptable traditions to die. (NBC-4)

TIANANMEN SQUARE ANNIVERSARY

Jennings reports it was 3 years ago today that Chinese soldiers massacred hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators at Tiananmen Square.

ABC's Todd Carrel reports today a man came out in the square and began to unfurl a banner, and we ran to take pictures of him. Plain clothes policeman descended on us and the man and began beating us and grabbing him. Later they brought us across the square and led us into a jeep where they beat us again and later detained us.

Jennings says Asia Watch reports that many more pro-democracy activists were arrested 3 years ago than Chinese officials admitted. Hundreds of them, according to Asia Watch, are still being held. (CBS-13, ABC-5)

-End of B-Section-

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health Insurance -- "In the public debate over the accessibility of health insurance, the Bush Administration has fended off demands for national health insurance and appropriately has argued for an expanded role for private insurance. But if the President is to convince Americans that he is right, he will need to show that the private system is indeed up to the task. Mr. Bush has an opportunity to do that by opposing a recent federal appellate court decision that said employers may revoke the health insurance coverage of employees who develop costly illnesses. Although the case involves a Houston man [John McGann] who developed AIDS, it has implications for millions of Americans with chronic diseases.... Allowing the private sector to walk away at the first sign of trouble will be an invitation for disaster."

(Dallas Morning News, 5/26)

ABORTION

Bush Should Let His Party Put Abortion To Floor Vote -- "'The unborn child,' said the 1988 GOP plank, 'has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.' Lots of Republicans, including George Bush, want to keep such a position in the party platform. But lots of others, and probably a majority, do not.... Bush and the Republican convention ought to allow a floor vote on this issue. It is a national, not just a regional, issue. It is important to millions of Republicans. There is an active dispute. Nothing could be more fair, even for those who disagree with the outcome, than to conduct an open democratic vote on the abortion plank of the GOP platform at this convention of the national party in Houston."(Buffalo News, 5/29)

BOSNIA

Leadership On Bosnia -- "For all its past reticence, the Bush Administration in the last few days has asserted refreshed leadership in the crisis. It suspended flights to and from Belgrade.... It cut off diplomatic and military contacts and called for putting in place international sanctions against the Serbian government by European nations and the U.N.... It is preferable to apply appropriate pressures through recognized international organizations, such as the U.N., that act upon broad consensus rather than through one nation's go-it-alone policies that lead where no one else will follow. Yet some nation must lead. Washington's decision to do so here, however belated, is correct."

(Buffalo News, 5/27)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Working Poor Can't Afford Housing -- "The Bush Administration, indeed, loves vouchers when it come to education. Housing vouchers, however, have dropped off the agenda. Why?... An expanded voucher program to buy down the cost of apartments would go a long way toward making housing affordable for...that nation's working poor. It would also cost money. Evidently, that's too much of a downside for the Administration."

(Atlanta Constitution, 6/3)

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Happiness Is A Gimmick -- "Washington's newfound enthusiasm for fiscal discipline is a cynical political exercise.... If the President and Congress, apparently in rare and suspicious agreement on this issue [balanced budget amendment], are so inclined, they can simply begin the budgetary-balancing process. By contrast, a balanced-budget amendment, if approved by Congress, must be ratified by 38 state legislatures and would take effect, at the earliest, in 1997. Who needs another amendment? Just start balancing the books."

(Los Angeles Times, 5/28)

PEROT

Another Triumph For None Of The Above -- "Voters know that Perot doesn't have much of a program. But no one else seems to offer anything better. For all of Bush's statements and Clinton's position papers, both come across as slickly packaged, cautious operators more concerned about political process than about making government work. At least Perot seems determined to do something -- even if he has no consistent idea what that something might be. That little more than a sharp tongue and a combative attitude could propel him to the front of the public opinion polls is deeply unsettling, for it indicates nothing less than a crisis of faith about America's political establishment. It is a crisis of major proportions. And one that -- unless the major parties directly confront it -- will linger long after Perot fades away."

