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Summary of Conclusions for  
Meeting of the NSC Principals Committee

DATE: October 27, 1995

LOCATION: White House Situation Room

TIME: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Principals Committee Meeting  
on Bosnia ~~(S)~~

PARTICIPANTS:

Chair  
Anthony Lake

OVP  
Leon Fuerth  
Rick Saunders

State  
Secretary Christopher  
Robert Gallucci  
Richard Holbrooke

DOD  
John White  
Walter Slocombe  
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Amb. Madeleine Albright  
David Scheffer

OMB  
Gordon Adams  
David Morrison

CIA  
John Deutch  
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JCS  
General Shalikashvili  
Wesley Clark

White House  
Sandy Berger

NSC  
Sandy Vershbow  
John Feeley  
Don Kerrick

Summary of Conclusions

1. Principals reaffirmed their October 25 agreement with the conclusions of the Deputies Committee on IFOR-resolved issues except the issue of a 20-km heavy-weapons-free zone. ~~(C)~~

Sanctions Relief

2. Principals agreed that sanctions against Serbia should not be suspended prior to the proximity talks, but agreed they would be prepared to revisit the issue of sanctions relief later, if requested by the negotiator. ~~(S)~~

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IFOR: Unresolved Issues

3. Principals agreed that, as a minimum, IFOR would enforce a 4-km all-weapons-free zone along the zone of separation. They requested that agencies study further whether IFOR could effectively establish and enforce a 20-km heavy-weapons-free zone, an all-weapons-free zone that would be broader than 4-km in selected areas, and/or cantonment areas for the parties' forces in support of the implementation of a peace settlement. They agreed to have State, JCS, and OSD develop options for Principals' consideration prior to the proximity talks. (Action: JCS/OSD/State) ~~(C)~~

4. Principals agreed that the IFOR commander at the Corps level should have the authority to act, on the basis of his own judgment, against reported "over the horizon" gross violations of human rights and/or attacks on international civilian agencies, in situations of urgent and serious humanitarian needs or attacks, and where NATO forces have the means and opportunity to stop violence to life and persons and where it will not adversely affect the IFOR mission. ~~(C)~~

5. Principals agreed that the IFOR should provide a presence on the external borders of Bosnia at crossings where heavy traffic in support of the IFOR mission occurs (6 or 7 sites). Principals also agreed that JCS should prepare options for principals' decision about how IFOR can provide a more significant presence early in the operation in Serb territory, such as through regular IFOR patrols that traverse Serb areas. (Action: JCS) ~~(S)~~

5. With regard to developing a clear and defensible end-state that could be reached at the end of the 12-month implementation period, Principals agreed further to define and refine possible milestones as the peace agreement takes shape and NATO planning proceeds. Finally, Principals agreed to remain flexible on the timeline for international conferences, Congressional approval, and Presidential decisions regarding IFOR's mission, pending developments in the negotiations. (S)

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