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Mr.  
**Larry Craig, USA Senator**

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Dear Mr. CRAIG,

My father was imprisoned as an officer of Yugoslav Royal Army 1941 for four and half years. He was in camps in Osnabrick and Nürnberg, Germany. He spoke to me about the brevity and generosity of American soldiers who under the command of the famous General PATON liberated them. It was how my admiration and love to Americans and the USA were created. They have lasted since then. They continue in spite of the brutality and injustice of the USA Government against my lovely native Serbian people and dear Fatherland Serbia. They continue because I have had pleasure to learn about real Americans and the USA and to create some wonderful friendships through more than twenty visits to the USA.

You may think that I am a singular Serb with such feelings, like my dear USA guest Professor who told me in Belgrade in seventies: "Your people certainly dislike the USA due to the strong communistic propaganda and brainwashing". I explained to him that the reality was otherwise, that there was a cult of admiration and trust to Americans and the USA for justice, brevity, devotion to liberty and humanity. He was silent. I understood that he did not believe me. When we arrived at a parking in front of a pleasant restaurant on the river Danube at Belgrade, I discovered by chance a small car with the USA flag over the front seat. It was an illustration of my claim.

You probably know at least briefly how Serbian people was devoted ally to the USA in two world wars, how they fought in two strong groups as Royalists under the command of General Drazha Mikhailovitch and as partisans under Tito's command. The former saved the lives of more than four hundred USA pilots. Having Serbian royal dynasty, Serbs did not have a communistic party in Serbia until Tito took the power. King Peter II was forced in London to proclaim to the people to accept and join Tito 1945. Why are Serbs accused for communism? The Communistic party/League of Communists had only about eight hundred thousand members in Serbia over more than ten million inhabitants. I have never been its member. Concluding that those who were the members did not deserve to gain leading state positions, I accepted (although politically completely unknown) to be candidate for the President of Serbia 1990 against all those who were the members. I have been fully disagreeing with the politics of the regime in Belgrade (you may see the attached Appeal that I sent to the USA President, Senate and Congress in October 1998).

The unjustifiable sanctions against Serbs and Serbia, lies about Serbs as aggressors, genocide against Serbs in their native land Krayina, the reduction of Serbian people private property on more than 62% of the land in Bosnia and Herzegovina through centuries to less than 49%, the bombardment of innocent Serbian people in Republic Serbian, ignorance of hundred of thousands of Serbian victims of fascistic torture during the Second World War, the unbelievable fascistic lies against Serbian people in the media, just to mention several injustices, descriptions of Serbs as aggressors in they Fatherland in spite they have been subjected to Albanian genocide in Kosovo pose a question to me: What is that all for, what reason for, why the USA Government

as the Government of the traditionally allied country has been doing that?

Mr. President Clinton has been forcing Serbs, by using false arguments, to accept to give the cradle of the nation to Albanian immigrants and he has been organizing a new bombardment against Serbs, now in Serbia. Why?

What surprises me more is the agreement of the USA Senate with such a strategy against Serbian people, which has completely fascistic sense to Serbs. What are reasons for it? Why young Americans should fight against young Serbs?

Doubtless, the USA is the most powerful country, Serbia has been incomparably weaker, and in addition, it has become very exhausted due to the sanctions. It is evident that the USA military power directly or via NATO can destroy Serbia and Serbian people. Will it make the USA Senate satisfied, happy?

The aggressive politics of the USA against Serbian people has given only justifications to the communistic government for its dictatorship rather than to help the people to recover its democracy interrupted by Hitler and further suppressed by Tito. If it was the aim of the USA politics there, then it has been achieved very successfully.

I am very worried. I have great family, many friends, I know many wonderful people, I had about twenty thousand students there, ... I lectured to Albanian students in Belgrade and in Pristine, as well. They studied together with Serbian students. Unfortunately, Albanian aspirations to Serbian cradle Kosovo, once supported by Hitler, later by Tito, now by the USA and other Occidental countries, have destroyed normal relationships.

My wife has just telephoned to me that the bombardment has started in Serbia ..... The tragedy of Serbian people has been enforced ....

If you trust in God then you, as me, believe that everybody will get what the person deserves.

“Who smiles the last, smiles the best” (Serbian proverb).

Respectfully yours,