(New York Daily News, 6/3)

NUCLEAR TESTING

U.S. Should Set An Example by Ending Nuke Tests -- "The Bush Administration wants to spend \$473 million next year to test nuclear weapons. Yet is expressed pious regret when China set off a 1-megaton nuclear device last month.... We can't expect other countries to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons if we insist on endless tests ourselves. If the Bush Administration won't sign a permanent test-ban treaty now, it should at least suspend testing for a specified period and negotiate with China and various nuclear wanabes to do the same."

(New York Newsday, 6/2)

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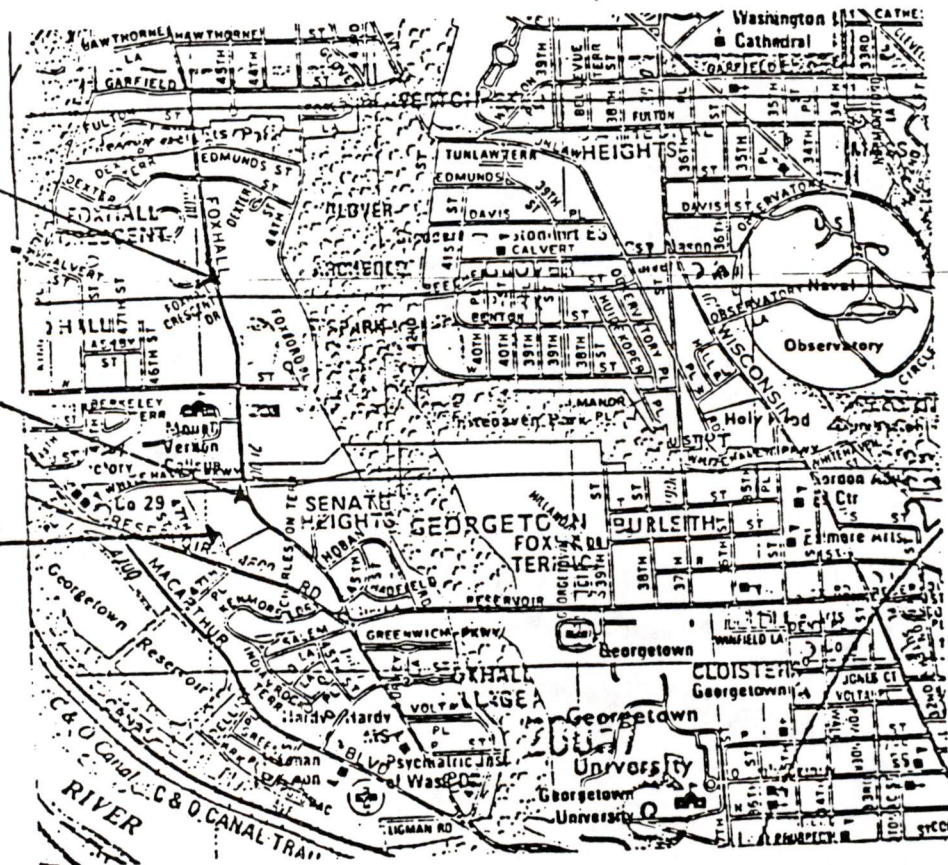
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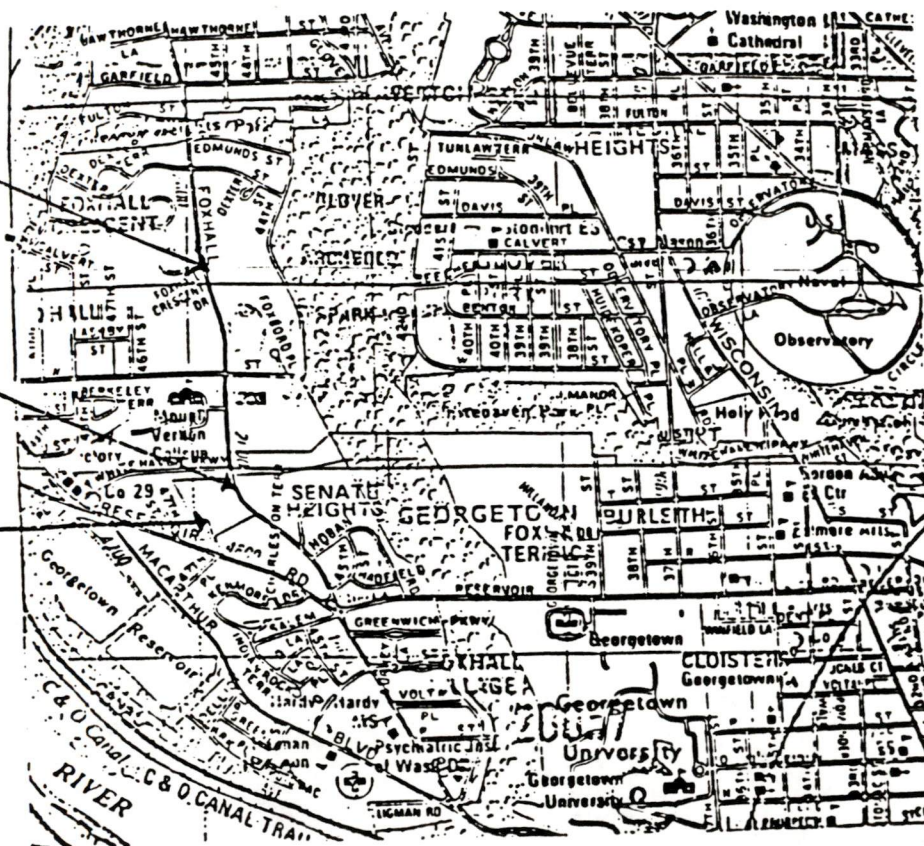
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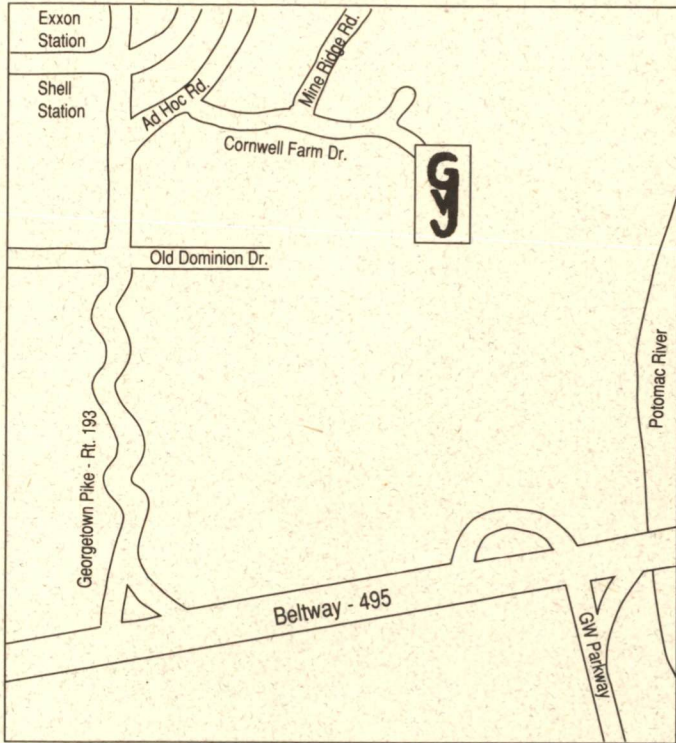
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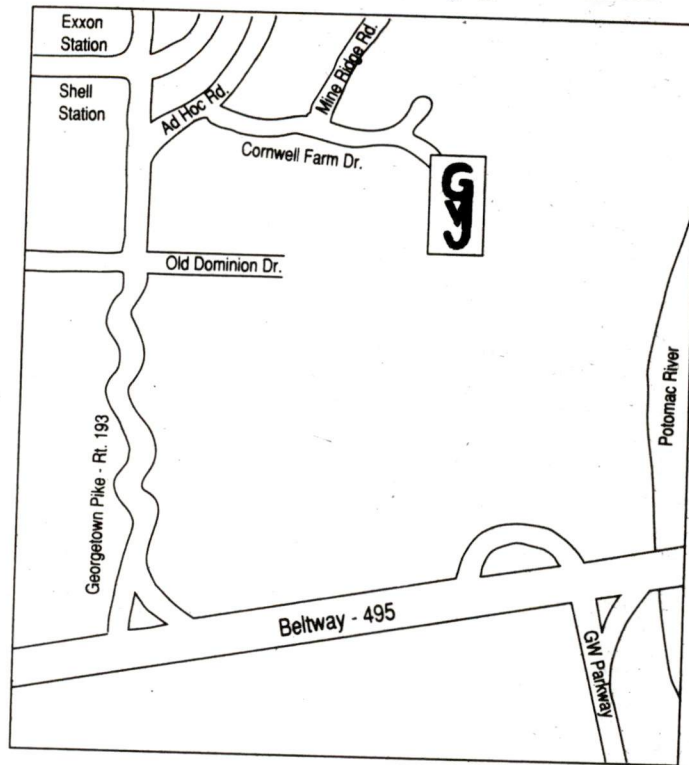
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**'BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS': TROOPS -- NOT SANCTIONS --
NEEDED TO HALT YUGOSLAV CARNAGE, MILOSEVIC'S AGGRESSION**

