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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 9 March Deputies Meeting on Bosnia [REDACTED]

1. The Deputies met via videoconference with USUN connected by secure phone. Berger (NSC) chaired, Walker (NSC staff), Fuerth (VP office), Tarnoff, Oxman, and Bartholomew (State), Wisner and Slocombe (OSD), Jeremiah (JCS), and Studeman and Blackwell (CIA) attended. [REDACTED]
2. Berger turned to Bartholomew, who had asked for the meeting, to brief on the status of the negotiations in New York (several NODIS cables cover this ground). He believes that:
  - Izetbegovic is closer to signing on to V-0 but has some problems with his hardliners.
  - Karadzic is increasingly isolated and will probably not accept V-0 unless Milosevic pushes him hard and provides some political cover.
  - Vance and Owen plan has become marginally more understanding of Muslim position.
  - He should go to area to get on-the-ground feel of situation, lean on Serbs, and encourage Muslims to sign. [REDACTED]
3. There was considerable but inclusive discussion on a number of issues:
  - Should Bartholomew go to Sarajevo? (To be discussed at another meeting.)
  - Should we push for a new UN resolution to strengthen sanctions? (We will wait at least until after completion of Russian legislature's meeting.)
  - Should we try to open Tuzla airport? (Land convoys are getting in and it is not a good location for distributing goods to the countryside, but some see this as an important symbol.) The report of the needs assessment team will have a bearing on this discussion.

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-- Should we tell the French what we think Mitterrand should say when he meets Milosevic in Paris on Thursday? (The French dropped this on us during Mitterrand's visit, but there was no time to discuss it; Christopher will talk to Dumas, and Lake to his counterpart.) [REDACTED]

4. Berger announced that there would be a Principals meeting on Saturday. This meeting will probably return to the above items -- particularly whether Bartholomew should go to the Balkans. French feedback on their meetings in Paris will likely be discussed. In addition, the Principals will probably consider next steps on sanctions at the UN -- specifically whether to press forward with the Russians on the "British" initiative to get tough with the Serbs. Bartholomew also may raise the issue of our position on lifting the siege of Sarajevo. [REDACTED]

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