

May 28, 1999

To
Mr. John Edwards, USA Senator

Bcc: The USA Government, the USA Congresspersons and many others.

Dear Mr. Senator Edwards,

Your reply, which I acknowledge with thanks for your attention devoted to our appeal, has made me very, very sorry. For the following main reasons:

◦ Your reply to:

“We, undersigned, write you this elementary human request:

**HALT IMMEDIATELY BOMBING
PEOPLE OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO.**

**LEAVE PEOPLE OF SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO TO SOLVE FREELY THEIR INTERNAL
POLITICAL, ECONOMICAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS.” [1]**

is that you supported the bombardment of Serbia and Montenegro, which caused the exodus of Albanian people, that you supported the wounding and killing the innocent people of Serbia and Montenegro (Appendix)!

◦ You wrote:

“...we should stay the course with air strikes and maintain a winning coalition in the international community.”!

◦ The NATO bombardment is an enormous crime.

◦ You relied only on the information by General Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, William S. Cohen, the Secretary of Defense and Madeline K. Albright, the Secretary of State.

◦ You did not verify their information (who they got it from, what were their proofs for their claims and accusations). You devoted your complete trust to them and their information, like majority of the Americans at the beginning.

In order to help the USA Congresspersons not supporting further one of the greatest crimes in this century and to help you to discover the truth we sent to you in meantime the texts presenting the facts [2], [4]. You do not mention them. Please read them, as well as [3].

The accusation of Mr. Miloshevitch, President of F. R. Yugoslavia for the exodus of Albanian people and for the war in the (ex - S. F. R.) Yugoslavia poses a number of questions (see please [4]) among which are the following:

◦ If there are proofs that he had been responsible for the war in Yugoslavia, why he was not accused earlier, why the USA Government was supporting him as “the key person to guarantee the peace on Balkan peninsula”?

◦ Under the assumption that Mr. Miloshevitch shares the legitimate responsibility, why those Yugoslav and non-Yugoslav statespersons who are at least equally or more responsible than he for the war in Yugoslavia have not been accused by the International Tribunal so far?

◦ Why those Occidental statespersons and army leaders who are evidently responsible for the exodus of Albanian people, which did not exist before the bombardment and which is a consequence of the NATO bombardment, have not been accused by the International Tribunal so far?

Concerning the court, crimes, criminals and justice, I think all those suspected should be fairly examined and all those proved being involved in a crime should be charged. An exclusion of anybody among them disqualifies the court in my opinion. Consciously killing an innocent person is already a crime of the highest degree. Consciously killing the whole innocent people does not have an adequate graduation.

One should have brevity and wisdom to halt rather than to proceed with an erroneous process, in this case the criminal process of the bombardment and of the total economical and physical destruction of my native land, and the inhuman process of the torture of innocent people of Serbia and Montenegro, among who there are my sisters, my spouse's and my nephews, our big families, a lot of friends, several thousands of former pupils of my spouse, about 20 000 of former students of mine of various nations from the whole Serbia,, our colleagues, hundreds of thousands of refugees, millions of other innocent people staying in the country, pregnant mothers and BABIES! More than five thousand of them have been wounded, more than thousand six hundred were killed!

There is not any truthful, legal, legitimate, moral or human justification for the NATO aggression on Serbia and Montenegro – on their people!

I have admired American people for their devotion to liberty, independence, brevity, humanity and justice, for the scientific and technical progress and achievements. I believe, once American people discover what a brainwashing process they have been subjected to by the propaganda of the hardest possible type – of the mental slavery type, once they learn what is the truth and what a human disaster has been making on behalf of them in Serbia and Montenegro, which did not attack anybody and any country, then American people will resolve the situation by themselves fairly adequately and effectively. I pray it to happen as soon as possible and express my deep gratitude to the USA Congresspersons, intellectuals, journalists and all other American people who have become aware of the truth and have been acting accordingly.

With such my trust in American people with whom Serbian people have been allied (please see the speech by the USA President Mr. Woodrow Wilson repeated in [3] and [4] and refer to the USA decision to build a monument to the General Drazha Mihailovitch and to his anniversary as the State of Illinois official holiday), and with the feelings of the traditional friendship among American, French and Serbian people I am coming, as many Serbian people through generations have been moving to the USA, for a scientific conference next week. Therefore, I cannot communicate on this topic until my return June 7, 1999.

Once more, I thank you for your time devoted to our appeal.

Respectfully yours,

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- [1] Appeal by forty-one persons (from ten countries with four continents): "Halt, please" to the USA President, Secretary of State and Congress, President of French Republic, Prime Minister of Great Britain and NATO General Secretary. Air mailed and e-mailed to all the addresses (April 12, 1999).
- [2] Appeal by twenty-eight persons (from four countries with three continents): "Truth. Invitation. Solution." to the USA President, Secretary of State and Congress, President and Prime Minister of French Republic, Prime Minister of Great Britain, NATO General Secretary, Presidents of Serbia, Montenegro and F. R. Yugoslavia, and the corresponding Parliaments. Air mailed and e-mailed to all the addresses (April 25, 1999).
- [3] Appeal by Ly. T. Gruyitch "To the students and Professors of the Amherst Campus and of all the USA universities", sent to the above addresses by e-mail May 16, 1999.
- [4] Reply by Ly. T. Gruyitch "Your generosity,..." to Mr. Senator Paul David Wellstone and e-mailed to the above addresses May 16, 1999.

A P P E N D I X

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Date: Thu, 27 May 1999 16:24:55 -0400
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Thank you for your e-mail concerning the grave situation in Kosovo. I appreciate the extra time and effort you took to express your views.

On March 23, 1999, I voted with 58 of my fellow Senators, Republican and Democrat, and with the House of Representatives to support air strikes against Serbia. Slobodan Milosevic and the Serbian army have massacred thousands of innocent civilians in an effort to "ethnically cleanse" Kosovo. They have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity. The vicious war being waged in Kosovo threatens the stability of Eastern Europe and all of Europe. I believe it is appropriate for the U.S. and NATO to demonstrate to Milosevic that he cannot commit war crimes with impunity and that he must submit to the laws of humanity. We must bring an end to this ethnic slaughter.

Sending American men and women into harms way is never an easy decision, but given this region's history we cannot turn our backs on the situation. My support for the decision to commit to NATO air strikes against Serbia was based on information provided by General Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, William S. Cohen, the Secretary of Defense and Madeline K. Albright, the Secretary of State.

I have neither ruled out nor endorsed the possibility of using ground troops. But for the time being I believe we must be unified in pursuing air strikes as a winning strategy. I believe that the key to success in this situation is disciplined air strikes, maintenance of unity with our allies, total support of our troops abroad, and confidence here in the United States. Many of our best military and foreign affairs advisors believe that we should stay the course with air strikes and maintain a winning coalition in the international community. There are no easy choices here, but while the situation in Kosovo continues to escalate, we cannot lose sight of the war crimes and inhumane acts that Milosevic has committed against innocent people. While I am thankful for the safe return of the three American soldiers, their illegal capture and the refugee crisis have only punctuated the lawless nature of the Serbian government. I fully support all efforts to ensure that the safety and welfare of these refugees are addressed

We have to support our troops and our allies in trying to bring an end to this nightmare. Again, thank you for taking the time to express your views on this current crisis. If you have any additional thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

John Edwards