(Washington, D.C.): For nearly a year, Serbian aggression against other former republics of Yugoslavia has met with studied indifference from the Bush Administration. This stance has translated into policy paralysis in -- and an attendant absence of leadership from -- Washington.

The practical effect of the U.S. stance on the Yugoslav crisis to date has been to enable Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic largely to achieve his goal of a "Greater Serbia" through brazen territorial conquest in the heart of Europe and through the fascistic practice of *"ethnic cleansing."* The latter is the pretext used to rid occupied areas of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina of non-Serb peoples. Fully one-third of Croatian territory and some 70 percent of Bosnia are now in the hands of Serbian forces or their wholly-owned "irregulars" loyal to the communist Milosevic.

More of the Same?

Tragically, it now appears that -- even as the Bush Administration trumpets a new, more active approach involving the imposition of sweeping international economic sanctions against Serbia -- **the actual impact of this new policy at this juncture may well prove to be the same as the earlier U.S. approach.** While the Center for Security Policy has called for economic and diplomatic sanctions against Serbia since hostilities began last summer, it is now clear that sanctions alone will be inadequate to arrest the current violence -- and that yet to come.

Knowledgeable analysts currently believe that *Milosevic only requires another 30 days (or less)* to consolidate his annexation of most of Bosnia by the intimidation, forcible expulsion or execution of those Muslims and Croats still within the zone under Serbian military occupation. Worse yet, the Bush Administration has postponed any decision on the introduction of *peacemaking* forces -- the only step remotely likely now to stem Milosevic's ongoing predations, let alone to roll-back those already accomplished -- until the "sanctions are given a chance to work."

This is, of course, precisely the argument made by many congressional Democrats and other critics of President Bush's military response to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. It was an argument strenuously, *and properly*, resisted by Mr. Bush in the fall of 1990. **Waiting for sanctions to work makes no more sense in the case of Serbia than it did with respect to Iraqi aggression for the following reasons:**

First, in the absence of military action against Serbian forces and paramilitary surrogates, **sanctions may simply have the effect of shoring up Milosevic's waning popular support at home.** He will be able to claim that the economic catastrophe he has wrought (for example, inflation estimated to be running at an annual rate of 48,000%) is the result of sabotage from external enemies -- not his inept command economic practices and the debilitating drain of an offensive war.

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Second, a waiting game is one Milosevic -- like Saddam before him -- is only too ready to play. As one observer, Edward Mortimer, noted in the *Financial Times* of 27 May:

"The beauty of this formulation is that it raises the possibility of military action only when other measures have been tried and failed. *By then, of course, the Serbs would have more or less completed their 'ethnic cleansing,' and might even value the arrival of a 'peacekeeping force' which would make it more difficult for armed Croats or Moslems to infiltrate the 'cleansed' areas.*" (Emphasis added.)

