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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chief, DCI Interagency Balkan Task Force

SUBJECT: Principals Committee Meeting on Bosnia
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1. As of 0800, we still had not received a formal agenda for this morning's PC. President Clinton is quoted in the press as playing down the possibility of additional air-strikes to save Gorazde. At the same time, the Administration is coming under attack from key Congressional leaders--including Senator Biden and Representative Hamilton--for its perceived inaction. As a result, the meeting may review whether the US has any military options, but, more importantly, how to deal with the media and Congress. [REDACTED]

2. You probably will be called on to provide an Intelligence Update. The draft we have included for your use includes sections on recent military developments around Gorazde, Sarajevo, and the rest of Bosnia, a status report on detainees, and how the Bosnian Serbs and Muslims view the current situation; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would also suggest that you brief the information on the impending humanitarian catastrophe in Gorazde--a situation that policymakers have yet to focus on. We have included sections on international--including Russian--attitudes toward continued involvement in Bosnia, but this is less urgent. [REDACTED]

3. We have prepared two handouts for your possible use (copies of both follow this memorandum):

- A color map of the situation on the ground around Gorazde as of last night. This would go well with your Intelligence Update.
- A short information paper--coordinated with DIA--detailing Bosnian Serb air defenses that you might want to pass out if the threat to NATO aircraft comes up for discussion. [REDACTED]

4. This briefing book also includes the Situation Reports prepared by the Task Force this weekend (Tab on RECENT SITUATION REPORTS) and an Intelligence Research Paper prepared last year on Yugoslav air defenses (see YUGOSLAV AIR DEFENSES). The tab on BOSNIAN SERB OBJECTIVES includes the paper we prepared on this topic on Friday for Secretary

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Christopher and information on Serb and Muslim order of battle around Gorazde. [redacted]

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5. I will accompany you to the meeting and serve as notetaker. [redacted]

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