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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Deputies' Committee Meeting on Bosnia and Croatia, 4 May 1995

1. Deputy National Security Advisor Berger chaired the meeting to discuss sanctions relief proposals for Serbia and options to prevent an escalation of conflict in Croatia. In addition to the DDI, attendees included Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Tarnoff, Assistant Secretary of State Holbrooke, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Frasure, JCS/J-5 Lieutenant General Clark, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Slocombe, Vice Presidential National Security Advisor Fuerth, and David Sheffer (USUN). [REDACTED]
2. On sanctions, the Deputies agreed to continue to pursue a strategy of offering Serbian President Milosevic limited sanctions relief in exchange for recognition of Bosnia. The Deputies acknowledged differences within the Contact Group--other members want to offer Milosevic more sanctions relief--and concluded that the US was not now prepared to discuss any new proposals that would involve lifting sanctions. It was also agreed that the US would not support any significant move to weaken financial sanctions, including release of frozen assets. OVP was instructed to examine whether we should propose lifting sanctions on some media-related items, such as newsprint. [REDACTED]
3. The Deputies expressed concern about the military situation in Croatia. The DDI clearly advised attendees that the situation was volatile and that a serious escalation of fighting in Croatia and Bosnia--including Serbian intervention--could occur with little advance warning. The Deputies agreed that Croatian President Tudjman was not getting the message that the US Government disapproved of Croatia's actions; they decided that steps should be taken to communicate US concern. Concern was also expressed that US personnel in Croatia could be in danger, although there was disagreement over whether the US would be able to take unilateral military action in the event US personnel were harmed; JCS was instructed to provide options for a US military response. [REDACTED]
4. The Deputies agreed to meet early the following week to consider other issues, including how to improve the situation around Sarajevo. [REDACTED]

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