Third, even the financial and other economic impacts of these "telegraphed" sanctions are likely to be considerably less significant than would have been the case heretofore. **The Serbians have had months to prepare for these measures and have done so by squirrelling away the vast majority of their assets in Europe. Presumably at the urging of friendly Western governments, the Serbs have entrusted them to "safe harbors" on the continent and elsewhere around the world.** The sums involved are substantial; according to the 15 May 1992 *Financial Times*, some \$1.5 billion has been moved by Milosevic out of Western banks and banks in Belgrade over the past six months.

Still Wedded to Slobo?

Regrettably, under present circumstances, one conclusion seems inescapable: **The Bush Administration remains wedded to Milosevic;** its policies continue to reflect that commitment and are calculated neither to undermine his hold on power nor to undo his quest for a "Greater Serbia."

Perhaps this is attributable to the sort of misguided personal diplomacy conducted by President Bush and Secretary Baker toward Saddam Hussein and Mikhail Gorbachev. Perhaps it is the result of even more base forces -- namely, the alleged conflict of interests arising from past business dealings in Belgrade on the part of Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft. Indeed, if evidence now surfacing of frantic damage-limitation efforts by both Baker and Eagleburger¹ is to be believed, *both* of these factors have contributed to this policy fiasco.

Whatever the reason, it is simply intolerable that the Bush Administration might persist in pursuing policies that have, to date, helped create nearly 1.5 million refugees across the former Yugoslavia and resulted in nearly 6,000 dead, 27,000 wounded and thousands more missing in

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¹ In an article in the 27 May 1992 editions of the *New York Times* entitled "Why U.S. Bears Down on Belgrade," Eagleburger is reported to have told "friends and colleagues that he was reluctant to resume working on Yugoslav issues [after he recused himself from doing so for one year] but was gradually drawn into them by Mr. Baker." On the same day, a State Department official was quoted in the *Financial Times* as saying: "Baker had already been briefed many times by Larry Eagleburger and Brent Scowcroft, both of whom were diplomats in Belgrade in the 1960s and had close connections with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic." (Emphasis added.)

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Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. The civilized world must bend every effort to prevent Serbia from inflicting any further mayhem and loss of life on the objects of its aggression.

Now There's No Alternative to Military Intervention

In the final analysis, **there is only one way to stop the carnage in the former Yugoslavia -- by denying Serbia the fruits of its aggression.** This requires that the present lopsided advantage in military power currently enjoyed by Serbian-backed forces be eliminated. It means that Serbia must no longer be able to carry on the war in other neighboring states confident that its own territory will remain in sanctuary. And it means that Serbian-led forces occupying areas of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina must be expelled -- by force if necessary -- from areas they currently occupy.

No less clear is the reality that such an intervention must be effected quickly if it is to have any chance of success. "Peacemaking" forces -- involving a comprehensive "air cap," sizeable numbers of ground troops and naval elements -- will have to be assembled *at once* and introduced into Croatia and Bosnia within a matter of days.

Don't Hold Your Breath Waiting for the Franco-German Corps: If there were anything to the newly-formed Franco-German corps -- either as a free-standing entity or, as advertised, as the cadre for a West European defense force -- it would presumably be the unit to engage in such a mission. The Yugoslav crisis, however, amply shows the severe limitations that are sure to render this military initiative *permanently impotent*, for all intents and purposes.

Not the least of these are the fact that the French have been supporting Milosevic throughout this crisis -- as evidenced by the opposition they have expressed in such forums as the CSCE, EC and UN to earlier proposals for political, diplomatic or military penalties against Serbia. The Germans, on the other hand, have supported Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia by insisting on recognition of their independence and through material and other support. **The truth is that France and Germany have fundamentally different positions and objectives.** This reality -- *and not the lead-times involved in formally establishing a joint headquarters, etc.* -- is what will render the Franco-German corps *irrelevant in the present crisis and an unreliable security instrument in future crises.*

A Job for NATO: There is, in fact, only one organization capable of taking on and successfully executing this daunting task: **NATO.** *Only the Alliance* has the dedicated, highly trained and rapidly deployable forces necessary to thwart Milosevic's hegemonic designs. *Only NATO* can credibly act within the time available to eliminate the overwhelming military advantage enjoyed by Serbia's forces. *Only NATO* can realistically be turned to perform the sort of "peacemaking" role so desperately needed in Bosnia and the other former Yugoslav republics.

