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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 23 JUNE 1990

[REDACTED] YUGOSLAVIA: CENTRIFUGAL FORCES INCREASINGLY EVIDENT [REDACTED]

ETHNIC PASSIONS PITTING SERBS AGAINST CROATS AND SLOVENES AND SERBS AGAINST ETHNIC ALBANIANS IN SERBIA'S KOSOVO PROVINCE CONTINUE TO THREATEN YUGOSLAVIA'S INTEGRITY. [REDACTED]

THE NEW SLOVENE AND CROATIAN GOVERNMENTS ARE EMPHASIZING THEIR INTENTION TO RESTRUCTURE YUGOSLAVIA OR SECEDE. SLOVENIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER RUPEL IS LEADING EFFORTS TO WIN INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC BY ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF "CULTURAL INFORMATIONAL CENTERS" IN BRUSSELS AND MUNICH; HE WILL SEEK US SUPPORT IN A WASHINGTON VISIT NEXT MONTH. SLOVENIA'S PRIME MINISTER PETERLE REITERATED THIS WEEK THAT HIS REPUBLIC WILL NO LONGER CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S UNDERDEVELOPED REGIONS. CROATIAN PRESIDENT TUDJMAN IN A RECENT INTERVIEW ONCE AGAIN SAID HE PLANS TO LEAD CROATIA TO CONFEDERATION OR INDEPENDENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; HE CLAIMED THAT THE BOSNIAN AND CROATIAN REPUBLICS ARE A GEOPOLITICAL UNIT THAT BELONG TOGETHER. [REDACTED]

SERBIAN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC IS UNDER GROWING PRESSURE FROM SERBIAN NATIONALISTS. VUK DRASKOVIC'S EXTREMIST SERBIAN RENEWAL MOVEMENT, WHICH DOMINATED THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN BELGRADE, IS CALLING ON SERBIA TO SUBDUCE ITS ETHNICALLY ALBANIAN PROVINCE OF KOSOVO ONCE AND FOR ALL. SERBIAN AND ALBANIAN DELEGATES TO THE KOSOVO LEGISLATURE ARE BATTLING OVER THE EXTENT TO WHICH A NEW CONSTITUTION SHOULD GUARANTEE ALBANIAN AUTONOMY. ULTRANATIONALIST SERBIAN GROUPS ARE OFFERING TO SUPPORT MILOSEVIC IF HE CRACKS DOWN ON THE ALBANIANS. [REDACTED] AND HE REPORTEDLY PLANS TO OUTLINE NEW PROPOSALS ON MONDAY TO BRING KOSOVO UNDER CONTROL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE RESURGENCE OF RIGHTWING NATIONALISM IN SERBIA IS FORCING MILOSEVIC TO TAKE A HARD LINE ON KOSOVO AND ON PROTECTING ETHNIC SERBS IN BOSNIA AND CROATIA. TUDJMAN'S RECENT STATEMENTS ON BOSNIA WILL ADD TO TENSIONS WITH SERBIA. [REDACTED]

THE SITUATION IN KOSOVO IS CURRENTLY THE MOST EXPLOSIVE: A SERBIAN DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW OR A SUSPENSION OF THE KOSOVO LEGISLATURE WOULD SPARK COMMUNAL VIOLENCE. THE RIFT BETWEEN SERBIA AND THE NORTHERN REPUBLICS WOULD ALSO WIDEN; SLOVENIA AND CROATIA ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM SERBIAN REPRESSION IN KOSOVO. [REDACTED]