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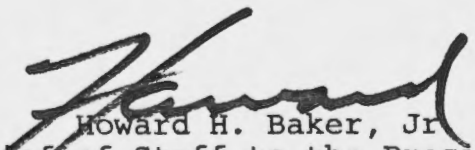
Dear Fritz:

Following up on our conversation last evening at Jim Abnor's event in the Caucus Room, I wanted you to know what has been done on Dr. Medenica's behalf.

Last Friday in the Cabinet Room of The White House, Rudolf Perina the NSC Director responsible for Eastern Europe drew aside Dusan Strbac the Assistant Secretary responsible for North America in the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry. Our man informed Strbac that you and others in the Congress remain very concerned about the Medenica case and have urged that some resolution of it be found. Mr. Strbac stated that the matter was very difficult because the case has gone through the courts and is well-known publicly in Yugoslavia. Further, Mr. Strbac indicated that it was unlikely that there would be any change in the position of the Yugoslavs in the Medenica affair.

Fritz, I know this is not a very encouraging reply, I simply wanted to make sure that you were fully current with regard to our efforts on behalf of Dr. Medenica.

Sincerely,


Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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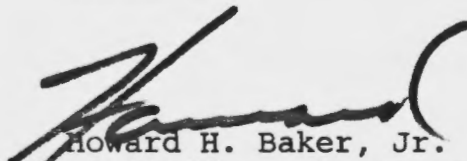
Dear Strom:

I know of your continuing interest in Dr. Rajko Medenica from our meeting last fall and other correspondence that you have forwarded to me on behalf of Dr. Medenica. I want you to know of our recent efforts on his behalf.

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Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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May 9, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Dr. Rajko Medenica

In response to the request to you from Senator Hollings, our NSC Director responsible for Eastern Europe (Rudolf Perina) drew aside Dusan Strbac, Assistant Secretary responsible for North America in the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry, who accompanied President Vrhovec to the meeting with the President.

Perina told Strbac that members of Congress, including Senator Hollings, remained very concerned about the Medenica case and wished to know if some resolution of it could be found. Strbac responded that the matter was very difficult because the case had gone to the courts and was well-known publicly in Yugoslavia. Dropping the case, or dropping the charges, could not be justified in the Yugoslav legal system any more than in the American legal system.

Perina said he was not recommending any specific course of action such as dropping charges, but rather that he was conveying to the Yugoslavs continued Congressional interest in this matter and inquiries on where it stood. Strbac indicated that there had been no change in where it stood.

You may wish to give Senator Hollings a call to tell him that we did raise this with Vrhovec's delegation but did not receive any encouraging reply.

cc: Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.

*As I mentioned to you at SBA some time last week
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Letter to Hollings
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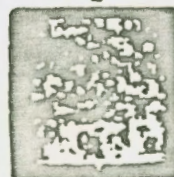
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The Department believes that there is no chance the Yugoslav Government would agree to grant safe passage to Dr. Medenica to attend a medical conference in Yugoslavia, for the following reasons:

-- In a highly publicized action, the Yugoslav Government indicted and tried Medenica for wholesale fraud against the state health service, sentencing him to 20 years in prison and permanent loss of his medical license. It also has formally requested his extradition from both the U.S. and Switzerland (where similar charges are pending against him).

-- The case also is very sensitive in Yugoslavia. Many high Yugoslav officials were implicated, and any GOY action on Medenica's behalf would be attacked publicly as a cover-up.

-- The Yugoslavs understand that the Medenica case is politically sensitive in the U.S., and thus have refrained from pressing it with us. They know that Medenica is well established here and that it is highly unlikely we will move on their extradition request.

-- However, the Yugoslavs would view a request to give Medenica free passage within and from Yugoslavia as tantamount to a public declaration that we will not move on the case.

-- The Department believes that the resulting publicity would create a severe irritant in our bilateral relations and jeopardize future judicial cooperation with the Yugoslavs on extradition, narcotics control, and other matters.

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