Miraculously, the Alliance seems to have recognized just two days ago that this is precisely the sort of activity NATO must be prepared to perform if it is to have a *raison d'être* in the post-Cold War period. In a decision taken by allied defense ministers on 27 May that is expected to be ratified at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers next week in Oslo, **the organization has agreed to permit its forces to undertake expanded peace-keeping roles in non-NATO Europe.**

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Conclusion

The Center for Security Policy has long believed that NATO -- or a multinational force backed by NATO -- should dispatch combat troops to Yugoslavia to repel Serbian aggression and to help foster conditions in which the rights of minorities will be respected within the various independent republics' pre-conflict territorial boundaries. (See: *Decision Brief No. 91-D77 -- For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Serbian Dress-Rehearsal for the Coming Crisis in Europe*, 13 August 1991.) The Center is under no illusion about the risks inherent in such an intervention; there would inevitably be casualties and the possibility of a wider war cannot be excluded. In addition, the Balkans have proven the bane of many who have in the past sought to bring peace and order to that troubled region.

Still, the risks and international precedents associated with *inaction* -- including those of a substantially broadened conflict -- have become increasingly evident in recent days. In the Center's judgment, **the downsides of NATO intervention pale beside the dangers for the continent, and Western interests, sure to arise if a communist/nationalist despot remains effectively unchecked in his barbaric effort to secure territory and consolidate his power through aggression.**

The Center also believes that it should be made clear to the long-suffering people of Serbia that there is something in such an intervention for them, as well. **NATO's mission should not be considered complete until Slobodan Milosevic is brought to justice for crimes against humanity -- both those perpetrated in the course of his war against Kosovo, Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia and those inflicted upon his own beleaguered people.** The message should go forth to all such despots: The price of aggression is not only certain defeat, but the liberation of *their own nation* from such tyranny.

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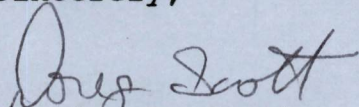
Dear Mr. Skinner:

You may recall that we met when the President signed a Proclamation declaring Sanctity of Human Life Day 1992. It was an honor to meet you and the President.

Please allow me to take just a moment of your time to compliment Leigh Ann Metzger of your staff. I have had occasion to work with several persons who have held the position she currently holds and, without question, Leigh Ann is the best. Her commitment to the Administration and her dedication to those with whom she works is tremendous.

I just thought you would like to know what a terrific job I think Leigh Ann is doing and what a pleasure it is to be able to work with her. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Douglas R. Scott
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Washington, D.C., May 26, 1992

The Honorable
Samuel K. Skinner
Chief of Staff
The White House
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

I am very pleased to inform you that the Niña, the Pinta and the Santa María will be arriving in Baltimore on May 29th and in Annapolis on June 8th. These "Discovery Ships" are authentic replicas of Columbus' caravels, painstakingly built in Spain, which are now visiting different U.S. ports and harbors on a goodwill tour, in commemoration of the Quincentennial of the historic encounter of two worlds in 1492 and as testimony to the lasting ties that unite our nations across the Atlantic.

You will soon receive an invitation to welcome the Niña the Pinta and the Santa María on their arrival in Annapolis, on June 8th. I will have the pleasure to host a reception immediately after at City Dock. It will be a great honor if you could join us in this occasion.

With best regards,

Jaime de Ojeda
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DATE: May 15, 1992

TO: Sec. Skinner

FROM: CLAYTON YEUTTER
Counsellor to the President for
Domestic Policy



Sam, my apologies for not having responded sooner to your query. I was waiting to see if anything began to jell.

