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Summary of Conclusions for
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

DATE: February 2, 1995

LOCATION: White House Situation Room

TIME: 2:10 - 3:30pm

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting on
Bosnia and Croatia (S)

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair:

Samuel R. Berger

USUN:

David Scheffer
James O'Brien

OVP:

Leon Fuerth

CIA:

Douglas MacEachin
Norman Schindler

State:

Peter Tarnoff
Richard Holbrooke
Robert Frasure
Charles Thomas

JCS:

LTG Daniel Christman
LTG Wesley Clark

DOD:

John Deutch
Walter Slocombe
Michael Hagee

NSC:

Alexander Vershbow
BG Donald L. Kerrick
Susan Rice

OMB:

Gordon Adams
John Burnim

Summary of Conclusions

1. Deputies reviewed the results of recent Contact Group efforts in Bosnia, diplomatic options for renewing negotiations for a political settlement, and prospects for achieving mutual recognition of all former Yugoslav Republics as a means of further isolating Karadzic. They agreed to discuss with Allies a renewed effort with Milosevic aimed at achieving mutual recognition. Deputies agreed that cross-recognition must be broadened beyond a possible bilateral deal between Serbia and Croatia to include Bosnia as well, plus Slovenia and FYROM. They

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requested a strategy paper be prepared for next week's Principals meeting. The strategy should address steps to achieve cross-recognition, including how to approach Milosevic and Tudjman, timing, the relationship between recognition and UNPROFOR retention in Croatia, and the U.S. response should Milosevic move only on recognition of Croatia. ~~(S)~~ (Action: State)

2. Recognizing that sanctions relief will be our main leverage for securing cross-recognition, Deputies requested that the OVP lead an Interagency effort to configure a Milosevic sanctions relief package that looks at the pros and cons of accepting the European Union's position. ~~(S)~~ (Action: OVP)

3. Deputies discussed the results of recent diplomatic efforts in Croatia. Noting the dynamic situation in Croatia, they requested an integrated, political and military strategy for Croatia. The strategy should address how to maximize opportunities for UNPROFOR retention, how to approach Tudjman in the run-up to the March 31 UNPROFOR mandate expiration, a description of the redefined UNPROFOR mandate we hope to achieve, measures to minimize risk to UNPROFOR, and military planning decision points for UNPROFOR's complete or partial withdrawal. ~~(S)~~ (Action: State/JCS)

4. Deputies reviewed the state of military planning to support UNPROFOR withdrawal from Bosnia and Croatia. They agreed to support NATO discussions with Croatia concerning repositioning of C3I systems and host nation support for UNPROFOR withdrawal from Bosnia. They further agreed to present to Principals a recommendation that the U.S. agree in principle to participate in a NATO operation to support UNPROFOR withdrawal from Croatia and to approve completion of required contingency planning. ~~(S)~~ (Action: JCS)

5. Deputies reviewed the status of efforts at the United Nations to strengthen UNPROFOR. Reiterating their support for strengthening measures, the Deputies requested more information to clarify UN intentions, objectives, rationale, and operational impact. ~~(S)~~ (Action: JCS)

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