Treasury is working the interstate banking issue hard, and Jay Powell is doing so a lot more skillfully than did Glauber last year. But some, particularly the ABA folks, believe they are, nevertheless, embarked upon a Don Quixote exercise.

I believe we ought to let them have some rein over the next couple of weeks and see where that takes them. I'll monitor things from a distance, and we'll be able to get reads from Calio too. If by Memorial Day it does not appear that we have something approaching a consensus, we should probably rein them in and tell them to wait until next year.



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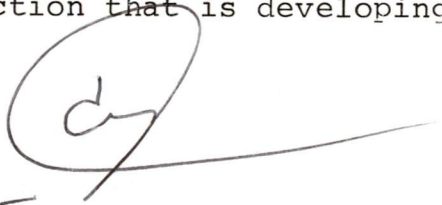
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FROM: CLAYTON YEUTTER
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Since the next Commerce announcement on the subsidy/countervailing duty case is due on May 20, I thought you might like to peruse this letter. As you will see, it indicates what the Canadians are alleged to be doing, and also the Congressional reaction that is developing.



cc Brents.

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Honorable Clayton Yeutter
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Dear Honorable Yeutter:

The purpose of this letter is to express my concerns regarding Canada's efforts to avoid the U.S. countervailing duty on softwood lumber, particularly in light of reports I have received that Canada's lobbying efforts extend into the White House.

I'm concerned by allegations that some White House officials are pressuring Undersecretary of Commerce Farren to "go easy" on the Canadians. As a Republican co-chairman of the Congressional Forestry 2000 Task Force, I am apprehensive about the consequences this White House action will have during the 1992 Presidential election. The repercussions caused by the mishandling of this situation could extend well into the 103rd Congress.

Canadian lumber is heavily subsidized and Canada is fighting "tooth and nail" to keep its subsidies. It is my understanding that Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney has, on several occasions, requested that President Bush intervene in the legal process. I have also heard that Canada's External Affairs Minister McDougal asked National Security Advisor Scowcroft and Secretary of State Baker to intervene. Canada has launched a lobbying/media campaign involving tens of millions of dollars targeted at undermining the countervailing duty law's clear requirements. As I understand it, the campaign includes a former Congressman, a former White House official, two former Canadian ambassadors, a former governor, at least thirteen law firms, and two Public Relations firms, not to mention Canadian embassy and consular officers.

The Canadian campaign has been filled with disinformation in an effort to cause panic. For example, they say the cost to consumers of ending the Canadian subsidies (and saving as many as fifteen thousand U.S. lumber mill jobs) will be no more than a few hundred dollars on a new house -- two to three dollars per month on a average mortgage. The National Association of Home Builders now admits that its original estimate of the cost

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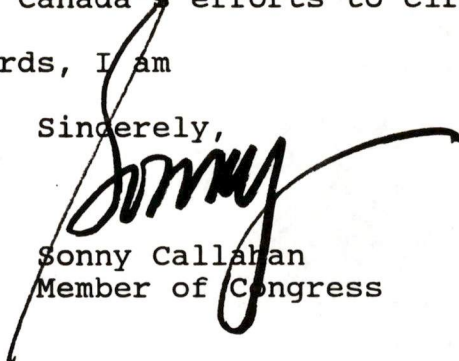
(paralleling Canadian industry estimates) was grossly unrealistic. Canadian lobbyists are falsely arguing that U.S. log export restrictions are being placed at risk.

Let me reiterate that if there is any suggestion that Commerce does not intend to fully offset the subsidy as required by law, -- either because of Canadian political pressure or for any reason -- I am concerned that it will spell disaster for the Administration. Congress will not tolerate it, and the issue will immediately become a political hot potato.

Bowing to Canadian lobbying pressure would clearly be unacceptable to Alabama's lumber manufacturers and to me. It is simply inappropriate to give Canadian lumber any economic advantage in the marketplace, and I urge you to do all you can to uphold the law and reject Canada's efforts to circumvent it.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Sonny Callahan
Member of Congress

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